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Newmarket Urban District Council.

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Town Hall, Newmarket.

CALF,
C.E.
OR.

Feb. 25 1896

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in
herewith sending you my
report for the year 1895 as
you desired


Yours truly

C. O. Mead

per J. G. H.

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NEWMARKET URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1895.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

Pursuant to the Regulations of the Local Government Board, I beg to hand you my Report on the Sanitary condition of the Town for the year 1895.

I have made out two returns, one for the first nine months of the year, embracing the former Urban area; the other for October, November and December, treating of the enlarged Urban District.

BIRTH RATE.—The births registered during the nine months were 115 (fifty-six boys and fifty-nine girls).

During the first quarter there were 42 births, giving a rate per thousand of 25·75.

During the second quarter there were 37 births, giving a rate per thousand of 22·68.

During the third quarter there were 37 births, giving a rate per thousand of 22·68.

DEATHS.—There were registered during the first nine months of the year eighty-two deaths. Eighteen deaths must be deducted from these of persons who died in the Union Workhouse, but who belonged to Rural Parishes. The corrected number is thus 64.

In the first quarter of the year, twenty-eight deaths occurred, the death-rate being 17·17.

In the second quarter twenty-eight deaths were registered, the death-rate being 15·63.

In the third quarter there were nineteen deaths, the death-rate being 11·65.

Death Rate for the nine months as required by the Local Government Board for 1895.

Name of Disease.	Under Five Years.	Over Five Years.	Name of Disease.	Under Five Years.	Over Five Years.
Small Pox...	0	0	Measles ...	0	0
Scarlatina ...	0	0	Whooping Cough ...	0	0
Diphtheria ...	0	0	Diarrhoea and Dysentery	0	0
Membranous Croup ...	0	1	Rheumatic Fever ...	0	0
Typhus	0	0	Phthisis ...	0	4
Typhoid	0	1	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy	10	7
Continued	0	0	Heart Disease ...	0	2
Relapsing	0	0	Influenza ...	0	2
Puerperal	0	0	Injuries ...	0	5
Cholera ...	0	0	All other Diseases ...	9	23
Erysipelas ...	0	0			
			Total Jan. to Sept. 1895	19	45

Comparative Table of the age at which death occurred, January to September 30th, 1895.

At all Ages.	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.
46	17	2	3	1	31	10

SCARLET FEVER.—Seven cases were notified. Two in one house during the month of January. In February another case was reported in a different neighbourhood.

On August 11th and 12th four cases were reported, they were immediately removed to the Fever Hospital, the various premises disinfected, and notices served on the school authorities to the effect that scarlet fever existed in the residences of the patients. No other cases occurred.

DIPHTHERIA.—Seven cases were reported during the nine months at intervals, in various parts of the town. One case only was moved to the Hospital. There were no deaths. The anti-toxin treatment was used in several of the cases.

Cultures were also sent when requested by the medical gentlemen in whose charge the patients were, to the Clinical Research Society of London, for their report. This proceeding has been found of the greatest possible service in determining the diagnosis in obscure or doubtful cases.

In all cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria notices were served upon the various school authorities warning them not to allow any children to attend school from the infected premises.

TYPHOID FEVER.—There were five cases of Typhoid Fever. Three were persons employed in one establishment, the proprietor of which afterwards carried out extensive sanitary alterations under the supervision and advice of your Surveyor. The origin of the other two cases could not be determined.

I should like to put on record that your Public Health Officials invariably receive willing assistance from the public, whilst in the pursuance of their various duties.

SANITARY INSPECTION.—Inspections have been made by the Medical Officer and by the Inspector of Nuisances. There has been one prosecution under the Public Health Act.

The Tabular Statements according to the form supplied by the Local Government Board of the sickness and mortality within the district, are appended to this Report.

Mr. Metcalf gives the details of his work.

A Copy of these Reports will be forwarded to the Local Government Board and to the West Suffolk County Council.

NEWMARKET URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, 1895.

REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health, for October, November and December.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1895 9,349. AREA, 5,645 ACRES.

The Births registered in the Newmarket Urban District during the three months were 60, (33 boys and 27 girls). Equal to 25·66 per thousand of the population.

The total Deaths registered were 51. Eight were those of persons belonging to the Rural districts, leaving 43 as the number of deaths among the residents. The death-rate for the quarter is 18·39 per thousand.

