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List of Members of the Public Health, Housing,
and Mental Deficiency Act Committee :-

<u>County Aldermen:</u>	H. Baynes, Esq., J.T. Briggs, Esq., C. Day, Esq., The Most Noble, the Marquess of Exeter, K.G. C.M.G. G. Green, Esq.,	
<u>County Councillors:</u>	Rev W.H. Barry., W.T.G.W. Fitzwilliam, Esq., W. Neaverson, Esq., G.T. Vawser, Esq.,	Mrs M.C. Cook, J.R. Horrell, Esq., Mrs M. Pailing., Miss E.J. Warwick.
<u>Co-opted Members :</u>	Mrs Mansfield, Mrs Slater.	The Hon. Mrs Pelham.,

I present a typewritten Report on the health of the County during the year 1938.

AREA AND POPULATION

The acreage, and population of each district of the County as estimated by the Registrar-General, are as follows :-

<u>District</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Estimated population</u> <u>mid-year 1938</u>
City of Peterborough	10,022	47,170
Peterborough Rural District	28,186	6,350
Barnack Rural District	15,256	2,340
Administrative County	53,464	55,860

This is an increase of 520 on last year's estimate of 55,340.

There is an increase of 620 in the City of Peterborough, an increase of 70 in the Peterborough Rural District, and a decrease of 170 in the Barnack Rural District. With the exception of the Barnack Rural District there is an increase, which is accounted for by the continued prosperity of engineering.

It must, however, be remembered that these figures are only estimates made by highly trained statisticians in the Office of the Registrar-General in London.

In this County there has been a slight increase in the number of births (56), and a decrease of 73 in the number of deaths. On the other hand, owing to the courtesy of the Clerk to the Insurance Committee, I am able to state that the number of insured persons in the Soke of Peterborough has increased from 20,188 on December 31st 1931 to 24,069 on December 31st 1938 - an increase of 3,881. The number of insured persons is about 40 per cent of the whole, which gives a figure of 60,712 - a figure 4,312 more than that of the Registrar-General.

The corrected Census figures for each area of the County at the Census years of 1921 and 1931 are as follows :-

<u>District</u>	<u>1921</u>			<u>1931</u>		
	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Peterboro' City	18,941	20,610	39,551	21,097	22,454	43,551
Peterboro' R.D.	2,760	2,734	5,494	3,036	2,921	5,957
Barnack R.D.	946	968	1,914	1,235	1,096	2,331
Admin. County	22,646	24,312	46,959	25,368	26,471	51,839

The Rateable Value of each district in the County, the County as a whole, and the sums represented by a penny rate are :-

<u>District</u>	<u>Rateable Value</u>	<u>Product of a 1d Rate</u>
Peterborough M.B.	£325,185	£1,355 gross; £1,240 nett
Peterborough R.D.	£ 16,997	£82- 16- 8d
Barnack R.D.	£ 13,352	£56
Administrative County	£348,539 (general purposes)	£1,355
	£ 29,668 (special purposes)	£115

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births</u>	Legitimate	Males	401	Females	410	Total	811
	Illegitimate	"	24	"	19	"	43
	Total :-	"	425	"	429	"	854

BIRTH RATE 15.2

Stillbirths	Males	19	Females	14.	Total	33
	Rate per 1000 total births 37.2.					

<u>Deaths</u>	Males	329	Females	295	Total	624
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DEATH RATE 11.1

It must, however, be remembered that these figures are only estimates made by highly trained statisticians in the Office of the Registrar-General in London.

In this County there has been a slight increase in the number of births (58), and a decrease of 75 in the number of deaths. On the other hand, owing to the courtesy of the Clerk to the Insurance Committee, I am able to state that the number of insured persons in the Isle of Peterborough has increased from 20,188 on December 31st 1931 to 24,099 on December 31st 1932 - an increase of 3,911. The number of insured persons is about 40 per cent of the whole, which gives a figure of 60,712 - a figure 4,312 more than that of the Registrar-General.

The corrected Census figures for each area of the County at the Census years of 1921 and 1931 are as follows:-

District	1931	1921
	Males	Females
Peterborough City	18,941	20,510
Peterborough R.D.	2,700	2,734
Barrow R.D.	946	958
Administrative County	22,587	24,202

The Rateable Value of each district in the County, the County as a whole, and the sums represented by a penny rate are:-

District	Rateable Value	Product of a 1d Rate
Peterborough M.B.	£325,185	£1,355 Gross; £1,240 net
Peterborough R.D.	£19,987	£82-10-6d
Barrow R.D.	£13,352	£55
Administrative County	£358,524 (general purposes) £26,666 (special purposes)	£1,355 £115

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Births	Legitimate	Males	Females	Total
Illegitimate	"	24	19	43
Total :-	"	428	429	857

BIRTH RATE 15.2

Stillbirths Males 19 Females 14 Total 33
Rate per 1000 total births 37.5.

Deaths	Males	823	Females	293	Total	634
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DEATH RATE 11.1

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age per 1000 live births :-

Legitimate	36	Rate	44.3
Illegitimate	2	"	46.8
Total :-	38	"	44.9

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth :-

From sepsis	0
From other causes	3

Deaths from Measles	(all ages)	1
" " Whooping Cough	" "	1
" " Diarrhoea	(under 2 years)	1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Midwives Act 1933

The Scheme was fully described in my Report for 1936.

A Head Midwife has now been appointed. Nurse A.V. Sydee, who is a fully trained nurse and midwife, was appointed and commenced duties in February 1939. A month later she took a five week post-certificate course at Sheffield, which included tuition in the new methods of gas and oxygen anaesthesia. Subsequently to this her duties have been onerous. Two midwives have been off work for lengthy periods, one on account of septic tonsillitis with haemolytic streptococci in her throat, and the other from bronchitis and high blood pressure. The hyperpiesis had been discovered and reported to you before her appointment, and also the condition of the tonsils in the other midwife. One of the midwives was asked to take up work at Eye and the surrounding villages. She declined to do so, and her appointment was terminated. The midwife who suffered from bronchitis and high blood pressure also resigned. Two of the original staff, therefore, have been replaced, and two midwives have been appointed in their place.

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age per 1000 live births :-

Legitimate	38	Rate	44.3
Illegitimate	2	"	40.8
Total :-	38	"	44.3

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth :-

From sepsis	0
From other causes	2
Deaths from sepsis (all ages)	1
" " " " " "	1
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GENERAL POSITION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Midwives Act 1921

The Scheme was fully described in my Report for 1926. A Head Midwife has now been appointed. Nurse A.V. Hyde, who is a fully trained nurse and midwife, was appointed and commenced duties in February 1928. A month later she took a five week post-certification course at Sheffield, which included tuition in the new methods of gas and oxygen anaesthesia. Subsequently to this her duties have been onerous. Two midwives have been off work for lengthy periods, one on account of septic tonsillitis with haemolytic streptococci in her throat, and the other from bronchitis and high blood pressure. The hyperphasic had been discovered and reported to you before her appointment, and also the condition of the tonsils in the other midwife. One of the midwives was asked to take up work at the and the surrounding villages. The condition of the two, and her appointment was terminated. The midwife who suffered from bronchitis and high blood pressure also resigned. Two of the original staff, therefore, have been replaced, and two midwives have been appointed in their place.

MIDWIVES

The following 19 midwives signified their intention to practice in the County during 1938. The figures after each name indicates the number of cases attended :-

Cases attended as :-
Maternity Nurse

<u>Midwife</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Midwife</u>	<u>Nurse</u>
J. Baker	Alexandra Road, Peterborough	19	34
D.M. Battson	5, Marholm Road, Walton	27	43
G.S. Clement	80, Russell Street	44	41
E. Evans,	2, London Road	50	39
E. French,	142, Mayors Walk	34	55
M. Ireland,	80, Harris Street	28	59
N.I. Jones,	214, Padholme Road	39	42
J. Fitzjohn,	Barnack { Barnack Nursing	19	12
P. Hebden,	Barnack { Association		
A.R. Stamper,	Castor } Castor Nursing	21	18
G.L. Palmer,	Castor { Association		
C. Thomson,	Manor Avenue, Fletton	7	3
L. Wilkinson,	158, Mountstephen Avenue	6	9
M. Wood,	101, Huntly Grove	0	5
M.S. Gray,	5, Geneva Street	1	74
M. Baddiley,	St John's Hospital		
F.E. Hull,	" " "	9	1
G.N. Osborne	" " "		
W.M. Wagg,	" " "		
<u>Totals :-</u>		<u>304</u>	<u>435</u>

During the year 1938 304 cases were attended by midwives, and 435 were attended in their capacities as maternity nurses. As there were 854 births in the County in 1938 this means that 739 women were attended by midwives in one or other of the midwives' capacities in 1938, while as many as 115 were attended by doctors alone, assisted or not by women unqualified in the obstetric art.

During the year four midwives worked at St John's Hospital, and undertook midwifery work in those parts of the County unprovided by Nursing Associations. 10 confinements were attended by these ladies, 9 in their capacities as midwives and 1 in the capacity as maternity nurse. At the end of the year this arrangements came to an end and the work in the County district was undertaken by Nurse Evans.

In 1938 the six midwives employed by the County Council attended 222 cases in their capacities as midwives, and 279 in their capacities as maternity nurses. The nurses employed by the Voluntary Nursing Associations attended 40 cases as midwives and 30 as maternity nurses. Midwives in private practice attended 78 cases - 32 as midwives and 46 as maternity nurses.

MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES

Mrs Hart continues to take maternity cases at "Charnwood", London Road, Peterborough. 8 cases were treated during the year. She also receives medical and senile cases.

Nurse Gray continues to receive midwifery and medical cases at her home at 5, Geneva Street, Peterborough.

75 of the former were in residence during the year.

Miss Warburton accommodates medical, senile, mentally defective, and maternity cases at 73, Lincoln Road, Peterborough.

One confinement took place in 1938.

Owing to Nurse Warburton's illness this Home was closed down in 1939.

A considerable amount of abnormal midwifery finds its way to the Peterborough Memorial Hospital, and 29 such cases were treated in 1938. 8 confinements took place at the Peterborough Public Assistance Institution. They were attended by midwives.

Altogether then, 121 cases were treated in Nursing Homes or Hospitals, as compared with 87 in 1937.

VACCINATION

Summary of Vaccination Officers' Returns

	<u>Peterboro'</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Barnack</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Eye</u> <u>District</u>
Number of births returned in Birth List Sheets 1937	711	15	75
Successfully Vaccinated	130	0	20
Insusceptible of Vaccination	0	0	0
No. in respect of whom Statutory Declarations received.	530	11	44
Died Unvaccinated	35	2	4
Postponement by Medical Certificate	1	1	1
Removed to other Districts	4	1	0
Removed to places unknown	5	0	1
No. of births remaining on 31st Jan. 1938 neither duly entered in Register nor accounted for in "Report Book"	6	0	5
Total number of certificates and copies of Certificates of Vacc'n of children --	164	5	25
No. of Statutory Declarations of conscientious objection rec'd in 1938	522	14	46.

WATERBURY AND NURSING HOMES

Mrs. Hart continues to take maternity cases at "Charwood", London Road, Peterborough. 2 cases were treated during the year. She also receives and treats venereal cases. Nurse Gray continues to receive midwifery and medical cases at her home at 6, Gains Street, Peterborough. 75 of the former were in residence during the year. Miss Warburton accommodates medical, mental, venereal, and maternity cases at 78, Lincoln Road, Peterborough. One confinement took place in 1938. Owing to Nurse Warburton's illness this Home was closed down in 1939.

A considerable amount of abnormal midwifery finds its way to the Peterborough Memorial Hospital, and 29 such cases were treated in 1938. 8 confinements took place at the Peterborough Public Assistance Institution. They were attended by midwives.

Altogether then, 121 cases were treated in Nursing Homes or Hospitals, as compared with 87 in 1937.

VACCINATION

Summary of Vaccination Officers' Returns

Eye District	Barnack District	Peterborough District	
75	18	771	Number of births returned in Birth List Sheets 1937
20	0	180	Successfully Vaccinated
0	0	0	Inaccessible of Vaccination
44	11	680	No. in respect of whom Statutory Declarations received.
4	2	35	Died Unvaccinated
1	1	1	Postponement by Medical Certificate
0	1	4	Removed to other District
1	0	5	Removed to place unknown
5	0	8	No. of births remaining on 31st Jan. 1938 not yet entered in Birth List
25	5	184	Total number of certificates and copies of Certificates of Vaccination -- 1937
45	14	623	No. of Statutory Declarations of unvaccinated children received in 1938

INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT

Number of persons on the Register who were receiving children for reward at the end of the year :- 2

Number of children on Register at the end of year :- 7

Died 0

Left the County 0

Returned to parents 0

The work of health visiting under this Act is carried out by Nurse Mc'Phillips. All infants are seen at frequent intervals and all have good homes.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The County Medical Officer examined :-

222 samples for tubercle bacilli,
46 samples for the detection of gonococci, a total of
268 samples, as compared with 303 in 1937, and 271 in 1938.

The Report of the City Medical Officer for 1938 is not to hand, but that for 1937 has now reached me. 286 samples were examined, 4 for ringworm, and 282 for diphtheria.

Samples from cases of venereal disease and samples for animal inoculation in cases of suspected tuberculosis are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the University of Manchester.

The Peterborough Memorial Hospital Pathological Department has continued its work during the year.
Dr Fulton has been appointed Pathologist in succession to Dr Bannerman. The number of specimens examined was 2,518. 1,523 of these were from the Hospital which, the Report states, would have cost £400 to send to a Public Laboratory. At the same rate the remaining 925 cases could have been done at £282. The total expenditure on the department was £201, but £120 were received for services rendered, so that the total loss was only £39.
The County Council is now sending samples from the Venereal Diseases Clinic. Dr Fulton has also been appointed Physician to the Hospital and has instituted a diabetic Clinic, the average attendance being 50 per month. He is also in charge of the recently established Blood Transfusion Service.

GENERAL HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE AREA

These were detailed in full in the Report for 1930.

The Peterborough & District Memorial Hospital.

The figures in brackets refer to 1937.
During 1938 481 (557) medical cases; 72 (56) ophthalmic cases, and 1,730 (1,812) surgical cases were admitted to the wards - a total of 2,313 (2,425). 73 of the surgical cases died, and 71 of the medical cases. 2,394 (2,563) operations were performed, 1,144 (1,083) being major, and 1,250 (1,483) minor operations.
In the out-patient department 1,090 surgical cases, 481 medical, 533 ophthalmic, 334 dental cases, 840 ear, nose and throat cases, and 290 fractures were treated.

INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT

Number of persons on the Register who were receiving children for reward at the end of the year :-
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 Number of children on Register at the end of year :-
 7
 Died
 0
 Left the County
 0
 Returned to parents
 0
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LABORATORY FACILITIES

The County Medical Officer examined :-

322 samples for tubercle bacilli,
 48 samples for the detection of gonorrhoea, a total of
 368 samples, as compared with 308 in 1937, and 271 in 1936.

The Report of the City Medical Officer for 1938 is not to hand, but that for 1937 has now reached me. 288 samples were examined, 4 for ringworm, and 265 for diphtheria.

Samples from cases of venereal disease and samples for animal inoculation in cases of suspected tuberculosis are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the University of Manchester.

The Peterborough Memorial Hospital Pathological Department has continued its work during the year. Dr Fulton has been appointed Pathologist in succession to Dr Rannerman. The number of specimens examined was 2,518. 1,508 of these were sent to the Hospital which, the Report states, would have cost £100 to send to a Public Laboratory. At the same rate the remaining 950 cases could have been done at £125. The total expenditure on the department was £101, but £120 were received for services rendered, so that the total cost was only £21.

The County Council is now sending samples from the Venereal Diseases Clinic. Dr Fulton has also been appointed Physician to the Hospital and has instituted a diabetic Clinic, the average attendance being 50 per month. He is also in charge of the recently established Blood Transfusion Service.

GENERAL HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE AREA

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The Peterborough & District Memorial Hospital.

The figures in brackets refer to 1937.
 During 1938 451 (327) medical cases, 75 (58) ophthalmic cases, and 1,730 (1,812) surgical cases were admitted to the wards - a total of 2,813 (2,945). 78 of the surgical cases died, and 71 of the medical cases. 2,834 (2,863) operations were performed, 1,144 (1,068) being major, and 1,690 (1,795) minor operations.
 In the out-patient department 1,090 surgical cases, 481 medical, 333 ophthalmic, 334 dental cases, 840 ear, nose and throat cases, and 280 fractures were treated.

