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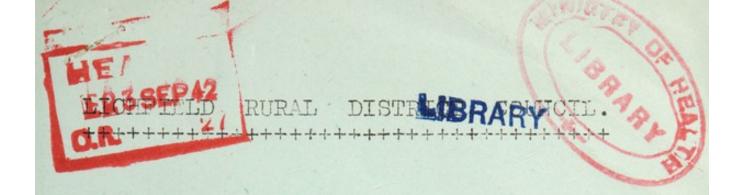
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LICHFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Rural Council House,

1st June, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lichfield Rural District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to report that during the year 1941 health conditions have remained at a high and satisfactory level.

The Birth Rate is above the average rate for England and Wales while the Death Rate and Infant Mortality Rate remain well below those for the whole country.

I have introduced a list of notifications of infectious diseases received. This has not been included before but I have felt that it would be extremely useful for purposes of comparison in future years. There has been no severe outbreak of any of the strious diseases. There was a fairly high incidence of Measles but this was experienced throughout the country.

observed that there has been an increase in deaths due to Tuberculosis. This is part of a general marked increase over the whole country and the causes are at present under investigation by the Ministry of Health.

Immunisation of Children against Diphtheria under the Government Scheme has been proceeded with. Most of those cases have been performed by County Medical Officers cither at Schools or at Infant Welfare Clinics. At present an attempt is being made to increase the numbers immunised and so I feel it wisest to wait until next year before giving a full report on results. The fact cannot be stressed too highly that, were every child in the country immunised against Diphtheria, the Diphtheria Blocks in the Isolation Hospitals could be closed and the complaint wined out. It resent this disease is the highest cause of death in children under the age of 5 and for every child of this age killed on the roads there are four killed by Diphtheria.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

RONALD B. JOHISON.

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