Death Rate for the quarter as required by the Local Government Board for 1895.

Name of Disease.	Under Five Years.	Over Five Years.	Name of Disease.	Under Five Years.	Over Five Years.
Small Pox ...	0	0	Measles ...	0	0
Scarlatina ...	0	0	Whooping Cough ...	0	0
Diphtheria ...	0	0	Diarrhoea and Dysentery	0	0
Membranous Croup ...	0	1	Rheumatic Fever ...	0	0
Typhus	0	0	Phthisis ...	0	6
Enteric or Typhoid	} Fevers	1	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy	4	7
Continued		0	Heart Disease ...	0	5
Relapsing		0	Injuries ...	0	1
Puerperal		0	All other Diseases ...	13	5
Cholera ...	0	0			
Erysipelas ...	0	0	Total ...	17	26

Comparative Table of the age at which death occurred.

At all Ages.	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 upwards.
43	8	9	2	8	10	6

DIPHTHERIA.—Four cases of diphtheria were notified. The usual precautions were taken. One case was removed to the Fever Hospital.

TYPHOID FEVER.—Three cases of Typhoid Fever were notified, there was one death. The origin of the disease could not be fixed.

ERYSIPELAS.—Two cases reported.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The enlargement of the Urban District clears the way for a reorganisation of the drainage system.

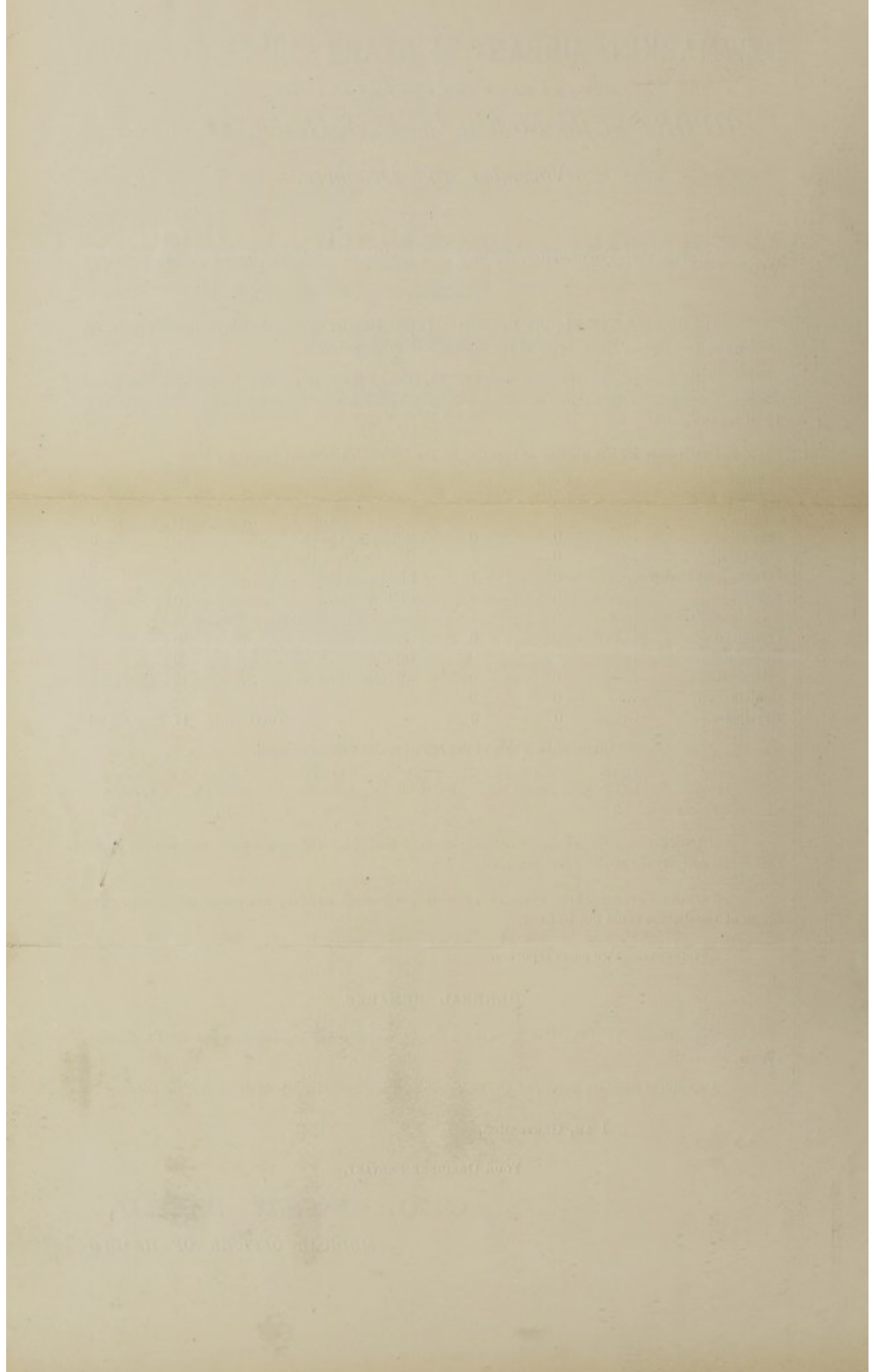
A complete Sanitary survey of the new area is being made by Mr. Metcalf and myself.