3,837 casualties were treated, and of these 332 were admitted to Hospital. The total number of patients treated was 9,376. The diminution in the number of patients was due to the September or Munich crisis, and the difficulty of obtaining nursing staff.

The young lassie of to-day will not put up with the conditions of service inaugurated by Miss Florence Nightingale. It would be interesting to see that austere personage in the smoking room of the modern nurses home.

The usual list of surgical operations is not appended. For some time the proposal to build a new maternity block has been before the public. Schemes of some magnificence have been proposed. The first was to cost between £15,275 and £49,000. The second was to cost £22,770, and the third Scheme £18,643.

The first two schemes depended upon help from the Local Authorities - the Soke of Peterborough, the Isle of Ely, and Huntingdonshire County Councils. The representatives from the Isle of Ely and Huntingdon considered that a whole-time Specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecologist was required. The difficulty which occurred to me was that this Officer would have but little opportunity of getting sufficient abnormal midwifery practice, probably less than 40 cases per annum. He was to be allowed private practice in obstetrics and gynaecology, but the amount of private work accruing to such an Officer would be too small to attract a man for long.

The Stamford, Rutland, and General Infirmary.

68 beds are available in this Institution. 1,269 cases were treated during the year 1938. 748 attended the X-ray department. In the Fever Wards only 56 cases were admitted, consisting of 19 cases of scarlet fever, and 37 of diphtheria. These wards are now closed for fever cases.

795 operations were performed. 325 were described as major and 470 as minor operations. 152 were on the alimentary tract, 37 on the generative organs of women, and 209 on the ear, nose and throat. 101 patients received dental treatment, and 328 were treated by electricity and massage. 130 were treated in the ophthalmic department. 46 school children from the Soke of Peterborough were operated on for enlarged tonsils and adenoids under arrangements made with the County Education Committee.

It is interesting to observe that of £11,703; 12-2d received, as much as £3,775 came from the Stamford Infirmary Contributory Scheme; £2,671- 8-11d from contributions of patients, £1,312-18-0 from the District Councils for the treatment of infectious diseases, and £260 from Maternal and Child Welfare Authorities.

The following villages in the Soke of Peterborough contributed a total of £255- 14- 4d :- Ashton, Bainton, Barnack, Thornhaugh, Ufford, Wittering, and Wothorpe.

It should be noted with satisfaction the increasing appreciation of this Hospital, not only by Soke of Peterborough patients, but also by Rutland and Kesteven inhabitants and their medical advisers.

3,637 casualties were treated, and of these 335 were admitted to hospital. The total number of patients treated was 3,302. The diminution in the number of patients was due to the September or Munich crisis, and the difficulty of obtaining nursing staff.

The young female of to-day will not put up with the conditions of service inaugurated by Miss Florence Nightingale. It would be interesting to see that another personage in the making team of the modern nurse home.

The usual list of surgical operations is not appended. For some time the proposal to build a new maternity block has been before the public. Schemes of some magnitude have been proposed. The first was to cost between £10,000 and £15,000. The second was to cost £12,500, and the third scheme £15,000.

The first two schemes demanded upon their own merits the local authorities - the Board of Peterborough, the rate of £1, and the Municipal Council. The representatives from the rate of £1, and the Municipal Council, considered that a whole-time hospital for 100 patients and 200 beds was required. The difficulty which occurred to me was that this plan would have had little opportunity of being submitted to the public. It was in the private practice in obstetrics and gynaecology, but the amount of private work accruing to such an Officer would be too small to attract a man for long.

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795 operations were performed. 325 were described as major and 470 as minor operations. 132 were on the alimentary tract, 27 on the genitourinary organs of women, and 200 on the ear, nose and throat. 101 patients received dental treatment, and 209 were treated by electricity and massage. 180 were treated in the ophthalmic department. 48 school children from the Board of Peterborough were operated on for retained testis and abscesses under arrangements made with the County Education Committee.

It is interesting to observe that of £11,708 12-6d received, as much as £3,775 came from the Stamford Infirmary Contributory Scheme; £2,871-8-11d from contributions of patients, £1,312-15-0 from the District Council for the treatment of infectious diseases, and £290 from Waterbury and Child Welfare Association. The following villages in the Board of Peterborough contributed a total of £25-14-4d: - Ashton, Bainton, Barnack, Thrapston, Ufford, Wittering, and Wothorpe.

It should be noted with satisfaction the increasing appreciation of this hospital, not only by the Board of Peterborough, but also by Rutland and Eastern inhabitants and their medical advisers.

The Chronic Sick

The only Institution available is the Peterborough Public Assistance Institution's St John's Hospital.
The County Medical Officer is the Medical Officer and is non-resident.
The Assistant Medical Officer is Dr Robertson-Wills.

The County Medical Officer attends to the cases of tuberculosis, while the rest of the work is done by Dr Robertson-Wills.
There is one trained nurse on the staff, and 8 assistant nurses.
Two of the eight possess the Diploma of the Central Midwives Board.

26 beds are provided for men, 30 for women, and 2 for maternity cases.
The average number of beds occupied is 52; the highest number 56, and the lowest 45.

The total number of admissions, including infants born in the Hospital was 183.

The number of women confined in the Hospital was 10, and the number of infants born alive was 10.

111 were in the Hospital for under 4 weeks; 28 for four weeks and under 13 weeks, and 40 for thirteen weeks or more.

No operative work other than artificial pneumothorax induction and refills and aspiration of pleural fluids was performed.

63 cases died, 20 from circulatory disease, 12 from senile decay, and 8 from cancer.

115 individuals were discharged during the year, 13 being children and 102 adults.

Mental Treatment Act

Patients requiring treatment under the early Mental Treatment Act are admitted to Rauceby Mental Hospital, Sleaford.

During the year 1939 eight "Voluntary" patients were admitted, and four "Temporary" patients.

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES

The number of live births, and the live birth rates in each district of the County are :-

				1937
City of Peterborough	707	Rate	14.9	(18.9)
Peterborough Rural District	110	"	17.3	(18.7)
Barnack Rural District	37	"	15.3	(11.0)
Administrative County	854	"	15.2	(14.3)

The number of births recorded in the County since 1907 are :-

1907 - 908; 1908 - 1000; 1909 - 925; 1910 - 954; 1911 - 884;
1912 - 930; 1913 - 942; 1914 - 828; 1915 - 948; 1916 - 986;
1917 - 801; 1918 - 600; 1919 - 746; 1920 - 1154; 1921 - 1008;
1922 - 872; 1923 - 859; 1924 - 787; 1925 - 777; 1926 - 738;
1927 - 792; 1928 - 801; 1929 - 819; 1930 - 880; 1931 - 786;
1932 - 738; 1933 - 687; 1934 - 738; 1935 - 760; 1936 - 827;
1937 - 798; 1938 - 854.

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The County Medical Officer attends to the cases of tuberculosis. While the rest of the work is done by Dr. Robertson-Wills. There is one trained nurse on the staff, and 3 untrained nurses. Two of the eight persons the Diploma of the Central Nurses Board.

80 beds are provided for men, 30 for women, and 2 for maternity cases. The average number of beds occupied is 62; the highest number 65, and the lowest 45.

The total number of admissions, including infants born in the Hospital was 187.

The number of women confined in the Hospital was 10, and the number of infants born alive was 10.

111 were in the Hospital for under 4 weeks; 28 for four weeks and under 12 weeks, and 40 for thirteen weeks or more.

No operative work other than artificial pneumothorax induction and relief and excision of pleural fluid was performed. 63 cases died, 30 from circulatory disease, 12 from renal disease, and 8 from cancer.

115 individuals were discharged during the year, 13 being children and 102 adults.

Mental Treatment Act

Patients requiring treatment under the early Mental Treatment Act are admitted to Ramsey Mental Hospital, Stamford.

During the year 1907 eight "Voluntary" patients were admitted, and four "Temporary" patients.

BIRTH AND MARRIAGE RATES

The number of live births, and the live birth rates in each district of the County are:-

District	Rate	1907
City of Peterborough	14.2	707
Peterborough Rural District	17.3	110
East Lindsey District	17.3	87
Administrative County	15.2	841

The number of births recorded in the County since 1907 are:-

1907 - 608	1906 - 1000	1905 - 925	1904 - 954	1903 - 954	1902 - 884
1901 - 830	1900 - 848	1909 - 825	1908 - 825	1907 - 825	1906 - 825
1905 - 801	1904 - 801	1903 - 780	1902 - 780	1901 - 780	1900 - 780
1909 - 873	1908 - 873	1907 - 707	1906 - 707	1905 - 707	1904 - 707
1903 - 707	1902 - 801	1901 - 810	1900 - 810	1909 - 810	1908 - 810
1907 - 707	1906 - 887	1905 - 780	1904 - 780	1903 - 780	1902 - 887
1901 - 707	1900 - 884				

There is a marked increase in the number of births, and this is the highest figure since 1923. The City of Peterborough has the lowest, and the Peterborough Rural District has the highest rate.

In England and Wales as a whole the birth rate was 15.1; for the 126 County Boroughs and Great Towns 15.0; in the 148 smaller towns (of which Peterborough is one) 15.4; and in London 13.4.

As neither the Report of the Registrar-General or the Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health are to hand, I am unable to state how this County compares with others. Owing to the courtesy of several County Medical Officers, however, I am able to give the birth rates in the following counties :-

Gloucestershire	15.8;	Devon	12.3;	Leicestershire	15.3;
Cheshire	14.4;	Rutland	14.1;	West Riding, Yorks	15.1.

The County birth rate is well up to the average.

The German birth rate for 1937 was 18.8; the Italian 22.9; the French 14.7; the Russian 30.8, and the Union of South Africa 25.9.

This year there has been a slight diminution in the fall of the birth rate. So far the Government has taken no steps to check this decline, such as are taken in Russia, where so much more is done collectively for maternity and infancy than in any other country in the world. To every woman in the U.S.S.R. medical care during pregnancy is provided free of charge, followed by hospital treatment for the confinement. Further, 12 or 16 weeks leave of absence from work on whatever wages she has been earning, constant medical supervision and aid, the right to be reinstated in her job when medically fit, with regular intervals of freedom from work every 3 to 3½ hours, and a grant of money for the clothing of the infant are allowed. Creches are also provided for infants and young children between the ages of 2 months and 5 years. The declared object of these measures is to ensure that a woman should earn as much by being a mother as she did in her occupation.

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Sir Arthur Newsholme, formerly Chief Medical Officer to the Local Government Board (now the Ministry of Health) and his Colleague, Dr J.A. Kingsbury, write :-

" The hygienic care of mothers and their children have filled us with admiration and with wonder that such good work should be undertaken when the finances of the country are at low ebb. "

During the year 33 stillbirths were notified, compared with 32 in 1937. 22 of these occurred in the City of Peterborough, 7 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 4 in the Barnack Rural District. Four of the 33 stillbirths occurred among illegitimate children, 2 in the City, 1 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 1 in the Barnack Rural District.

The number and rates of stillbirths per 1000 total births for each area of the County are :-

				1937
City of Peterborough	22	Rate	31.7	(37.1)
Peterborough Rural District	7	"	59.8	(40.6)
Barnack Rural District	4	"	97.5	(62.5)
Administrative County	33	"	37.0	(47.4)

Per 1000 of the population this is 0.59.

The Barnack Rural District has the highest, and the City of Peterborough the lowest still birth rate. In England and Wales the stillbirth rate per 1000 of the population was .60; for the 126 County Boroughs and Great Towns .65; for the 148 smaller towns .60; and for London .48. With the exception of the Barnack Rural District these figures compare favourably with the country as a whole.

During the year 810 of the 854 live and stillbirths were notified to the County Medical Officer.

Forty-three children were born out of wedlock, an increase of 3 on last year's figure of 40.

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During the year 23 stillbirths were notified, compared with 22 in 1937. 22 of these occurred in the City of Peterborough, 7 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 4 in the Barnack Rural District. Four of the 23 stillbirths occurred among illegitimate children, 2 in the City, 1 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 1 in the Barnack Rural District.

The number and rates of stillbirths per 1000 total births for each area of the County are:-

Area	1937	Rate
City of Peterborough	22	61.7
Peterborough Rural District	7	52.8
Barnack Rural District	4	57.8
Administrative County	33	57.0

For 1000 of the population this is 0.56.

The Barnack Rural District has the highest, and the City of Peterborough the lowest still birth rate. In England and Wales the stillbirth rate per 1000 of the population was 5.7 for the 128 County Boroughs and 6.2 for the 148 smaller towns, 60; and for London, 1.2. With the exception of the Barnack Rural District these figures compare favourably with the country as a whole.

During the year 210 of the 254 live and stillbirths were notified to the County Medical Officer.

Forty-three children were born out of wedlock, an increase of 2 on last year's figure of 40.

39 of the 43 illegitimate births occurred in the City of Peterborough, 3 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 1 in the Barnack area.

The number and percentage of illegitimate births in the County since 1912 are as follows :-

1912 - 59	Rate 6.5;	1913 - 64	Rate 6.7;	1914 - 49	Rate 5.9;
1915 - 34	" 3.6;	1916 - 51	" 5.2;	1917 - 57	" 7.1;
1918 - 64	" 8.0;	1919 - 55	" 7.3;	1920 - 93	" 8.0;
1921 - 43	" 4.2;	1922 - 34	" 4.1;	1923 - 34	" 3.9;
1924 - 40	" 5.2;	1925 - 34	" 4.2;	1926 - 43	" 5.4;
1927 - 46	" 5.3;	1928 - 40	" 4.9;	1929 - 38	" 4.5;
1930 - 31	" 3.7;	1931 - 43	" 5.4;	1932 - 42	" 5.6;
1933 - 48	" 6.9;	1934 - 37	" 5.2;	1935 - 40	" 5.2;
1936 - 32	" 3.8;	1937 - 40	" 5.2;	1938 - 43	" 5.0.

The percentage of illegitimate to total births is 5.1: in Gloucestershire it is 3.5; in Leicestershire 2.7; in Cheshire 2.7, and in the West Riding of Yorkshire 3.7. Our illegitimate birth rate per 1000 of the population is 0.76, as compared with 0.64 for England and Wales in 1933.

DEATHS AND DEATH RATES

There were 624 deaths in the County during the year 1938.

This is a decrease of 73 on last year's figure of 697. The crude death rate is 11.1, but if allowance is made for age and sex the death rate is 10.3.

The number of deaths and the death rates in each division of the County are as follows :-

City of Peterborough	515	Crude Rate	10.9;	Correcting Rate	9.1;
Peterborough R.D.	85	" "	13.2;	" "	11.0;
Barnack R.D.	24	" "	10.2;	" "	9.1;
Administrative County	624	" "	11.1;	" "	10.3.

The Rural District of Peterborough has the highest rate, and the Barnack Rural District the lowest death rate. In England and Wales as a whole the death rate was 11.6 (12.4); in the 126 County Boroughs 11.7 (12.5); in the 148 smaller towns 11.0 (11.9); and in London 11.4 (12.3). Last year's figures are given in brackets.

This year the number of births exceeds the number of deaths by 230.

32 of the 43 illegitimate births occurred in the City of Peterborough,
2 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 1 in the Barnack area.

The number and percentage of illegitimate births in the County since
1912 are as follows:-

1912 - 56	Rate 5.51	1918 - 64	Rate 6.71
1913 - 64	" 6.81	1919 - 81	" 6.21
1914 - 64	" 6.01	1920 - 88	" 7.21
1915 - 48	" 4.21	1921 - 84	" 4.11
1916 - 40	" 5.21	1922 - 48	" 4.31
1917 - 46	" 5.81	1923 - 38	" 4.91
1918 - 51	" 5.71	1924 - 42	" 5.41
1919 - 48	" 5.91	1925 - 40	" 5.21
1920 - 48	" 5.81	1926 - 48	" 6.21
1921 - 48	" 5.81	1927 - 40	" 5.01

The percentage of illegitimate to total births is 5.1 in Gloucestershire, 4.6 in Leicestershire, 5.7 in Cheshire, 5.7, and in the West Riding of Yorkshire 8.7. Our illegitimate birth rate per 1000 of the population is 0.78, as compared with 0.64 for England and Wales in 1928.

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There were 624 deaths in the County during the year 1928. This is a decrease of 73 on last year's figure of 697. The crude death rate is 11.1, but if allowance is made for age and sex the death rate is 10.8.

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City of Peterborough	518	Crude Rate 10.9	Correcting Rate 9.1
Peterborough R.D.	85	" 12.2	" 11.0
Barnack R.D.	24	" 10.2	" 9.1
Administrative County	624	" 11.1	" 10.3

The Rural District of Peterborough has the highest rate, and the Barnack Rural District the lowest death rate. In England and Wales as a whole the death rate was 11.0 (12.4); in the 128 County Boroughs 11.7 (12.5); in the 148 smaller towns 11.0 (11.9); and in London 11.4 (12.3). Last year's figures are given in brackets.

This year the number of births exceeds the number of deaths by 280.

The crude death rates in other counties are as follows :-

Leicestershire	10.48;	Gloucestershire	12.8;	Devon	13.2;
West Riding, Yorks	11.6;	Cheshire	11.6;	Rutland	10.5

The distribution of the 624 deaths in age periods is as follows :-

<u>Age Period</u>	<u>Number 1938.</u>	<u>(1937)</u>
0 - 1 years	38	51
1 - 2 "	3	6
2 - 5 "	3	5
5 - 15 "	17	16
15 - 25 "	15	23
25 - 35 "	18	32
35 - 45 "	28	40
45 - 55 "	50	60
55 - 65 "	105	106
65 - 75 "	144	149
75 years and over	203	209

There has been a decrease of 13 in the number of infants dying under the age of 1 year; a decrease of 5 in the deaths of children under 2 years of age; a decrease of 2 in the deaths of children under 5, and an increase of 1 in the deaths of children between 5 and 15 years.

There were no deaths of persons who had reached the age of 100 years, but there were 6 deaths of persons (2 males and 4 females) over the age of 90, one of whom died at the age of 97 from senility; another died at the age of 91 from cerebral thrombosis, and a woman of 91 from cancer of the ascending colon. One of the men died from myocarditis, and the second from senility.

The chief causes of the deaths were :-

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1937</u>
Heart Disease	143	164
Cancer	95	88
Cerebral Haemorrhage	42	43
Other Circulatory Diseases	30	32
Congenital Debility	25	31
Bronchitis	27	28
Pneumonia	24	19
Nephritis	14	29
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	18	31
Diabetes	19	14
Senility	25	26
Influenza	8	22
Deaths in Childbirth	3	2
Suicide	8	8
Deaths from Violence	15	34
Syphilis	1	3
Other Defined Diseases	58	51

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West Riding, Yorks	Cheshire	Gloucestershire	Devon	10.8

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Age Period	Number 1938	(1937)
0 - 1 years	88	81
" 1 - 2	8	8
" 2 - 3	8	8
" 3 - 4	17	18
" 4 - 5	18	23
" 5 - 6	18	32
" 6 - 7	28	40
" 7 - 8	80	80
" 8 - 9	108	108
" 9 - 10	144	142
10 years and over	208	208

There has been a decrease of 18 in the number of infants dying under the age of 1 year; a decrease of 8 in the deaths of children under 5 years of age; a decrease of 8 in the deaths of children under 6, and an increase of 1 in the deaths of children between 5 and 15 years.

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The chief causes of the deaths were :-

1938	1937
Heart Disease	148
Cancer	98
Cerebral Haemorrhage	48
Other Cerebrovascular Diseases	30
Constitutional Debility	28
Encephalitis	27
Pneumonia	24
Hepatitis	14
Pulmonary Thrombosis	18
Diabetes	16
Senility	28
Influenza	8
Deaths in Childhood	8
Scabies	8
Deaths from Violence	15
Epilepsy	1
Other Defined Diseases	28

Here, as in England and Wales as a whole, heart disease heads the list, followed by cancer, and then by other defined diseases.

Cerebral haemorrhage is fourth, followed closely by senility, other circulatory diseases, congenital debility, and bronchitis.

There were 24 deaths from pneumonia, but only 18 from tuberculosis of the lungs. There were only 8 deaths from influenza, 8 from suicide, 15 from violence, 14 from acute and chronic nephritis, and 19 from diabetes.

128 of the deaths from heart disease occurred in the City of Peterborough, 73 being males and 55 females: 22 in the Peterborough Rural District, 13 being males and 9 females; and 3 in the Barnack area, all being males. 69 of the 143 deaths occurred in persons over 75 years of age; 46 in persons over 65; 23 in persons over 55; 1 in a person over 45; 2 in persons over 35; 1 in a person over 25, and 1 in a child over 5. The majority of these deaths are assigned to myocarditis, or failure of the heart muscle, and in looking over the death certificates I notice that in a few the valves of the heart are mentioned. Mitral stenosis was mentioned in 4; 3 being males aged 67, 50, and 47, and one a female aged 47.

Rheumatic fever was mentioned in a man aged 47. Mitral regurgitation was the cause of death in a female aged 73, and in a male aged 48. Mitral regurgitation and stenosis is stated as the cause of death in a female aged 27. A male of 69 suffered from acute rheumatism and aortic disease, and a woman of 59 also died from aortic disease. An old woman of 88 died from aortic stenosis, and a man of 50 from the same trouble. Acute cardiac failure after rheumatic fever in a man aged 68 is another interesting case, for rheumatic fever in the aged is a rarity. Rheumatic fever seems to have been unduly prevalent, as it is mentioned in 3 of the certificates.

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Congenital heart disease was the cause of death in a boy aged 2 months and a girl aged 14 days. Another interesting case occurred in a boy aged 7, whose death was certified as being due to cardiac failure and acute oedema of the larynx. A man aged 58 died from an aortic aneurism.

The now fashionable diagnosis of coronary thrombosis is given as the cause of death in 10 cases, 8 males and 2 females.

Cancer accounts for 95 deaths, giving a rate of 1.7 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 1.5 in 1937 and 1.2 in 1936.

The number of deaths in each year in the County since 1904 are :-

1904 - 37;	1905 - 58;	1906 - 60;	1907 - 45;	1908 - 46;	1909 - 66;
1910 - 59;	1911 - 56;	1912 - 64;	1913 - 58;	1914 - 49;	1915 - 76;
1916 - 60;	1917 - 54;	1918 - 75;	1919 - 68;	1920 - 69;	1921 - 70;
1922 - 82;	1923 - 78;	1924 - 69;	1925 - 49;	1926 - 99;	1927 - 85;
1928 - 82;	1929 - 103;	1930 - 92;	1931 - 92;	1932 - 79;	1933 - 110;
1934 - 90;	1935 - 72;	1936 - 79;	1937 - 88;	1938 - 95.	

This is a slight increase on last year's figure of 88.

Forty-four of the 95 deaths occurred in males and 51 in females. 22 of the deaths occurred in persons over 75; 31 in persons over 65; 21 in persons over 55; 13 in persons over 45, and 8 in persons over 35. Eighty of the 95 deaths occurred in the City of

Peterborough, 11 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 4 in the Barnack area. The death rate in the City is 1.6 per 1000; in the Rural District of Peterborough 1.7; in the Barnack Rural District 1.7, and in the County as a whole 1.7 per 1000 of the population.

During the year the notification of all deaths has been sent to me.

On looking carefully through the death register I find 93 of these deaths belong to the Soke of Peterborough and not 95.

Nine cases affected the stomach, 2 the tongue, 2 the gullet, 1 the pancreas, 1 the liver, 1 the caecum, 16 the colon, 12 the rectum, 4 the ovary, 4 the prostate, 8 the uterus, 9 the female breast, 7 the lung, 1 the lip, 1 the palate, 2 the brain, 1 the kidney, 1 the bladder, 2 the gall bladder, 1 the femur, 1 the larynx, 1 the jaw, 1 the vulva, 1 the mouth, 2 the glands, and 2 the duodenum.

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1904 - 37	1905 - 38	1906 - 40	1907 - 45	1908 - 48	1909 - 50
1910 - 51	1911 - 52	1912 - 54	1913 - 56	1914 - 57	1915 - 58
1916 - 60	1917 - 61	1918 - 62	1919 - 63	1920 - 64	1921 - 65
1922 - 66	1923 - 67	1924 - 68	1925 - 69	1926 - 70	1927 - 71
1928 - 72	1929 - 73	1930 - 74	1931 - 75	1932 - 76	1933 - 77
1934 - 78	1935 - 79	1936 - 80	1937 - 81	1938 - 82	1939 - 83

This is a slight increase on last year's figure of 82. Forty-four of the 85 deaths occurred in males and 41 in females. 22 of the deaths occurred in persons over 75; 31 in persons over 65; 51 in persons over 55; 13 in persons over 45, and 8 in persons over 35.

Eighty of the 85 deaths occurred in the City of Peterborough, 11 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 4 in the Barnack area. The death rate in the City is 1.6 per 1000; in the Rural District of Peterborough 1.7; in the Barnack Rural District 1.7, and in the County as a whole 1.7 per 1000 of the population. During the year the notification of all deaths has been sent to me. On looking carefully through the death register I find 23 of these deaths belong to the City of Peterborough and not 25.

Nine cases affected the stomach, 2 the tongue, 1 the pancreas, 1 the liver, 1 the caecum, 16 the colon, 12 the rectum, 4 the ovary, 4 the prostate, 2 the uterus, 2 the female breast, 7 the lung, 1 the hip, 1 the palate, 2 the brain, 1 the kidney, 1 the bladder, 2 the gall bladder, 1 the femur, 1 the larynx, 1 the jaw, 1 the vulva, 1 the mouth, 2 the glands, and 2 the diaphragm.

There are certain points to which attention should be drawn.

In 49 of the 93 the alimentary tract from the tongue to the back passage was affected. Another point of interest is the large number of cases affecting the reproductive system - 8 affecting the womb, 4 the ovary, 9 the female breast, and 4 the prostate.

Seven cases affected the lungs. Some were sent to London for deep X-ray treatment. The case of cancer of the lung mentioned in last year's report as being still alive, died. One case of cancer of the cervix was sent by you to the Cancer Hospital.

In England and Wales as a whole in 1936 cancer of the stomach caused the largest number of deaths, 12,787 persons having succumbed to this form of disease. The female breast was next affected, with 7,149 deaths. Cancer of the colon caused 7,010 deaths, and cancer of the rectum 5,386 deaths. The high susceptibility of the alimentary tract is noteworthy.

I have examined the reports of other County Medical Officers and find that in Leicestershire no special campaign was undertaken against this disease, which was the cause of 463 deaths.

In Gloucestershire, where 582 persons died from cancer, a fee of £1- 1-0 per week is paid towards the cost of patients undergoing radium treatment at Bristol. In the West Riding of Yorkshire, where 2,325 deaths are recorded, the Council has arranged with three radium centres situated at Leeds, Bradford, and Sheffield. At Leeds and Bradford a fee of 12/6d per day per patient is charged. This includes in-patient maintenance and specialist treatment. For out-patient treatment the fee is 5/- per patient per treatment. At Sheffield a per capita payment of £5- 11- 0 is made. This covers the whole cost of treatment, but does not pay for maintenance in hospital, for which a charge of 9/- per day per treatment is made. 259 new cases were treated, and 74 re-admissions are recorded.

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The average duration or stay of treatment was 17 days at Bradford and Leeds, and 16 days at Sheffield. The total cost to the County was £3,210. In Cheshire, with 230 deaths in 1938, treatment is provided at the Council's Hospital at Clatterlidge, where radium and operative treatment are provided. 80 patients were treated. This Council also provided treatment at the Manchester Christie Hospital at a cost of £4- 4- 0 per week, and where deep X-ray therapy is required the fee is £10- 10- 0 per case treated to a conclusion. At the Chester Royal Infirmary in-patient treatment costs 3/- per day; out-patient treatment 2/- per attendance, and varying charges for radium varying from £1- 1- 0 to £12- 12- 0.

The National Radium Commission has issued an interesting report, from which it appears that 91 per cent of rodent ulcers are curable by radium. The results from cancer of the skin are not so good; only 44.5 per cent are cured after 5 years. Large amounts of radium up to 5 g. were used for the treatment of cancer of the mouth, pharynx, and larynx. The results obtained compared favourably with those obtained by surgery. The results of treatment of cancer of the neck of the womb vary according to the stage of the disease. In the early cases 81 per cent are cured, but in the advanced stage only 8.5 per cent are cured. In 701 cases in all stages of the disease treated at the Marie Curie Hospital, 37 per cent were cured. It is interesting to note that in those distressing cases of sarcoma of bone which so frequently attack young persons, the prognosis is still very grave, but a small number of cases have survived for periods of three to five years without losing their arms or legs. Every year radium is replacing surgery. Of 23,579 cases of cancer 6,823 cases, or 28.9 per cent, were treated by surgical methods alone, and 8,932, or 37.9 per cent by radium alone.

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In cancer of the rectum, or back passage, the suspicious symptom is bleeding. When this occurs, the doctor should be asked to examine the back passage. 90 per cent of cancers are said to be cured by surgery alone. Radium treatment is not in favour.

Cancer of the neck of the womb must be suspected when the woman has a discharge after sexual intercourse, or after a ride in an omnibus. The disease is confined to women who have had children. Treatment is by radium and the results are good.

Cancer of the larynx involving the vocal cord causes hoarseness followed by shortness of breath. In early cases surgical operation is desirable. The tumour in such cases can be removed, and a reasonably useful voice is retained. In advanced cases the larynx should be removed. The extrinsic growths of the larynx are more serious. Difficulty in swallowing and dyspnoea occur more readily. The most satisfactory form of treatment is by large doses of radium. With this treatment patients have remained well for seven years.

Bronchitis accounts for 27 deaths, 16 being males and 11 females. One death occurred in a child under 2 years of age; 15 in persons over 75; 6 in persons over 65; 2 in persons over 55; 2 in persons over 45, and 2 in infants.

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The Registrar-General states that there were no deaths from puerperal sepsis, but 3 deaths from other puerperal diseases. All 3 occurred in residents in the City of Peterborough. One occurred in a woman aged 35 from obstetric shock and failure of respiration after the administration of chloroform. A Peterborough resident died in a Hospital in Newcastle from toxæmia of pregnancy. The third occurred in a girl of 18 who died from sepsis and hæmorrhage after the Caesarean operation. A fourth death has also been brought to my notice. It occurred in a girl of 16 who died from toxæmia of pregnancy and peripheral neuritis. Taking the Registrar-General's figure as correct, the maternal mortality figure is 3.5 per 1000, a distinct improvement on last year's figure of 5.0.

The maternal mortality for England and Wales as a whole is 2.97 per 1000 total births. The following maternal mortality rates are culled from the reports of other County Medical Officers :-

West Riding, Yorks,	3.74;	Devon	2.3;	Gloucestershire	3.74;
Leicestershire	3.12;	Cheshire	4.4;	Rutland	.0

There were 15 deaths in children and young persons. Diphtheria was the cause of death in 6 children. 4 of these were boys aged 13, 9, 8, and 7 years, and two girls, aged 11 and 8 years. A boy of 3 died of acute encephalitis, and another of the same age of measles complicated by severe epilepsy. A girl of 5 was operated on at the Peterborough Memorial Hospital for enlarged tonsils and adenoids, and died shortly afterwards of hæmorrhage. A girl of 11 died from an abscess in the tonsil. A boy of 8 died from mumps, complicated by inflammation of the stomach and intestines. A boy of 3 died of septicaemia. A youth of 18 died from cerebral abscess following on an ear discharge. A boy of 14 died from heart disease, and a girl of 5 from strangulation of the intestines by a tuberculous gland.

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Four deaths occurred from appendicitis, 3 in the City of Peterborough, and 1 in the Peterborough Rural District. All four occurred in adults: 1 in a man over 75; 1 in a man over 65; 1 in a woman over 65, and the last in a woman over 55.

According to the Registrar-General there was one death from syphilis, and three others from syphilis of the central nervous system.

The one death from syphilis occurred in the Peterborough Rural District, and the 3 deaths from syphilis of the central nervous system in residents of the City of Peterborough. They were cases of locomotor ataxia; 2 were in men in St John's Hospital aged 62 years, and 1 in a woman aged 74 years in her own home. The death ascribed to syphilis in the Rural District I am unable to trace.

There were 8 deaths from suicide, 7 in the City of Peterborough, and 1 in the Barnack area. I can only find 7. A male of 59 cut his throat, and another of the same age hung himself. A woman of 76 did the same. A man of 77 took spirits of salts. A man of 70 and a woman of 49 killed themselves with coal gas. A man of 56 cut an artery in his arm.

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INFANT MORTALITY RATE

By rate of infant mortality is meant the ratio of the annual number of deaths occurring in children under 1 year of age to every 1000 births. In the Soke of Peterborough 38 (51) infants died during the first year of life, giving a mortality rate of 44.9 (64.0)

The following table shows the number of deaths and the rates in each area of the County. Last year's figures are given in brackets.