I AM, GENTLEMEN,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

GEO. OWEN MEAD,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.



NEWMARKET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TOWN HALL, NEWMARKET,

JANUARY 21ST, 1895.

TO THE NEWMARKET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting the following particulars of Sanitary work carried out during the year 1895.

SCAVENGING—The scavenging and watering of the roadways, &c., under your jurisdiction has been regularly attended to, at intervals, and especially after storms the street gulleys have been cleared of the deposit, and the drains and sewers thoroughly flushed with liquid disinfectant.

HOUSE REFUSE—The constant removal of house refuse from premises in the old Urban Area has been carried on throughout the year by your staff as hitherto. The work has been done satisfactorily.

Several of the larger middens have been done away with and small box receptacles substituted, suitable for one week's collection.

I would suggest that your Council take into consideration the advisability of undertaking the removal of refuse from premises in the thickly populated portion of the newly added areas, viz: Cheveley Road, St. Philip's Road locality, and the village of Exning; at present the duty of cleansing ashpits is imposed on the occupiers, and the result is not so satisfactory owing to the difficulty in finding a tip and from other causes.

I should like to point out that the town refuse, which is carted daily to the Sewage Farm, is accumulating at a quick rate.

In my last Annual Report, I referred to the inquiry which had been held by a Joint Committee of the Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk County Councils. The Joint Committee recommended that the Urban Sanitary District be extended so as to include the remaining portion of the Parish of Exning, being an area of 4850 acres, and having an Estimated Rateable Value of £21,034; also a portion of the remaining part of Woodditton, being in extent 245 acres, and having an Estimated Rateable Value of £2,500.

The Local Government Board, on the 27th of September last, issued a Confirming Order altering the areas of the Urban District, which order came into operation on the 30th of September last.

The Urban Sanitary District, as extended, now stands as follows:—

Area	...	...	...	...	...	5,640 acres.
Population	...	...	...	...	...	9,349
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£66,105
Highways	...	...	...	...	...	28½ miles.

The Urban District has been divided into 5 Wards, and the number of Councillors fixed at 15, each Ward returning 3 members.

SEWERAGE—The Cheveley portion of the newly added area, also the St. Philip's and Exning Road portion, should shortly engage the attention of the Council as regards the provision of a proper system of sewerage.

SPECIAL REPORT—Pursuant to your instructions, I am proceeding with the Report on the Main Sewerage of the New Urban Area.

SEWER EXTENSION—During the year, the 9 inch pipe sewer in Cambridge Road has been extended a length of about 200 yards, affording an outlet for the recently built houses in Falmouth Avenue.

PRIVATE STREET WORKS—During the year, the following streets have been made up in conformity with the 150th Sec. of the Public Health Act 1875, and dedicated to the public as highways repairable by the inhabitants at large :—

Rous Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...a length of 260 yards.
Lisburn Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 213 „
Cross Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 30 „
									Number.
Total number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	145
House drains repaired and made good	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Dangerous buildings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water Closets—defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Ashpits repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Nuisances from keeping swine, abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fever patients removed to Infectious Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Houses and premises disinfected, where fever cases existed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Samples of drinking water examined by County Analyst	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
House and premises cleansed and disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

It was found necessary to institute proceedings before the Justices in one case under Sec. 91 of the Public Act 1875. An order of the Court was obtained, and the work was ultimately carried out to the satisfaction of the Council.