City of Peterborough	31	Rate	43.8	(64.8)
Peterborough Rural District	5	"	45.0	(50.8)
Barnack Rural District	2	"	54.0	(100.0)
Administrative County	38	"	44.9	(64.0)

The Barnack Rural District has the highest infant mortality rate, and the City of Peterborough the lowest.

Thirty-six of the 811 legitimate infants died, giving a rate of 44.3, and two of the illegitimate infants, giving a rate of 46.8.

This is the lowest mortality since 1933, and the lowest in the annals of the County with the exception of 1932. In England and Wales as a whole the infant mortality rate was 53; in the 126 County Boroughs and Great Towns 57; in the 148 smaller towns (including Peterborough) 51, and in London 57.

Owing to the fact that neither the Report of the Chief Medical Officer or the Registrar-General are to hand, I am unable to state how your County compares with others. Owing to the courtesy of some of the County Medical Officers, however, I am able to give the rates in their Counties, viz.,

West Riding, Yorks	51;	Cheshire	47.4;	Gloucestershire	46;
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City of Peterborough	81	Rate	48.8	{	64.8
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Administrative County	88	"	44.8	{	64.0

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1907 - 75	Rate 78.0;	1908 - 83	Rate 92.8;	1909 - 66	Rate 71.0;
1910 - 68	" 71.2;	1911 - 86	" 97.2;	1912 - 104	" 111.8;
1913 - 83	" 88.1;	1914 - 68	" 75.7;	1915 - 82	" 87.2;
1916 - 75	" 77.5;	1917 - 65	" 81.1;	1918 - 54	" 67.6;
1919 - 70	" 93.8;	1920 - 72	" 62.1;	1921 - 71	" 70.3;
1922 - 49	" 66.1;	1923 - 38	" 44.2;	1924 - 46	" 60.0;
1925 - 49	" 63.0;	1926 - 39	" 49.4;	1927 - 48	" 60.6;
1928 - 39	" 48.6;	1929 - 47	" 57.3;	1930 - 57	" 69.5;
1931 - 55	" 69.9;	1932 - 30	" 40.6;	1933 - 34	" 49.4;
1934 - 38	" 51.4;	1935 - 45	" 59.2;	1936 - 46	" 55.6;
1937 - 51	" 64.0;	1938 - 38	" 44.9.		

The cause of the 38 deaths in the Soke of Peterborough according to the Registrar-General are :-

Congenital Debility	21;	Pneumonia	6;
Diarrhoea	1;	Influenza	1;
Bronchitis	2;	Whooping Cough	1;
Other Digestive Diseases	4;	Other Defined Diseases	2.

In 12 instances prematurity was the cause of death. One child lived 30 minutes; one 17 hours; one 19 hours; two 1 day each; two 2 days each; one 4 days; one 6 days; two 7 days, and one 21 days.

It is interesting to note that 2 infants died from congenital heart disease: one was aged 14 days and the other 2 months. One child died from haemorrhage into the brain aged 1 week.

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1916 - 78	"	77.6	1917 - 68	"	81.1	1918 - 54	"	67.8
1919 - 70	"	68.8	1920 - 72	"	68.1	1921 - 71	"	70.8
1922 - 46	"	68.1	1923 - 88	"	44.2	1924 - 48	"	60.0
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1928 - 32	"	48.8	1929 - 47	"	57.3	1930 - 57	"	69.5
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HEALTH VISITING

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The cards of the 124 infants visited for the first time during the year were examined in detail. It appears that 7 of these were stillborn. One of these was prematurely born, and 1 was malformed. Ninety-three of the 117 live born infants were brought up on the breast; 15 on the bottle, and 9 were first fed on the breast and then on the bottle. Of the bottle fed babies, 10 were brought up on cows' milk; 4 on Nestle's milk, and 1 on " Cow & Gate" food.

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Eight of the 13 infants who were not thriving were breast fed, or 8.6 per cent of the total breast fed; 3 were bottle fed, or 20% of the total bottle fed, and 2 were brought up first on the breast and then on the bottle, or 22% of the total breast and bottle fed.

Two of the delicate children were twins who lived in a dirty home.

One of these was operated on for phimosis.

Comforters or dummy teats were used in 19 cases; they were not used in 96, and in 2 no record was made. 108 of the 117 living babies had a separate cot; 5 slept in the same bed as their parents, and in 4 cases no record was made on this point.

The infants' clothing was found to be satisfactory in 105 cases; in 12 it was described as poor or only fair.

An enquiry was made into the state of the mothers' health. In 15 cases it was not satisfactory. 9 mothers had bad teeth, 3 were anaemic, 1 mother had had rheumatic fever, another suffered from goitre, and 1 mother suffered from constipation. Four of the mothers were described as dirty and slovenly.

Limited sleeping accommodation was reported in only 4 cases, viz.,

9	persons	lived	in	a	Caravan	in	1	case
8	persons	slept	in	2	bedrooms	in	1	case
7	"	"	"	2	"	"	1	"
4	"	"	"	1	bedroom	in	1	"

Several houses were damp, one house had been condemned as being unfit for human habitation, and 4 houses were dirty and illkept.

Milk Grants

During the year 11 infants were supplied with a free grant of cows' milk, and the total amount of milk supplied was 243 gallons.

The supplies are granted for a month, and at the expiration of that period the cases are reviewed by the Public Health Committee.

Milk is only granted in necessitous cases.

The County Council has continued to supply maternity outfits free of charge to necessitous cases.

ANTE-NATAL EXAMINATIONS

Eleven, or 7.4 per cent, of the mothers in the Rural Districts were examined ante-natally. Six were examined by one practitioner. Nine of the 11 cases were sent by the Nurse of the Castor Association, and 2 by the Barnack Nurse. All the cases were normal. One woman insisted on being confined in a caravan, but everything went off well. Our results are very unsatisfactory. In Rutland 28.6 per cent of the expectant mothers were examined antenatally; in Leicestershire 28.9%, and in Gloucestershire 48.8 per cent.

Cases of Abnormal Childbirth

No abnormal cases were admitted to Stamford Infirmary during the year. It was unnecessary to refer any cases to your Consultant, Dr Lilley.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC

During the year 1938 no children of pre-school age received in-patient treatment at the Manfield Orthopaedic Hospital, but two infants attended the out-patient Clinics held at the Peterborough Memorial Hospital by the Manfield Hospital staff.

MIDWIVES

During the year 1938 nineteen midwives notified their intention to practice in the County. All of them were fully trained. Ten resided in the City of Peterborough, 2 at Castor, 2 at Barnack, 1 at Fletton (Hunts), and 4 were nurses at St John's Hospital, Peterborough.

304 cases were attended by the midwives, and 435 in their capacities as maternity nurses.

Medical aid was summoned by the midwives on 76 occasions for the following reasons :- ruptured perineum 25; difficult and prolonged labour 10; post and ante-partum haemorrhage 9; rise of temperature 6; adherent placenta 2; oedema 2; toxæmia 2; prematurity 2, and for one of each of the following conditions :- discharge from eyes (baby); stillbirth; umbilical polypus (baby); contracted pelvis; miscarriage; acute lumbar pains; mastitis; albuminuria; anaemia; thrombosis; intestinal obstruction (baby); feebleness of infant; high blood pressure; breech presentation; abortion; malpresentation; threatened eclampsia, and hare lip (baby).

Fifty-four claims were paid to doctors under the Midwives Act 1918. In 34 cases the amounts so paid were wholly recovered, and in 12 cases they were partially recovered. In 8 cases no recovery was considered advisable.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

There were only 18 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis, distributed as follows among the sanitary districts :-

				1937
City of Peterborough	17	Rate	0.36	(0.51)
Peterborough Rural District	1	"	0.15	(0.79)
Barnack Rural District	0	"	0.0	(0.79)
Administrative County	18	"	0.32	(0.55)

In the following counties the death rates from pulmonary tuberculosis were as follows :-

Leicestershire .38; West Riding, Yorks, .38; Rutland .27;
Gloucestershire .46; Cheshire .39.

The Soke of Peterborough has had an excellent year as regards pulmonary tuberculosis. Only in 1933 and 1935 have fewer deaths been recorded.

The number of deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis, and the rates per 1000 of the population in each year since 1912 are as follows :-

1912 - 31	Rate .68;	1913 - 30	Rate .66;	1914 - 48	Rate .87;
1915 - 37	" .80;	1916 - 36	" .79;	1917 - 48	" 1.0;
1918 - 52	" 1.11;	1919 - 38	" .87;	1920 - 26	" .57;
1921 - 45	" .96;	1922 - 32	" .67;	1923 - 32	" .60;
1924 - 24	" .49;	1925 - 30	" .61;	1926 - 21	" .42;
1927 - 32	" .64;	1928 - 26	" .51;	1929 - 27	" .52;
1930 - 19	" .36;	1931 - 23	" .44;	1932 - 27	" .50;
1933 - 17	" .32;	1934 - 24	" .45;	1935 - 13	" .24;
1936 - 21	" .38;	1937 - 31	" .55;	1938 - 18	" .32.

All the cases who died during the year had been seen and treated by me.

The cases had been known to me for periods varying from 20 years to 12 days. One young man who had been known to me in my other capacity as a Clinical Officer was suddenly struck down with galloping consumption and died in 14 days. A girl of 17 was attacked with pulmonary and laryngeal tuberculosis and died in 12 days. Two had been under treatment by me and at Sanatoria for 9 years; another for 8 years, two for 5 years, one for 3 years, and two more for a year. One case who had been under my observation was discharged by me as cured. Tubercle bacilli were not found in her sputum till shortly before death. Her son and daughter also died within recent years from pulmonary tuberculosis, and it is probable that she infected them, became quiescent, and then was re-infected by her children.

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Peterborough Rural District	I	"	0.15	0.81
Easton Rural District	0	"	0.0	0.75
Administrative County	18	"	0.32	0.72
				0.33

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Gloucestershire	.48	Cheshire	.39		

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1915 - 27	"	1916 - 28	"	1917 - 48	"
1918 - 32	"	1919 - 38	"	1920 - 38	"
1921 - 45	"	1922 - 32	"	1923 - 32	"
1924 - 34	"	1925 - 30	"	1926 - 27	"
1927 - 32	"	1928 - 28	"	1929 - 27	"
1930 - 19	"	1931 - 28	"	1932 - 27	"
1933 - 17	"	1934 - 24	"	1935 - 18	"
1936 - 21	"	1937 - 21	"	1938 - 18	"

All the cases who died during the year had been seen and treated by me. The cases had been known to me for periods varying from 20 years to 12 days. One young man who had been known to me in my other capacity as a District Officer was suddenly struck down with collapsing consumption and died in 14 days. A girl of 19 was attacked with pulmonary and laryngeal tuberculosis and died in 12 days. Two had been under treatment by me and at Cambridge for 9 years; another for 5 years, two for 5 years, one for 3 years, and two more for a year. One case who had been under my observation and discharged by me as cured. Tubercle bacilli were not found in her sputum till shortly before death. Her son and daughter also died within recent years from pulmonary tuberculosis, and it is probable that she infected them, became diseased, and then was re-infected by her children.

Another interesting case occurred in a man of 48 who died after 4 months. He presented all the signs of a massive infiltration of one lung. Tubercle bacilli were present in the sputum, and his larynx was also affected. He was a sand blaster by profession and he made a claim under the Silicosis Order. The post mortem revealed definite evidence of extensive silicosis and also of tuberculosis.

The following table shows the number of cases of tuberculosis notified, and the deaths classified in age periods, during 1938 :-

Age Periods	New Cases Notified				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 - 5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
15 - 25	6	6	1	-	1	1	1	-
25 - 35	4	1	-	-	2	4	-	1
35 - 45	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	-
45 - 55	6	2	-	1	3	1	-	-
55 - 65	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals :-	18	11	3	2	11	7	2	3

Altogether 29 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified to me during the year, 18 being males and 11 females. Only in 1934 and 1935 have fewer cases been recorded.

The exact number of cases notified in each year since 1912 are :-

1912 - 116; 1913 - 85; 1914 - 57; 1915 - 54; 1916 - 72; 1917 - 80;
 1918 - 83; 1919 - 63; 1920 - 81; 1921 - 86; 1922 - 64; 1923 - 93;
 1924 - 73; 1925 - 73; 1926 - 57; 1927 - 41; 1928 - 38; 1929 - 62;
 1930 - 31; 1931 - 32; 1932 - 35; 1933 - 29; 1934 - 18; 1935 - 28;
 1936 - 39; 1937 - 40; 1938 - 29.

At the end of December 1938 the number of persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis on the Registers of the District Medical Officers was 190. The number in each locality were :-

	Males.	Females.	Total
City of Peterborough	92	79	171
Peterborough Rural District	8	7	15
Barnack Rural District	0	4	4
Administrative County	100	90	190

Fifteen persons were crossed off the Registers as having died.

NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

There were five deaths from non-pulmonary tuberculosis in the County during the year 1938. Four occurred in the City of Peterborough and one in the Peterborough Rural District. One death occurred in a girl of 16 from meningitis. A woman of 31 died of hip joint disease, a youth of 17 from tuberculous kidney complicated by pulmonary tuberculosis, a girl of 14 from tuberculosis of the spinal column, and a boy of 12 from tuberculous peritonitis.

Five new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified to me during the year. One affected the glands, 1 the intestines, 2 the peritoneum, and 1 the knee. Notification of non-pulmonary tuberculosis came into force in the year 1914, and the numbers reported in the County in each year since that date are as follows :-

1914 - 32;	1915 - 17;	1916 - 19;	1917 - 40;	1918 - 18;	1919 - 24;
1920 - 30;	1921 - 27;	1922 - 35;	1923 - 28;	1924 - 13;	1925 - 15;
1926 - 14;	1927 - 22;	1928 - 10;	1929 - 11;	1930 - 4;	1931 - 9;
1932 - 8;	1933 - 14;	1934 - 9;	1935 - 8;	1936 - 17;	1937 - 14;
1938 - 5.					

The number of cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis on the Registers at the end of the year 1938 was 89, 77 being resident in the City, 10 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 2 in the Barnack area.

REPORT OF THE TUBERCULOSIS OFFICER.

This Report deals with the period extending from January 1st 1938 to December 31st 1938.

The Tuberculosis Dispensary is held twice weekly in the mornings of Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 - 12 o'clock, and in the afternoons of the same days from 3-30 to 6 p.m.

The total number of patients examined or treated by me was 342, as compared with 374 in 1937; 348 in 1936; 306 in 1935; 337 in 1934; 324 in 1933, and 432 in 1932.

NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

There were five deaths from non-pulmonary tuberculosis in the County during the year 1935. Four occurred in the City of Peterborough and one in the Peterborough Rural District. One death occurred in a girl of 16 from meningitis. A woman of 51 died of hip joint disease, a youth of 17 from tuberculous kidney complicated by pulmonary tuberculosis, a girl of 14 from tuberculosis of the spinal column, and a boy of 12 from tuberculous peritonitis.

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1914 - 321	1915 - 171	1916 - 161	1917 - 401	1918 - 181	1919 - 241
1920 - 301	1921 - 271	1922 - 281	1923 - 231	1924 - 181	1925 - 151
1926 - 141	1927 - 221	1928 - 101	1929 - 111	1930 - 41	1931 - 21
1932 - 61	1933 - 141	1934 - 91	1935 - 81	1936 - 171	1937 - 141
1938 - 61					

The number of cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis on the registers at the end of the year 1938 was 62, 77 being resident in the City, 10 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 2 in the Barnack area.

REPORT OF THE TUBERCULOSIS OFFICE

This Report deals with the period extending from January 1st 1939 to December 31st 1938.

The Tuberculosis Dispensary is held twice weekly in the morning of Wednesday and Saturday from 11 - 12 o'clock, and in the afternoon at the same days from 2-30 to 6 p.m.

The total number of patients examined or treated by us was 545, as compared with 374 in 1937; 528 in 1936; 508 in 1935; 337 in 1934; 324 in 1933, and 432 in 1932.

217 new cases (including contacts who numbered 52) were examined during the year, and 125 had been seen in previous years.

Owing to the kindness of my colleagues I am able to compare the amount of work done in other counties with that undertaken in the Soke of Peterborough. In Devonshire (pop. 460,700) 4,902 new cases and contacts were examined. In Gloucestershire (pop. 343,600) 1,318 new cases and contacts were examined. In Leicestershire (pop. 302,600) 858 new cases were seen by two whole-time Tuberculosis Officers. In Cheshire (pop. 729,400) 2,244 new cases and contacts were examined. In West Riding, Yorks (pop. 1,501,000) 4,918 new cases and contacts were examined. With the exception of Devon the amount of work in proportion to the population is considerably more than in other counties.

Twenty-nine adults in the Soke of Peterborough were found to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, 19 of these being males and 10 females. One female child was also found to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. 178 persons presented themselves for examination and were found not to be suffering from tuberculosis. 117 of these were adults, 55 being males and 62 females. 61 were children, 33 boys and 28 girls. Included in the 178 were 52 contacts, 10 being adult males, 16 adult females, 15 boys, and 10 girls.

The number of medical examinations at or in connection with the Dispensary was 2,709, as compared with 2,707 in 1937; 2,631 in 1936; 2,130 in 1935; 1,871 in 1934; 2,156 in 1933, and 2,196 in 1932.

Six patients were found to be suffering from tuberculosis of organs other than the lungs, 5 being adults (2 men and 3 women), and 1 girl.

444 operations for the production and maintenance of artificial pneumothorax were performed by the Tuberculosis Officer, as compared with 371 in 1937; 433 in 1936; 187 in 1935; 154 in 1934; 167 in 1933, and 182 in 1932.

217 new cases (including contacts who numbered 52) were examined during
 the year, and 122 had been seen in previous years.
 Owing to the kindness of my colleagues I am able to compare the amount
 of work done in other counties with that undertaken in the Lake of
 Peterborough. In Devonshire (pop. 480,700) 4,602 new cases and
 contacts were examined. In Gloucestershire (pop. 242,600)
 1,518 new cases and contacts were examined. In Lancashire
 (pop. 302,600) 888 new cases were seen by two whole-time tuberculosis
 officers. In Cheshire (pop. 722,400) 2,344 new cases and contacts
 were examined. In West Riding, Yorks (pop. 1,801,000) 4,918 new
 cases and contacts were examined. With the exception of Devon
 the amount of work in proportion to the population is considerably
 more than in other counties.
 Twenty-nine adults in the Lake of Peterborough were found to be
 suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, 19 of these being males and
 10 females. One female child was also found to be suffering from
 pulmonary tuberculosis. 176 persons presented themselves for
 examination and were found not to be suffering from tuberculosis.
 117 of these were adults, 55 being males and 62 females. 61 were
 children, 33 boys and 28 girls. Included in the 176 were 52 contacts,
 10 being adult males, 16 adult females, 15 boys, and 10 girls.
 The number of medical examinations at or in connection with the
 dispensary was 2,746, as compared with 2,707 in 1937; 2,691 in 1936;
 2,100 in 1935; 1,871 in 1934; 2,152 in 1933, and 2,129 in 1932.
 Six patients were found to be suffering from tuberculosis of organs
 other than the lungs, 3 being adults (2 men and 1 woman) and 3 girls.
 444 questionnaires for the production and maintenance of artificial
 pneumothorax were forwarded by the Tuberculosis Officer, as compared
 with 371 in 1937; 452 in 1936; 425 in 1935; 454 in 1934; 407 in 1933,
 and 363 in 1932.

222 samples of expectoration, urine, pus, and pleural fluid were examined for the tubercle bacillus. 193 of the examinations were made on patients attending the Dispensary, and 29 were sent by doctors. 148 X-ray photographs were taken. 108 consultations were held with medical men, 16 in the homes of patients, and 92 otherwise.

The nurses made 273 visits to the homes of tuberculous patients in 1938. Included in these visits were many for the nursing of advanced cases. Many visits were also paid to contacts who hesitate to submit themselves to examination.

Nurse Bean has now resigned after 22 years of service at your Dispensary. The County Council has lost the services of a most efficient Officer. In 36 years of medical life I have never met her superior in intelligence and loyalty.

138 of the 342 patients examined by me were suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. 32 of these were in the first or favourable stage of the disease; 31 were in the second stage, and 75 in the third stage of the malady.

Taking the last mentioned group first - the 75 in an advanced stage of the disease, in as many as 72 the tubercle bacillus had been discovered during the period of observation at the Dispensary, and in 3 the germ had never been detected. In 4 the disease was arrested; in 7 it was quiescent; in 17 there was definite improvement. 4 were unchanged, 24 were worse, and 19 were dead. 21 were at work and 35 were not at work. Thirty-one cases were diagnosed as being in the second stage of the disease. In 23 of these the tubercle bacillus had been discovered, and in 8 it had never been found. Five were arrested, 8 were quiescent, 16 were improved, ^{and} 2 were worse. 22 were at work and 9 were not at work.

322 samples of expectoration, urine, pus, and pleural fluid were
 examined for the tubercle bacillus. 103 of the examinations were made
 on patients attending the Dispensary, and 25 were sent by doctors.
 148 X-ray photographs were taken. 108 consultations were held with
 medical men, 16 in the homes of patients, and 92 otherwise.
 The nurses made 278 visits to the homes of tuberculous patients in
 1936. Included in these visits were many for the nursing of advanced
 cases. Many visits were also paid to contacts who had to be
 themselves to examination.
 Nurse Bees has now resigned after 25 years of service at your
 Dispensary. The County Council has lost the services of a most
 efficient Officer. In 25 years of medical life I have never met her
 superior in intelligence and loyalty.
 138 of the 345 patients examined by me were suffering from pulmonary
 tuberculosis. 32 of these were in the first or favourable stage of
 the disease; 31 were in the second stage, and 75 in the third stage
 of the malady.
 Taking the last mentioned group first - the 75 in an advanced stage of
 the disease, in as many as 73 the tubercle bacillus had been discovered
 during the period of observation at the Dispensary, and in 3 the germ
 had never been detected. In 4 the disease was arrested; in 7 it was
 progressing; in 14 there was definite improvement; 4 were unchanged.
 34 were worse, and 19 were dead. 21 were at work and 85 were at rest.
 Thirty-one cases were diagnosed as being in the second
 stage of the disease. In 23 of these the tubercle bacillus had been
 discovered, and in 5 it had never been found. Five were arrested,
 8 were progressing, 13 were improved, 2 were worse, 22 were at work
 and 7 were not at work.

Thirty-two were diagnosed as being in the first stage of the disease. 20 were arrested, 8 quiescent, and 4 improved. 30 were at work and 2x were not at work. In 9 the tubercle bacillus had been found and in 23 it had never been discovered.

To sum up, of 138 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis under Dispensary supervision or treatment, as many as 73, or 52 per cent, were at work. 52 of the 138 were arrested or quiescent, 37 were very much improved, 4 were unchanged, 26 patients were worse, and 19 died.

Included in this number are cases which died in Sanatoria.

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Fourteen cases of tuberculosis affecting organs other than the lungs were seen at or in connection with the Dispensary. They comprised :-

3 of tuberculous glands;	1 of tuberculous testicle;
4 of tuberculous peritonitis;	1 of tuberculous kidney;
3 cases of lupus;	1 of tuberculous spine;
1 of tuberculous sternum.	

Four cases were arrested, 1 was quiescent, 8 were improved, and 1 was unchanged. There were no deaths among these 14 patients. 11 patients were at work and 3 were not at work.

Institutional Treatment

On January 1st 1938 seven adult patients and four children were resident in Institutions under your Tuberculosis Scheme.

During the year 1938 thirteen patients (all adults) were sent by you to residential institutions. Altogether then 24 persons received treatment in sanatoria or hospitals, as compared with 30 last year.

In addition 9 persons received treatment at St John's Hospital Peterborough during the year.

The 24 patients were accommodated in the following sanatoria :-

Northamptonshire Sanatorium, Creaton	11
Eversfield Chest Hospital, St Leonards-on-Sea	6
Manfield Orthopaedic Hospital, Northampton	6
Papworth Tuberculosis Colony, Cambridge	1

Thirty-two were diagnosed as being in the final stage of the disease. 23 were arrested, 8 persistent, and 4 improved. 30 were at work and 2 were not at work. In 2 the tubercle bacillus had been found and in 2 it had never been discovered.

To sum up, of 128 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis under dispensary supervision or treatment, as many as 73 or 57 per cent, were at work. 55 of the 128 were arrested or persistent, 27 were very much improved, 4 were unchanged, 22 patients were worse, and 12 died.

Included in this number are cases which died in hospital.

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Fourteen cases of tuberculosis affecting organs other than the lungs were seen at or in connection with the dispensary. They comprised:-

3 of tuberculous kidney;	1 of tuberculous testis;
4 of tuberculous peritonitis;	1 of tuberculous kidney;
3 cases of lupus;	1 of tuberculous spine;
1 of tuberculous alveolus.	

Four cases were arrested, 1 was persistent, 5 were improved, and 1 was unchanged. There were no deaths among these 14 patients. 12 patients were at work and 2 were not at work.

Extrathoracic Treatment

On January 1st 1928 seven adult patients and four children were resident in extrathoracic wards under your Tuberculosis Scheme.

During the year 1928 thirteen patients (all adults) were sent by you to extrathoracic institutions. Altogether 1804 persons received treatment in extrathoracic or hospital, as compared with 20,144 in 1927.

In addition 5 persons received treatment at St John's Hospital.

Extrathoracic during the year.

The 24 patients were accommodated in the following institutions:-

11	Extrathoracic Institution, Devon
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Eight patients were still resident in Sanatoria on January 1st 1939. Thirteen were discharged during the year, and 3 died while inmates of the Sanatoria. Two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were discharged from Sanatoria in whose sputa tubercle bacilli had never been found. Both were discharged as quiescent. Three cases of moderately advanced disease with tubercle bacilli in the sputum were treated in Sanatoria. They were discharged as not quiescent. Eight advanced cases received institutional treatment. Six were discharged as not quiescent, and 2 died in the Institution. Six cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were in Sanatoria during the year. All 6 were ~~xx~~ in residence on January 1st 1938, and on December 31st 1938 two were in residence. These 6 cases consisted of a man with sacro-iliac disease, two children with spinal disease, a girl with disease of the ankle joint, a boy with hip joint disease, and an adult woman with disease of the ribs. The man with sacro-iliac disease was discharged much improved; one of the children with spinal disease was discharged as quiescent, but the other died in Hospital. The child with disease of the ankle joint was discharged as quiescent. The adult female with disease of the rib and the boy with hip joint disease are still in Hospital.

Nine patients were admitted to St John's Hospital during the year. Four died - 2 women and 2 men. One of the men who died was suffering from tuberculosis complicated by silicosis. His larynx was affected and tubercle bacilli were present in the sputum. Two of his children - a son and a daughter - had succumbed to pulmonary tuberculosis. The other male death occurred from galloping consumption in a young man. One of the male cases remained in Hospital for a few hours only. He discharged himself. One of the two women was pregnant when first seen. An artificial pneumothorax was attempted but failed. Two of the women were much improved. In one an artificial pneumothorax was induced but adhesions prevented complete collapse.

Eight patients were still resident in Bannister on January 1st 1939. Thirteen were discharged during the year, and 3 died while inmates of the Bannister. Two cases of primary tuberculous were discharged from Bannister in whose sputa tubercle bacilli had never been found. Both were discharged as quiescent. Three cases of moderately advanced disease with tubercle bacilli in the sputum were treated in Bannister. They were discharged as not quiescent. Eight advanced cases received institutional treatment. Six were discharged as not quiescent, and 2 died in the institution. Six cases of non-pulmonary tuberculous were in Bannister during the year. All 6 were in residence on January 1st 1938, and on November 31st 1938 two were in residence. These 6 cases consisted of a man with neuro-tic disease, two children with apical disease, a girl with disease of the ankle joint, a boy with hip joint disease, and an adult woman with disease of the ribs. The man with sacro-iliac disease was discharged much improved; one of the children with apical disease was discharged as quiescent, but the other died in Hospital. The child with disease of the ankle joint was discharged as quiescent. The adult female with disease of the rib and the boy with hip joint disease are still in Hospital.

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She was admitted to Creaton Sanatorium and the adhesions cut. She is now attending the Tuberculosis Dispensary for refills. Another female case was admitted for observation as the disease was at first thought to be cancerous. It turned out to be an abscess.

Artificial Pneumothorax Treatment

During the year I have continued to carry out artificial pneumothorax treatment, and as far as possible I have kept in touch with cases treated since the year 1916, notes of which are appended :-

- E.B. Ex-soldier. Aged 19 at commencement of treatment in 1919. He had severe disease in the right lung, which broke down into a cavity. Treatment was continued for 6 years. He has now been in work for some years. He is married and is the father of one healthy child.
- C.H. An artificial pneumothorax was started in October 1921 and continued till May 1925, when a slight amount of disease was noted in the opposite lung. He went to live in Huntingdonshire, He had a relapse, and was re-admitted to a Sanatorium, but is now again at work and in excellent health.
- D.L. A married woman aged 32, weight 9 stone. On examination in April 1920 she was found to have extensive right sided disease with a high temperature and rapid pulse. She was put to bed but the temperature did not subside, and on 12- 6- 1920 an artificial pneumothorax was induced. By the end of the month the temperature was normal. The inductions were continued up till Feb. 1924 - a period of 3 years and 8 months. Her weight was then 10 st. 7 lbs; it is now over 11 stone, and her health is now excellent.
- O.X. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in March 1919 for extensive right sided disease, and continued till 1922. The right lung is extensively fibrosed, but there is no active disease. Her health is good and she is able to work.
- M.S. Was first seen in July 1920, when disease was noted at both apices, especially the left. She had a period of 6 months rest, and was then sent for 3 months to a Sanatorium. In July of the following year tubercle bacilli appeared in the sputum, and in Feb. 1923, as the patient was getting weaker, an artificial pneumothorax was induced, and continued till June 1926. She is now married, has no cough or phlegm, and remains in good health.
- X.P. An artificial pneumothorax was produced in June 1919 and was maintained for 3 years. For years she was in full work as a domestic servant. She is now married and is in perfect health.

She was admitted to Croston Sanatorium and the adhesions out.
 She is now attending the Tubercular Dispensary for relief.
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 it is now over 11 stone, and her health is now excellent.

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 right sided disease, and continued till 1923. The right lung is
 extensively fibrosed, but there is no active disease.
 Her health is good and she is able to work.

M.S. Was first seen in July 1920, when disease was noted at both apices,
 especially the left. She had a period of 6 months rest, and was
 then sent for 3 months to a Sanatorium. In July of the following
 year tubercle bacilli appeared in the sputum, and in Feb. 1923
 as the patient was getting weaker, an artificial pneumothorax was
 induced, and continued till June 1926. She is now married, has
 no cough or phlegm, and remains in good health.

X.F. An artificial pneumothorax was produced in June 1919 and was
 maintained for 3 years. For years she was in full work as a
 domestic servant. She is now married and is in perfect health.

- C.K. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in Oct. 1920 and was continued for 4 years. She is now married, and 15 years after the cessation of operations she remains in good health. She has one healthy child, and no recrudescence of the disease is noted.
- H.P. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in Kent 14 years ago, and refills were performed by me for 5 years. He continues to do fairly well. His sputum is negative, and his lung has now expanded. He is at work.
- E.G. An artificial pneumothorax was produced in June 1919 for very extensive disease in the right lung. A hopeless prognosis was given by the Army Medical Officer. 20 years after that he is in good health and gaining weight. He is able to perform a fair amount of work on a small holding. He is married and has one healthy child.
- M.R. Had extensive disease in the left lung with tubercle bacilli in the sputum. She had sanatorium treatment, but relapsed shortly after her return. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in Sept. 1922 and was continued till March 1924, when the lung expanded. She has remained in excellent health ever since, had one child who unfortunately died from whooping cough, and has had four healthy children since.
- A.K. Girl of 18, who was extremely emaciated and affected with extensive disease of the left upper lobe. An artificial pneumothorax was maintained for over 4 years. She came back to Peterborough early in 1938. She had some cough, but the phlegm was negative for tubercle bacilli and the X-ray showed no signs of disease. She is again in full work.
- L.L. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in Sept. 1920 and was maintained for over 4 years. Some time after cessation of treatment a haemorrhagic pleurisy developed. She has now left the district, but is in good health and has had one healthy child.
- C.C. This patient was discharged from another County Sanatorium as incurable. He had extensive disease in the right lung, and slight laryngeal disease. An artificial pneumothorax was induced over 14 years ago. He is now in excellent health and is at work on the railway.
- P.P. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in August 1921 for disease on the right side, with much fever, a rapid pulse, and high temperature. The pneumothorax was maintained for nearly 6 years. He has been at work as an engineer for some 14 years. Recently he developed tubercular disease of the testicle, but is back again at work and has greatly increased in weight. The testicle was removed.
- B.S. Army Pensioner. Had prolonged treatment in Sanatoria prior to coming to Peterborough. He had extensive disease in the left upper lobe, with tubercle bacilli in the sputum, and severe haemorrhage. He has been under treatment since November 1926. The treatment has now ceased, the lung has expanded well, and the patient is in good health and is doing light work.