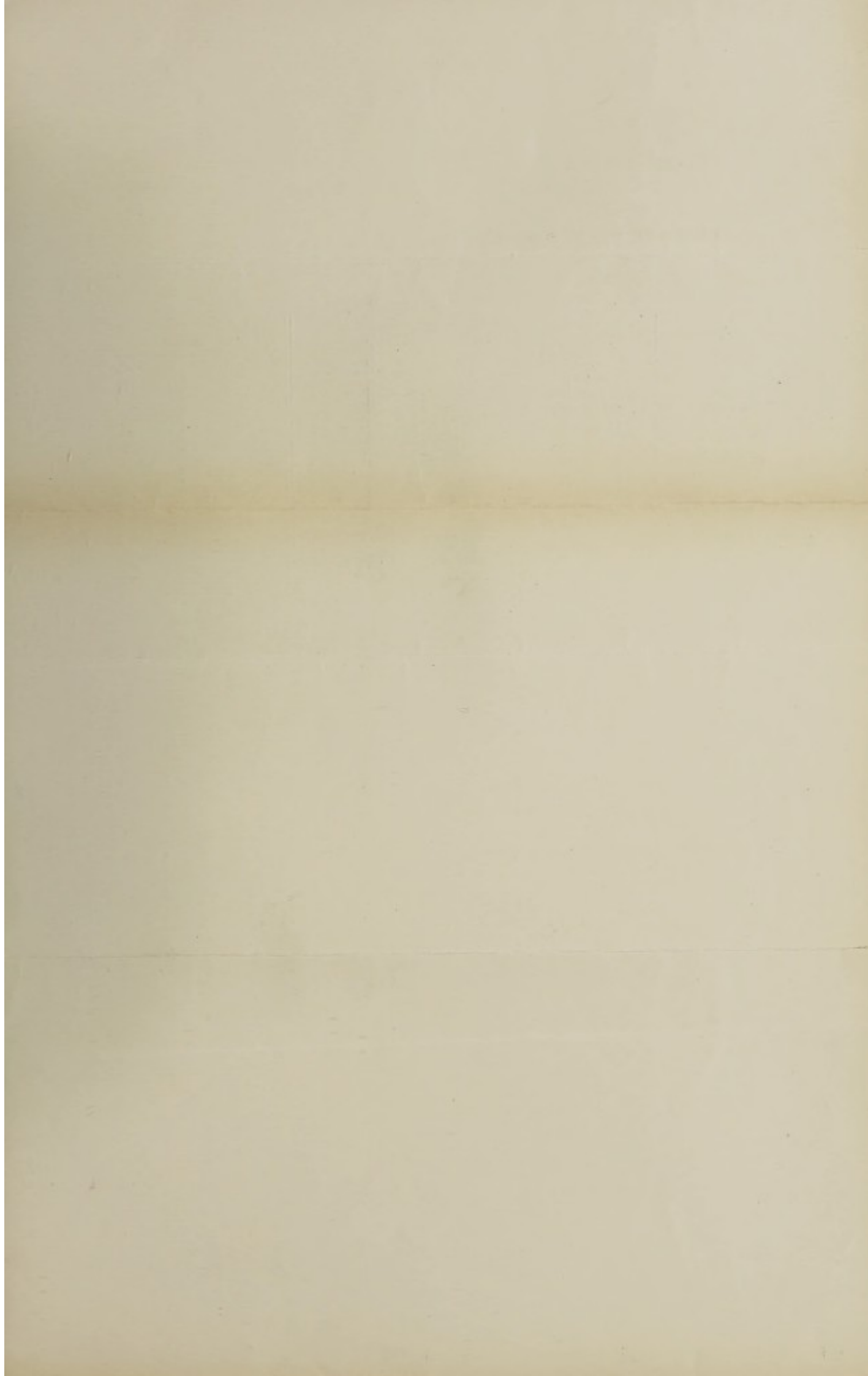
PLANS APPROVED FOR—

Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Warehouse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Stables	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
New Dairy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Alterations and additions to existing buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Bakery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New systems of drainage to existing houses	2

I AM, GENTLEMEN,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

JOHN W. METCALF.



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