C.K. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in Oct. 1930 and was continued for 4 years. She is now married, and 15 years after the cessation of operations she remains in good health. She has one healthy child, and no recurrence of the disease is noted.

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M.R. Had extensive disease in the left lung with tubercle bacilli in the sputum. She had antituberculous treatment, but relapsed shortly after her return. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in Sept. 1932 and was continued till March 1934, when the lung expanded. She has remained in excellent health ever since, had one child who unfortunately died from whooping cough, and has had four healthy children since.

A.K. Girl of 18, who was extremely emaciated and affected with extensive disease of the left upper lobe. An artificial pneumothorax was maintained for over 4 years. She came back to Peterborough early in 1938. She had some cough, but the phlegm was negative for tubercle bacilli and the X-ray showed no signs of disease. She is again in full work.

L.L. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in Sept. 1930 and was maintained for over 4 years. Some time after cessation of treatment a haemorrhagic pleurisy developed. She has now left the district, but is in good health and has had one healthy child.

O.C. This patient was discharged from another County Sanatorium as incurable. He had extensive disease in the right lung, and slight laryngeal disease. An artificial pneumothorax was induced over 14 years ago. He is now in excellent health and is at work on the railway.

P.P. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in August 1931 for disease on the right side, with much fever, a rapid pulse, and high temperature. The pneumothorax was maintained for nearly 6 years. He has been at work as an electrician for the 14 years. Recently he developed tubercle bacilli in the sputum, but is back again at work and has greatly increased in weight. The bacilli were removed.

F.E. Army Reservist. Had prolonged treatment in Sanatorium prior to coming to Peterborough. He had extensive disease in the left upper lobe, with tubercle bacilli in the sputum, and severe haemoptysis. He has been under treatment since November 1932. The treatment has now ceased, the lung has expanded well, and the patient is in good health and is doing light work.

- W.M. School girl, aged 14. Had been absent from school for some months with cough. Tubercle bacilli were present in the sputum, and there was extensive disease of the left lung. An artificial pneumothorax was induced in March 1926. There is now no cough or phlegm. She has since married, and has 3 children and remains in excellent health.
- W.F. A right sided pneumothorax was induced in March 1925 for haemorrhage. He has done fairly well and has undergone an operation for stone on the kidney, from which most severe operation he made an uneventful recovery. Disease appeared on the opposite side and tubercle bacilli were present in the sputum, which, however, subsequently became negative. He is now in full work, and when seen in 1939 he was in excellent health.
- E.V. Police Constable. First seen on 14- 8- 1931. An artificial pneumothorax had been induced at the Winsley Sanatorium on 22- 4- 1931. The left lung was well collapsed. The treatment was continued for the Lincoln Borough Authority till 5- 9- 34. The course was uneventful and the sputum was negative. In Sept. 1938 he wrote to say that he was in good health.
- K.K. Patient had been in a Sanatorium during the last War. She had signs of an old cavity in the left upper lobe. She became pregnant and haemoptysis set in. Tubercle bacilli had never been found either in Peterborough or at the Sanatorium. The lung was collapsed and she passed through an easy confinement. She has had slight haemorrhages since, but her sputum is negative and her weight is stationary.
- A.S. Aged 18. First seen Aug. 4th 1929. Had been ailing for about two months. She lived in a poor home where one brother had already died from pulmonary tuberculosis. She presented signs of extensive disease in the left lung. Tubercle bacilli were present in the sputum. She was put to bed on absolute rest as the temperature was 101. Signs of disease were found in the right lung and it was decided to try Sanatorium treatment. She went to the Eversfield Chest Hospital on 21- 10- 1929, and returned on 28- 6- 30 much improved, but with tubercle bacilli still present. An X-ray examination revealed scattered infiltration over the whole of the left lung, but the right lung was free. An artificial pneumothorax was induced on 23- 7- 1930. The last refill was on 27- 8- 34. Tubercle bacilli disappeared from the sputum in Sept. 1930 and have never been detected since. She is now married and is still at work.

I.W. Aged 23. First seen on 31- 5- 1930. Had been ailing for 3 months. She had extensive disease in the right lung. Tubercle bacilli were present in the sputum. She had decreased in weight from 8 st. 7 lbs to 6 st. 13 lbs. An artificial pneumothorax was induced on 7- 6- 1930, and was continued till 11- 7- 34. As is so often the case, pleurisy ensued and puriform fluid was removed on 19 separate occasions from May 1931 to Sep. 1932, 5,250 c.c. of fluid being removed by aspiration and replaced by gas. She had no fever with this complication and she now weighs over 8 stone. She is now happily married.

M.S. Aged 20. Began to feel run down in the summer of 1930. In October 1930 she went to a Sanatorium where an artificial pneumothorax was induced in November 1930. She had an uneventful course of treatment both at Peterborough and Boston. She is now in perfect health.

M.H. Aged 26. First attacked in June 1929. She went to a Sanatorium where an artificial pneumothorax was produced in January 1930. Pleurisy supervened in May 1930. On admission to the Peterborough Dispensary in November 1930 breath sounds were well suppressed over the left lung, with dullness over the lower third of the left lung. Numerous tubercle bacilli were found in the sputum. Refills were continued until August 1933. The sputum has been negative since July 1931. She is able to do clerical work.

K.R. Was first seen by me in Oct. 1932. The whole of the right lung was extensively infiltrated, and tubercle bacilli were present in the sputum. An artificial pneumothorax was induced on 19- 10- 1932 and continued till 30- 9- 1936. In addition 16 aspirations and gas replacements were performed between 8- 7- 33 and 27- 1- 34, the amount varying from a pint to a few cubic centimetres. She is now married and in excellent health.

In addition to these, 24 cases have been under treatment.

Nine are at work, one as a journalist, one on the railway, one as a corporation labourer, 3 in engineering works, and 3 in domestic duties. One case is doing well after an extra-pleural pneumothorax operation. Only one case is doing badly, and this is due to the patient attending very irregularly for refills.

I.W. Aged 23. First seen on 21-5-1930. Had been ill for 2 months. She had extensive disease in the right lung. Tubercle bacilli were present in the sputum. She had decreased in weight from 8 st. 7 lbs to 6 st. 12 lbs. An artificial pneumothorax was induced on 7-6-1930, and was continued till 11-7-34. As is so often the case, pleurisy ensued and purulent fluid was removed on 12 separate occasions from May 1931 to Sep. 1932. 5,250 c.c. of fluid being removed by aspiration and replaced by gas. She had no fever with this complication and the new weights over 8 stone. She is now happily married.

M.S. Aged 60. Began to feel run down in the summer of 1930. In October 1930 she went to a sanatorium where an artificial pneumothorax was induced in November 1930. She had an unsatisfactory course of treatment both at Peterborough and Boston. She is now in perfect health.

M.H. Aged 38. First visited in June 1929. She went to a Sanatorium where an artificial pneumothorax was produced in January 1930. Pleurisy supervened in May 1930. On admission to the Peterborough Dispensary in November 1930 breath sounds were well murmured over the left lung, with dullness over the lower third of the left lung. Numerous tubercle bacilli were found in the sputum. Rellies were continued until August 1931. The sputum has been negative since July 1931. She is able to do clerical work.

E.H. Was first seen by me in Oct. 1928. The whole of the right lung was extensively diseased, and tubercle bacilli were present in the sputum. An artificial pneumothorax was induced on 19-10-1928 and continued till 30-5-1930. In addition 12 aspirations and gas replacements were performed between 8-7-29 and 27-1-34, the amount varying from a pint to a few cubic centimetres. She is now married and in excellent health.

In addition to these, 21 cases have been under treatment. Nine are at work, one at a journalist, one on the railway, one as a corporation labourer, 3 in engineering works, and 5 in domestic duties. One case is doing well after an extra-pleural pneumothorax operation. Only one case is doing badly, and this is due to the patient attending very irregularly for tellies.

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During the year 1938 the number of attendances at the Clinic was 8,431, as compared with 7,567 in 1937. The number of new cases increased from 202 to 238.

During the year nine medical practitioners were qualified to receive a free supply of arsenical compounds, but only one of them applied, and had 3 doses of Stabilarisan. 10 doses of Stabilarisan were, however, supplied to the Peterborough Memorial Hospital.

Only 18 specimens from patients were sent by private practitioners; 6 of these were sent by one practitioner, 2 by another, and one each by four medical men. One sample was received from the Infant Welfare and Ante-natal Clinics. Five were for gonorrhoea, and 13 were for the blood Wassermann reaction for syphilis.

In past reports I have frequently reported on the necessity of taking blood tests in cases in which the diagnosis is doubtful or difficult. This year I would emphasize the importance of not attaching too much importance to weakly positive results. A girl who had had an illegitimate child wished to enter an institution owing to a doubtfully positive Wassermann reaction. No clinical signs of syphilis were found, and examination at another Laboratory revealed a negative reaction. A case of obvious rodent ulcer was referred to me as syphilitic on account of a positive Wassermann reaction. He was referred at once to the Westminster Hospital for radium treatment and has returned cured. In recent years three cases of cancer of the tongue have been referred to me on account of the Wassermann reaction being positive. Such cases should not be referred to the V.D. Officer, but to a surgeon who specialises in the treatment of cancer.

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Summary of the Work performed at the V.D. Clinic during the year 1938

On January 1st 1938, 149 patients were in receipt of treatment, as compared with 161 on the corresponding date in 1937, 172 in 1936; 194 in 1935, 176 in 1934, and 182 in 1932.

66 of these were males and 83 females.

In addition 22 persons (17 males and 5 females) who, from one cause or another had left off treatment or had been transferred to other centres, re-applied for treatment. Altogether then 171 old cases (83 males and 88 females) were under treatment during 1938.

90 of these were suffering from syphilis and 81 from gonorrhoea.

During the year 1938, 238 persons applied for treatment or advice for the first time, as compared with 202 in 1937; 219 in 1936; 237 in 1935; 272 in 1934; 215 in 1933, and 228 in 1932. 139 of the new cases were males and 99 females.

38 of the new cases were suffering from syphilis, 1 from soft chancre, 96 from gonorrhoea, and 103 from conditions other than venereal disease.

32 of the cases dealt with for the first time during the year were known to have received treatment for the same infection at other Centres.

6 of these were cases of syphilis, and 26 cases of gonorrhoea.

Altogether then 409 persons (222 males and 187 females) passed through my hands during the year, as compared with 381 in 1937; 410 in 1936; 449 in 1935; 470 in 1934, and 419 in 1933.

103 of these suffered from conditions other than venereal, but such cases necessitate a considerable amount of investigation and expenditure of time.

206 of the 238 new cases had never been treated before at other Centres, and their places of residence were as follows :-

Soke of Peterborough	105
Huntingdonshire	46
Isle of Ely	32
Holland (Lincs)	8
Kesteven "	5
Northamptonshire	5
Travellers	2
Other Areas	3

Forty-four cases (13 of syphilis and 31 of gonorrhoea) were transferred to other centres during the year.

46 cases were discharged as cured - 3 for syphilis, 1 soft chancre, and 42 gonorrhoea. One patient with syphilis died.

54 persons (20 cases of syphilis and 34 cases of gonorrhoea) left off treatment before cure was established. Included in these figures are 5 cases of gonorrhoea who ceased attendance after completion of treatment but before final tests of cure.

At the end of the year 1938 161 persons were still under treatment at the Clinic, viz., 91 cases of syphilis, and 70 cases of gonorrhoea, as compared with 87 cases of syphilis and 62 cases of gonorrhoea at the end of the previous year.

Summary of the Work performed at the V.D. Clinic during the year 1938

On January 1st 1938, 149 patients were in receipt of treatment, as compared with 151 on the corresponding date in 1937, 175 in 1936, 164 in 1935, 178 in 1934, and 185 in 1933.

66 of these were males and 83 females. In addition 82 persons (17 males and 65 females) who, from one cause or another had left off treatment or had been transferred to other centres, re-applied for treatment. Altogether then 171 old cases (83 males and 88 females) were under treatment during 1938. 60 of these were suffering from syphilis and 41 from gonorrhoea.

During the year 1938, 288 persons applied for treatment or advice for the first time, as compared with 202 in 1937, 219 in 1936, 237 in 1935, 276 in 1934, 215 in 1933, and 238 in 1932. 189 of the new cases were males and 99 females.

38 of the new cases were suffering from syphilis, 1 from soft chancre, 66 from gonorrhoea, and 103 from conditions other than venereal diseases. 32 of the cases dealt with for the first time during the year were known to have received treatment for the same infection at other Centres. 5 of these were cases of syphilis, and 28 cases of gonorrhoea.

Altogether then 409 persons (222 males and 187 females) passed through my hands during the year, as compared with 381 in 1937, 410 in 1936, 439 in 1935, 470 in 1934, and 419 in 1933. 103 of these suffered from conditions other than venereal, but such cases necessitate a considerable amount of investigation and expenditure of time.

206 of the 288 new cases had never been treated before at other Centres, and their places of residence were as follows:-

108	Sole of Peterborough
48	Huntingdonshire
38	Isle of Ely
8	Holland (Lincs)
5	Kesteven
5	Northamptonshire
3	Travelle
3	Other Areas

Forty-four cases (13 of syphilis and 31 of gonorrhoea) were transferred to other centres during the year. 46 cases were discharged as cured - 3 for syphilis, 1 soft chancre, and 42 gonorrhoea. One patient with syphilis died. 54 persons (30 cases of syphilis and 24 cases of gonorrhoea) left off treatment before cure was established. Included in these figures are 6 cases of gonorrhoea who ceased attendance after completion of treatment, but before final tests of cure.

At the end of the year 1938 161 persons were still under treatment at the Clinic, viz., 51 cases of syphilis, and 70 cases of gonorrhoea, as compared with 82 cases of syphilis and 55 cases of gonorrhoea at the end of the previous year.

The 409 men, women, and children examined or treated by me made 8,431 attendances, as compared with 7,567 attendances in 1937; 9,703 in 1936; 10,481 in 1935; 9,601 in 1934; 9,417 in 1933; 9,055 in 1932, and 8,432 in 1931.

4,082 attendances were made by male patients, and 4,349 by female patients. 1,281 of these 8,431 were classified as intermediate attendances for irrigation and douching, 797 being made by women and 484 by men. 7,150 were classified as attendances for treatment other than by irrigation or douching; 3,598 of these were made by men, and 3,552 by women.

The following are the number of attendances from the various County areas :-

Soke of Peterborough	5,497
Huntingdonshire	1,267
Isle of Ely	967
Kesteven (Lincs)	284
Holland "	232
Northamptonshire	113
Travellers	54
Other areas	17

In addition 9 patients from the Soke of Peterborough attended the Ketton Clinic of the Rutland County Council and made 188 attendances. I have no information as regards the attendance of Peterborough patients at other clinics.

One patient from the Soke of Peterborough suffering from syphilis had 94 in-patient days treatment.

1,584 doses of approved arsenobenzene compounds and 31 other compounds - a total of 1615 - were given at the Clinic during the year, as compared with 1,289 doses in 1937; 1,188 in 1936; 1,457 in 1935; 1,485 in 1934; and 1,588 in 1933.

2,374 doses of Bismuth preparations were also given, as compared with 1,890 last year, and 1,708 in 1936.

801 samples of material obtained from patients attending the Clinic were submitted to pathological examination at the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, as compared with 719 in 1937.

11 of these were for the detection of spirochaetes, the organism which causes syphilis, 338 for the detection of gonococci, the organism which causes gonorrhoea, 276 for the Wassermann reaction of the blood or cerebro-spinal fluid, 137 for the Complement Fixation Test for Gonorrhoea, and 41 for the Gold Curve Test of the cerebro-spinal fluid.

In addition the County Medical Officer examined 46 samples for the detection of gonococci. Altogether, therefore, 847 laboratory examinations were made, as compared with 781 in 1937.

It will be seen from the above summary that the work at the V.D. Clinic increased considerably during 1938 as compared with 1937.

The 409 men, women, and children examined or treated by me made 5,431 attendances, as compared with 7,567 attendances in 1937; 9,708 in 1938; 10,461 in 1939; 9,501 in 1940; 9,417 in 1941; 9,085 in 1942, and 8,432 in 1943.

4,038 attendances were made by male patients, and 4,342 by female patients. 1,361 of these 8,432 were classified as intermediate attendances for irrigation and dressing, 707 being made by women and 654 by men. 7,150 were classified as attendances for treatment other than by irrigation or dressing; 3,608 of these were made by men, and 3,542 by women.

The following are the number of attendances from the various County areas:-

8,437	Boke of Peterborough
1,367	Northamptonshire
907	Isle of Ely
584	East Angles (Lincs)
782	"
113	Northamptonshire
54	Travellers
17	Other areas

In addition 9 patients from the Boke of Peterborough attended the Medical Clinic of the Rutland County Council, and made 188 attendances. I have no information as regards the attendance of Peterborough patients at other clinics.

One patient from the Boke of Peterborough suffering from syphilis had 64 in-patient days treatment.

1,364 doses of approved arsenobenzene compounds and 31 other compounds a total of 1615 - were given at the Clinic during the year, as compared with 1,399 doses in 1937; 1,166 in 1938; 1,467 in 1939; 1,455 in 1940; and 1,569 in 1941. 2,374 doses of bismuth preparations were also given, as compared with 1,650 last year, and 1,708 in 1936.

301 samples of material obtained from patients attending the Clinic were submitted to pathological examination at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester, as compared with 719 in 1937. 11 of these were for the detection of syphilis, the organisms which causes syphilis, 288 for the detection of gonococci, the organisms which cause gonorrhoea, 275 for the Wassermann reaction (the blood or cerebro-spinal fluid), 137 for the Complement Fixation Test for Gonorrhoea, and 41 for the Gold Curve Test of the cerebro-spinal fluid. In addition the County Medical Officer examined 46 samples for the detection of gonococci, 136 for syphilis, 647 laboratory examinations were made, as compared with 781 in 1937.

It will be seen from the above summary that the work at the V.D. Clinic increased considerably during 1939 as compared with 1937.

In Leicestershire (pop. 302,600) 298 new cases were seen.

In Gloucestershire (pop. 343,600) 199 new cases were treated, and 6,425 attendances were made. In Cheshire (pop. 729,400) 758 new cases were seen and 26,760 attendances were made. In the West Riding of Yorkshire (pop 1,501,000) 1,449 new patients were seen and 67,036 attendances were made.

The number of patients seeking advice and the number of their attendances is, in proportion to the population of the Soke of Peterborough, highly satisfactory.

During the year "M-B. 693" the new preparation for the cure of gonorrhoea was adopted and has given very encouraging results in men, the discharge completely ceasing in a day or two. The results in women are less striking. It must be remembered that the drug is a dangerous one, and certain deaths have already been reported after its administration.

Enquiries from 43 counties have revealed the fact that 16 have made arrangements with the British Social Hygiene Council. Only 4 of the 16 noted any definite increase in attendance.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACTS

This Act continues to be administered by the Public Health Committee with the help of three co-opted ladies, and at the request of the Board of Control the names of the members of the Committee are given on the first page of this Report.

On January 1st 1938 there were 83 persons (48 males and 35 females) on the Register under Statutory Supervision. Three of these (1 man and 2 women) were awaiting removal to Institutions.

All the defectives under Statutory Supervision are visited at quarterly intervals by Nurse Bean and Nurse Mc'Phillips, and as occasion requires by the County Medical Officer.

In Leicester (pop. 207,000) 228 new cases were seen.
 In Gloucestershire (pop. 243,600) 192 new cases were treated, and
 8,428 attendances were made. In Hampshire (pop. 732,400) 738 new
 cases were seen and 28,793 attendances were made. In the West Riding
 of Yorkshire (pop. 1,501,000) 1,449 new patients were seen and
 87,085 attendances were made.

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 with the help of three sub-committees, and at the request of the
 Board of Control the names of the members of the Committee are given
 on the first page of this report.
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 on the Register under Statutory Supervision. Three of these (1 man
 and 2 women) were awaiting removal to institutions.
 All the defectives under Statutory Supervision are visited at quarterly
 intervals by three men and three women, and on occasion reported
 by the County Medical Officer.

Eleven persons were under Guardianship, 6 being males and 5 females.

One female and two males were in " places of safety".

During the year 75 defectives were lodged in the following institutions:

Forty (24 males and 17 females) in the Peterborough Public Assistance Institution; 3 females at Whittington Hall; 7 males and 7 females at Stoke Park Colony; 1 female at the Mary Dendy Home, Sandlebridge, Cheshire; 2 males at Besford Court Institution, Worcestershire; 2 females and 2 males are in the State Institution for violent and criminal defectives at Rampton, Notts.

In addition one female is on licence from Whittington Hall and is resident at the Eagle House Hostel, Mitcham, and another was on licence to her parents.

Turning to the cases under Guardianship the following notes are appended. One defective is gainfully employed by the Council on the roads and is, I believe, giving satisfactory service. Another is employed on a Sports Ground. One boy is still at school and highly satisfactory reports have been seen by me. Another still acts as assistant to the porter at the Public Assistance Institution.

The three remaining men under Guardianship are too mentally defective to profit by instruction or do useful work. One of the women is under the Guardianship of the Sisters of Charity at St Elizabeth's School, 131, Exeter Street, Salisbury. She works in the laundry and spends most of her evenings off at the cinema. Two assist their parents or guardians in domestic duties, and the last two are too defective to do any work. One of these is under the Brighton Guardianship Society.

Considering the cases under Supervision, six are employed on the land, another 17 help their parents in household duties, and four work as gardeners. Two men are doing well in engineering firms, and one man works in the brickyard.

Seven persons were under guardianship, 5 being males and 2 females.

The female and two males were in "places of safety."

During the year 25 defectives were lodged in the following institutions:

Exile (24 males and 12 females) in the Peterborough Public Institution

Institution; 3 females at Whitby; 7 males and 7 females at

Stoke Park Colony; 1 female at the Mary Berry Home, Scarborough.

Guardianship: 2 males at Bedford Court Institution, Scarborough.

2 females and 2 males are in the State Institution for violent and

extreme defectives at Kingston, Nott.

In addition one female is on license from Whitby Hall and is

resident at the Eagle House Hotel, Middlesbrough, and another was on license

to her parents.

Turning to the cases under guardianship, the following notes are

appended. One defective is partially employed by the Council on the

roads and is, I believe, giving satisfactory service. Another is

employed on a private ground. One boy is still at school and highly

satisfactory reports have been sent by me. Another will also be

assistant in the garden at the Public Assistance Institution.

The three remaining are under guardianship and are mentally defective

to profit by instruction or do useful work. One of the women is

under the guardianship of the Sisters of Charity at St. Elizabeth's

Convent, 121, Eastern Street, Scarborough. She works in the laundry and

spends most of her evenings off at the convent. Two males live

separately on private land, and the last two are under

guardianship to the city. One of these is under the guardianship

of the city.

Regarding the women under guardianship, all are employed in the land

and are doing well in engineering firms, and are now

working in the railway.

One man who was mentioned in last year's report as unemployed has still failed to get work. One woman is a cinema attendant, and another works in a bulb factory. A young woman has fairly steady employment as a charwoman. Three are still at school. Several are prevented from doing any work by epileptic fits, and the rest by reason of mental or physical defects.

The following reports from various institutions show how your defectives under institutional care are faring :-

- P.G. Aged 4. Is an idiot. She needs constant care and attention.
- A.T. Aged 52. Is a high grade imbecile. She makes no progress. She does simple handwork.
- A.L. Aged 39. Is a low grade and deteriorating imbecile. She does simple house and industry work.
- E.A. Aged 39. Is a low grade imbecile. She makes no progress but is able to do simple house and industry work. At times she is obstinate and sullen.
- A.S. Aged 4½. Is an imbecile. She is unable to talk. She needs supervision in every way.
- J.H. Aged 14½. Is a low grade feeble minded girl. She can read and write a few simple words. Her industrial progress is poor.
- D.H. Aged 14½. Twin sister of J.H. Her report is exactly similar to that of her sister (above).
- M.S. Aged 13. Is an imbecile. Cannot read or write, but can sew and knit.
- K.W. Aged 26. Is an imbecile verging on idiocy. She is troublesome and destructive.
- M.C. Aged 26½. Is a low graded ament. She can read and write. She is good at rug making and does plain sewing.
- J.S. Aged 30½. Is an imbecile man who cannot read or write and is occupied in sorting flock for remaking mattresses.
- G.K. Aged 13½. Is an imbecile who can read and write the simpler words and do simple arithmetic.
- H.R. Aged 18. Is a low grade feeble minded youth. He cannot read or write but makes mats.
- H.W. Aged 25. Is an imbecile. He cannot read or write. He works in the kitchen as a cleaner. He is making progress.

one was the one mentioned in last year's report as unemployed but still failed to get work. One woman is a cinema attendant, and another works in a millinery. A young woman has fairly steady employment as a stenographer. Three are still at school. Several are prevented from doing any sort of epileptic life, and the rest by reason of mental or physical defects.

The following reports from various institutions show how your

detachment under institutional care are doing:-

P.D. 1. Is an idiot. She needs constant care and attention.

A.D. 2. Is a high grade imbecile. She makes no progress. She does simple handwork.

A.D. 3. Is a low grade and deteriorating imbecile. She does simple house and industry work.

E.A. 4. Is a low grade imbecile. She makes no progress but is able to do simple house and industry work. At times she is obstinate and sulky.

A.D. 5. Is an imbecile. She is unable to talk. She needs supervision in every way.

A.D. 6. Is a low grade feeble minded girl. She can read and write a few simple words. Her industrial progress is poor.

A.D. 7. This sister of J.H. Her report is exactly similar to that of her sister (above).

A.D. 8. Is an imbecile. Cannot read or write, but can see and talk.

A.D. 9. Is an imbecile verging on idiocy. She is frigid and destructive.

A.D. 10. Is a low grade idiot. She can read and write. She is good at rug making and does plain sewing.

A.D. 11. Is an imbecile who cannot read or write and is occupied in sorting fibers for the weaving mill.

A.D. 12. Is an imbecile who can read and write the English words and do simple arithmetic.

A.D. 13. Is a low grade feeble minded girl. She cannot read or write but makes hats.

A.D. 14. Is an imbecile. He cannot read or write. He works in the kitchen as a cleaner. He is making progress.

J.F. Aged 16. Is an imbecile. He can read simple words and write from copy. He goes to school for the half-day and to the tailor's shop for the rest of his time.

J.C.F. Aged 17½. Is a feeble minded youth who can write from copy but cannot read. He is making progress in painting and decorating.

F.T. Aged 13. Is an imbecile. He cannot read or write, but is kept interested with picture books. He needs constant care and supervision.

W.R. Is doing boot repairing. He is frequently insolent in manner and is inclined to interfere with other people's business.

W.K. Is employed in the garden but will only work under supervision. He believes everybody is persecuting him.

The following notes are appended with regard to the Defectives in the Peterborough Public Assistance Institution :-

	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age.</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
W.H.	Male	28	High Grade	Works with Institution painter
G.W.	"	58	Medium "	Housework
B.L.	"	33	High "	"
A.M.	"	27	Medium "	"
W.B.	"	47	" "	"
T.S.	"	52	" "	"
C.P.	"	36	Low Grade	"
S.B.	"	32	" "	"
G.C.	"	36	" "	Unemployable
J.P.	"	26	" "	"
F.S.	"	50	" "	"
W.S.	"	53	" "	"
E.W.	"	55	" "	"
S.Y.	"	34	" "	"
A.G.	"	28	High Grade	On pass to daily employment
P.F.	"	27	Medium "	Housework
L.G.	"	18	High "	In Tailor's Shop.
D.H.	"	21	High "	(Housework
T.R.	"	30	Medium "	(Encephalitic case)
L.D.	"	19	" "	Housework
E.H.	"	37	" "	"
A.Y.	"	33	High "	"
A.B.	"	68	Medium "	Nil
C.W.	"	57	High "	Housework.

Recreation

Walks, sometimes with a football or cricket bat, radio in the dayrooms, in-door games and reading for those who can do so. Those who take physical training enjoy it and show good results.

Religious services as for the whole of the Institution.

1.1. Is an idiotic. He can read simple words and write from copy. He goes to school for the half-day and to the tailor's shop for the rest of his time.

1.2. Is a feeble minded youth who can write from copy but cannot read. He is making progress in painting and drawing.

1.3. Is an idiotic. He cannot read or write, but is much interested with picture-books. He needs constant care and supervision.

1.4. Is doing good reputation. He is frequently innocent in manner and is inclined to interfere with other people's business.

1.5. Is employed in the garden but will only work under supervision. He believes everybody is persecuting him.

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the Peterborough Public Assistance Institution :-

Residence	Classification	Age	Sex	No.
Works with Institution painter	High Grade	28	Male	W.H.
Housework	Medium	26	"	G.W.
"	High	23	"	S.J.
"	Medium	27	"	A.W.
"	"	47	"	W.B.
"	"	22	"	T.S.
"	Low Grade	28	"	O.P.
"	"	22	"	S.S.
Unemployed	"	26	"	O.C.
"	"	25	"	J.P.
"	"	20	"	P.S.
"	"	23	"	W.S.
"	"	22	"	S.Y.
On pass to daily employment	High Grade	28	"	A.O.
Housework	Medium	27	"	P.S.
In Tailor's Shop	High	19	"	S.O.
Housework	High	21	"	D.H.
(Epileptic case)	Medium	20	"	T.S.
Housework	"	19	"	L.H.
"	"	22	"	S.H.
"	High	23	"	A.Y.
Housework	Medium	26	"	A.H.
"	High	27	"	C.B.

Remarks: - The above list is a list of the Defectives in the Institution. It is not intended to be a list of the Defectives in the Institution. It is not intended to be a list of the Defectives in the Institution. It is not intended to be a list of the Defectives in the Institution.

	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
G.A.	Female	51	Medium Grade	Laundry
K.G.	"	43	High "	Kitchen
E.H.	"	53	" "	Light Housework
F.H.	"	27	Medium "	" "
R.K.	"	54	" "	" "
E.M.	"	44	High "	Laundry
G.M.	"	40	Medium "	Kitchen
W.M.	"	52	" "	"
G.N.	"	61	" "	Housework
E.P.	"	32	High "	"
I.R.	"	33	" "	"
E.S.	"	52	" "	"
C.W.	"	49	Low "	"
E.W.	"	43	Medium "	"
E.S.W.	"	54	Low "	"
F.W.	"	30	High "	"
V.S.	"	51	Medium "	"
E.P.	"	50	Low "	Nil

Recreation.

Knitting, fancy needlework, reading, walks and an occasional motor ride or trip out. They have the Radio in their day rooms and a Church of England and a Nonconformist service is held in the Institution Chapel each Sunday.

BLIND PERSONS ACT

There ^{were} 104 blind persons on the Register of the Peterborough Association for the Blind, on March 31st 1939.

47 of these were men and 57 women. 53 of these were over 70 years of age. During the year 15 new cases were registered (8 males and 7 females). One woman was transferred to another area, and one woman and 3 men were transferred to Peterborough. One woman has been removed from the blind Register through improved vision after operation. There have been 5 deaths among blind persons.

The Secretary Home-Teacher has paid 1,300 visits, compared with 1,142 visits in the previous year. There are now eleven Braille type readers, all of whom belong to the National Library and for whom the Association pays the subscription of £1 per head each year.

Two other persons are learning Braille. Two blind persons are able to use the typewriter perfectly and to one of these the Association has given a very good secondhand machine. There are also four readers of Moon type.

Occupation	Classification	Age	Sex	Color
Laundry	Medium Grade	81	Female	P. A.
Laundry	"	48	"	"
Light Housework	"	47	"	"
"	"	46	"	"
"	"	45	"	"
Laundry	"	44	"	"
Kitchen	"	43	"	"
"	"	42	"	"
Housework	"	41	"	"
"	"	40	"	"
"	"	39	"	"
"	"	38	"	"
"	"	37	"	"
"	"	36	"	"
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"	"	33	"	"
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"	"	30	"	"
"	"	29	"	"
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"	"	11	"	"
"	"	10	"	"
"	"	9	"	"
"	"	8	"	"
"	"	7	"	"
"	"	6	"	"
"	"	5	"	"
"	"	4	"	"
"	"	3	"	"
"	"	2	"	"
"	"	1	"	"
"	"	0	"	"

Registration. Many need work, reading, writing and an occasional motor ride or trip out. They have the Radio in their day rooms and a Church of England and a Methodist service is held in the Institution Chapel each Sunday.

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Seven of the blind are employed and are either entirely or partly self-supporting. 38 persons are in receipt of a weekly grant. The total sum spent on this was £843- 19- 1d. £30- 14- 9d was spent on the upkeep of wireless sets. The County Council contributed £200 towards the expenses of the Association, £50 of this being spent in respect of mentally defective persons, who receive instruction from Miss White.

Classes for Mental Defectives

During the year Miss White continued her classes for the mentally defective. Five males and one female attended the classes held at Keeble's Chambers, Cowgate, Peterborough. 11 males and 14 females attended the classes at Thorpe Road House.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

The Report of the Medical Officer for the City of Peterborough is not to hand, so I am unable to state what was done in 1938 in the City, but in 1937 eighty-eight samples (16 being formal and 72 informal) were reported on. 16 were samples of milk. The results were all satisfactory. The samples of milk gave an average composition of 3.95 per cent fat, 8.83% solids, not fat. 9 samples of butter were also satisfactory. 6 medical prescriptions were found to have been correctly dispensed. 18 samples of sausages were submitted to the Analyst. 2 samples of whisky, 1 of rum, and 1 of brandy were all satisfactory.

In the Liberty of Peterborough during the year 1938 twenty samples were taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. Five samples were taken informally, and consisted of :-
sausage 3; potted meat 1; pork pie 1.

Fifteen samples of milk were taken formally. None of the twenty samples were reported against.

EPIDEMIC DISEASES

The principal epidemic diseases are small-pox, measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, whooping cough, enteric fever, and diarrhoea under 2 years of age. From these ailments there were 10 deaths - 1 from diarrhoea under 2 years of age, 7 from diphtheria, 1 from whooping cough, and 1 from measles. This gives an epidemic death rate of 0.17 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 0.30 in 1937; 0.109 in 1938; 0.09 in 1935; 0.31 in 1934, and 0.17 in 1933. There were no deaths from small-pox, scarlet fever, or the typhoid and paratyphoid fevers.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following are the infectious diseases notified in each area :-

<u>Disease</u>	Peterborough M.B.	Peterborough R.D.	Barnack R.D.	Administrative County
Small-pox	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	1	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever	32	5	0	37
Diphtheria	92	6	8	106
Enteric Fever	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	7	0	1	8
Erysipelas	17	0	0	17
Pneumonia	55	0	0	55
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	0	0	2
Totals :-	206	11	9	226

Diphtheria was again very prevalent, 92 cases being reported in the City, 6 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 8 in the Barnack Rural District. In the Peterborough Rural District 2 cases occurred at Glington, 2 at Peakirk, 1 at Eye, and 1 at Northborough. Dr Hawes says there were no deaths, but I have records of a boy and girl from Glington dying at the age of 13 and 7 years respectively, and of a boy at Northborough aged 8 who died.

In the Barnack Rural District 8 cases were notified; 2 of these occurred in adults, 5 in school children, and 1 in a child aged 1 year. None of the cases were of the severe gravis type.

EPIDEMIC DISEASES

The principal epidemic diseases are small-pox, measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, whooping cough, enteric fever, and diarrhoea under 5 years of age. From these ailments there were 10 deaths - 1 from diarrhoea under 5 years of age, 7 from diphtheria, 1 from whooping cough, and 1 from measles. This gives an epidemic death rate of 0.17 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 0.30 in 1937, 0.166 in 1938, 0.02 in 1939, 0.31 in 1934, and 0.17 in 1933. There were no deaths from small-pox, scarlet fever, or the typhoid and paratyphoid fevers.

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The following are the infectious diseases notified in each area:-

Disease	Peterborough M.B.	Peterborough R.D.	Barwick R.D.	Administrative County
Small-pox	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	1	0	0	1
Scarlet fever	22	8	0	30
Diphtheria	22	8	8	38
Enteric fever	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid fever	7	0	1	8
Erysipelas	17	0	0	17
Pneumonia	22	0	0	22
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	0	0	2
Total :-	208	11	9	228

Diphtheria was again very prevalent, 22 cases being reported in the City, 8 in the Peterborough Rural District, and 8 in the Barwick Rural District. In the Peterborough Rural District 8 cases occurred at Glinton, 2 at Parkside, 1 at Elm, and 1 at Northborough. The houses were three years no deaths, but 1 case occurred at a boy and girl from Glinton dying at the age of 13 and 7 years respectively, and of a boy at Northborough aged 8 who died.

In the Barwick Rural District 8 cases were notified, 2 of these occurred in adults, 5 in school children, and 1 in a child aged 1 year.

None of the cases were of the severe toxic type.

One suspicious case was found in a child at school, and two members of her family were found to have diphtheria.

In the City of Peterborough there were 4 deaths from diphtheria, a girl of 8, a girl of 11, a boy of 9, and a boy of 11.

The Report of the City Medical Officer for 1938 is again not to hand, but during 1937 142 cases were notified. 133 cases were admitted to hospital. 6 of these died. In the West Town division the disease was severe in 5 cases; in the St Paul's parish, and the new housing estate it was mild. The City Medical Officer immunized 88 contacts with alum precipitated toxoid. 152,000 units of antitoxin were supplied to practitioners.

H O U S I N G

City of Peterborough.

The 1938 Report for the City is not to hand, but that for 1937. 1,106 houses were inspected in the City in 1937, and 2,227 inspections were made. 80 were inspected under Part 1 of the Housing Act 1930 in connection with slum clearance. 113 houses were rendered fit in consequence of informal action. 22 six bedroomed houses and 22 two bedroomed houses were being built at the end of 1937.

Peterborough Rural District

Thirty houses have been built, 4 at Eye, 6 at Glinton, 4 at Newborough, 4 at Maxey, 8 at Helpston, and 4 at Ailesworth. 403 houses were inspected. In 172 defects were remedied. 3 cottages at Newborough were reconditioned under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act.

Barnack Rural District

In the Barnack Rural District 385 houses were inspected. 6 were unfit for human habitation. No houses were built by the Council during the year. 3 houses were built privately, 2 at Wansford and 1 at Ufford. 3 houses were reconditioned, 2 at Barnack and 1 at Ufford.

Overcrowding

It is considered that overcrowding in the City of Peterborough will be non-existent when the 44 houses are completed, and a similar statement applies to the 30 houses which are being erected in the Peterborough Rural District. In the Barnack Rural District there were 8 cases of overcrowding. All were relieved.

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HOUSING

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were made. 60 were inspected under Part I of the Housing Act 1930

in connection with slum clearance. 118 houses were transferred to the consequence of informal action.

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Peterborough Rural District

Thirty houses have been built, 4 at Ewe, 5 at Gilling, 4 at Newborough,

4 at Masey, 5 at Hopton, and 4 at Allonworth.

403 houses were inspected. In 172 defects were remedied.

3 cottages at Newborough were recommended under the Housing (Rural

Workers) Act.

Easton Rural District

In the Easton Rural District 322 houses were inspected.

5 were built for human habitation.

No houses were built by the Council during the year.

3 houses were built privately, 2 at Hopton and 1 at Allonworth.

3 houses were recommended, 2 at Gilling and 1 at Allonworth.

Overriding

It is considered that overriding in the City of Peterborough will

be recommended when the 44 houses are completed, and a similar

statement applies to the 22 houses which are being erected in the

Peterborough Rural District.

In the Easton Rural District there were 3 cases of overriding.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

In the Peterborough Rural District Eye is the only village where there is a satisfactory scheme of sewage disposal. Here 6,584,000 gallons of sewage are dealt with annually. The walls of the filter beds are being repaired. Refuse collection is carried out throughout the district by a contractor who disposes of it by controlled tipping. Nightsoil is only collected by a contractor in the villages of Castor, and Ailesworth. A scheme for the other villages is most desirable. In the Barnack Rural District there is a systematic collection by the Council scavenger of the pail closets. Dry house refuse is disposed of in conjunction with that of the Peterborough Rural District. The City Medical Officer informs his Committee that the new sewage disposal works are designed for the use of a population of 50,000, using 36 gallons a head per day. 1,800,000 gallons will have to be disposed of. The new sewage works are being erected on a site of 23 acres between the village of Newark and Fengate. The new works will comprise 2 detritus tanks, 3 upward flow circular primary tanks, 3 secondary sedimentation tanks, 3 storm water tanks, 9 aeration tanks with 2 re-aeration channels, 3 upward flow separating tanks, 4 primary sludge digestion tanks with 4 gas holders, 4 secondary sludge digestion tanks and sludge drying beds. The plunge baths established in Trinity Street are much appreciated. 18 are reserved for males and 19,201 men attended. 6 are reserved for females, and 3,475 women attended.

Water Supply

In the Barnack area the piped supply from the Barnack bore supplies Bainton, Ashton, Barnack, Pilsgate, and Ufford. The parishes of Wothorpe and St Martin's Without obtain their supply from the Stamford Waterworks.

EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

In the Peterborough Rural District the only village where there is a satisfactory scheme of sewage disposal. Here 5,584,000 gallons of sewage are dealt with annually. The refuse of the district is being repaired. Refuse collection is carried out throughout the district by a contractor and disposal of it by controlled tipping. Nightsoil is only collected by a contractor in the village of Garsington and elsewhere. A scheme for the other villages is most desirable. In the Barnack Rural District there is a systematic collection by the Council scavenger of the full cloaca. Dry house refuse is disposed of in conjunction with that of the Peterborough Rural District.

The City Medical Officer informs his Committee that the new sewage disposal works are designed for the use of a population of 60,000, using 80 gallons a head per day. 1,800,000 gallons will have to be disposed of. The new sewage works are being erected on a site of 23 acres between the village of Newby and Peterborough. The new works will comprise 2 detention tanks, 2 upward flow circular primary tanks, 2 secondary sedimentation tanks, 2 storm water tanks, 2 aeration tanks with 2 re-aeration channels, 2 upward flow re-aeration tanks, 4 primary sludge digestion tanks with 4 gas holders, 4 secondary sludge digestion tanks and sludge drying beds.

The pumps have been installed in Trinity Street and each equipped with 18 are reserved for major and 12, 101 and attended. 18 are reserved for females and 2, 475 women attended.

Water Supply

In the Barnack area the piped supply from the Barnack Waterworks Station, Ashton, Barnack, Peterborough, and Witley. The population of Peterborough and St. Martin's without which their supply from the

A piped supply from a spring in Thornhaugh supplies the villages of Wansford and Thornhaugh. There are only two villages now in the Barnack area without a conducted supply - Wittering and Southorpe. In the Peterborough Rural District the supply from the Peterborough Corporation Water mains has been well maintained. The following villages obtained the amounts mentioned below :-

Eye	6,673,000	gallons, as against	7,363,000	gallons in 1937.
Marholm	181,000	"	"	"
Glington	5,564,000	"	"	"
Northborough	1,071,000	"	"	"
Castor	2,105,000	"	"	"

The total quantity is 17,294,000 gallons as against 9,529,000 in 1937.

Dr Johnstone states that the maximum output from Peterborough is 120,000 gallons per hour and from Etton 100,000 gallons.

Together 5,280,000 gallons of water per day are available.

The maximum hourly demand, however, is 308,000, so that a second reservoir is provided at Etton, fed by an eighteen inch pipe at the rate of 120,000 gallons an hour. The water is of the most satisfactory purity, but is very hard, varying from 33 degrees to 36. The organisms of faecal contaminations were entirely absent.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

In the Peterborough Rural District there are 8 registered slaughter-houses. 324 inspections were made. The following amounts of meat were condemned or surrendered :- 3 pigs for fever and dropsy, and several pigs' heads and edible offal.

In the Barnack Rural District there are only 2 slaughter houses. 119 inspections were made. No meat was condemned, but 52 cows, 2 calves, 70 sheep, and 56 pigs were inspected. The slaughter house at Wansford has been demolished.

A piped supply from a spring in the village of Walsford and Thornham. There are only two villages not in the Barnack area with a piped supply - Willington and Houghton. In the Peterborough Rural District the supply from the Peterborough Corporation Water mains has been well maintained. The following villages obtained the amounts mentioned below :-

Walsford	8,573,000 gallons, as against 7,568,000 gallons in 1937.
Thornham	1,611,000 "
Willington	5,664,000 "
Houghton	1,071,000 "
Other	2,108,000 "

The total quantity is 17,966,000 gallons as against 16,329,000 in 1937.

Dr. Johnson states that the maximum output from Peterborough is

150,000 gallons per hour and from Ely 100,000 gallons.

Together 2,500,000 gallons of water per day are available.

The maximum hourly demand, however, is 300,000, so that a second

reservoir is provided at Ely, fed by an eighteen inch pipe at the

rate of 120,000 gallons an hour. The water is of the best

satisfactory quality, but is very hard, varying from 20 degrees to 30.

The organisms of faecal contamination were entirely absent.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

In the Peterborough Rural District there are 8 registered slaughter-

houses. 524 inspections were made. The following amounts of meat

were condemned or unsatisfactory :- 2 pigs, 1 cow, 1 sheep, and

several pigs' heads and other small parts.

In the Barnack Rural District there are only 2 slaughter houses.

112 inspections were made. No meat was condemned, but 25 cows, 2

calves, 10 sheep, and 20 pigs were inspected. The slaughter houses

at Barnack have been demolished.

In the City of Peterborough in 1937 1,260 formal visits were made to the 22 licensed slaughter houses. Two slaughter houses have been discontinued so that in 1938 there were only 21. They are well managed. 1297½ stones of beef were condemned on account of tuberculosis. This included the whole carcasses of 11 oxen, 9 heifers, and 10 cows. 8 pigs were condemned for tuberculosis, and 16 more for other causes. 2 oxen and 1 calf were condemned for dropsy and bruising. 90 beasts, 250 sheep, and 300 pigs are killed weekly.

Milk and Dairies Order

In the Peterborough Rural District there were at the end of 1938 79 producers and 2 purveyors of milk. 514 inspections were made.

In the Barnack Rural District 22 licences are held, and 156 inspections were made. The premises of the larger cowkeepers are well up to standard. The others are fairly clean.

In the City of Peterborough in 1937 there were 18 retail producers, and 13 wholesale producers. There were 38 retail purveyors in the City, and 20 more with premises outside the City. 86 shopkeepers sold bottled milk. 152 visits were paid. 10 samples of milk were sent to Cambridge for microscopical and biological examination.

In none of these was the tubercle bacillus found.

A warning is given as to the careless use of bottles. Several are left on the side walks and others are returned in a dirty condition. One firm supplying 2,000 gallons a month spends £60 - £80 a month on lost and broken bottles.

Veterinary Inspection

Since my last Report was written and up till the end of August 1939 Captain Townson has systematically examined the 954 cows in the accredited herds. It appears that 11 cases of tuberculosis were found compared with 7 last year. Mastitis is practically non-existent in the accredited herds.

In the City of Peterborough in 1937, 1,300 formal visits were made to the 22 licensed slaughter houses. Two slaughter houses have been discontinued so that in 1938 there were only 20. They are well

managed. 12075 stores of meat were condemned on account of tuberculosis. This included the whole carcass of 11 oxen, 2 heifers, and 10 ewes. 8 pigs were condemned for tuberculosis, and 10 more for other causes. 5 oxen and 1 calf were condemned for dropsy and pneumonia. 60 heifers, 200 sheep, and 300 pigs are killed weekly.

Milk and Dairies Order

In the Peterborough Rural District there were at the end of 1938 75 producers and 2 purveyors of milk. 514 inspections were made. In the Barnack Rural District 25 licences are held, and 158

inspections were made. The premises of the larger cowsheds are well up to standard. The others are fairly clean.

In the City of Peterborough in 1937 there were 18 retail producers, and 12 wholesale producers. There were 38 retail purveyors in the City, and 20 more with premises outside the City. 65 shops were sold bottled milk. 152 visits were paid. 10 samples of milk were sent to Cambridge for bacteriological and biological examination.

In none of these was the tubercle bacillus found. A warning is given as to the careless use of bottles. Several are left on the shelves and others are returned in a dirty condition. One firm supplying 2,000 gallons a week spends 100-150 a month on food and kitchen bottles.

Veterinary Inspection

Since my last Report was written and up till the end of August 1939, 10000 specimens have been examined for the 2nd case in the recorded herd. It appears that 11 cases of tuberculosis were found compared with 7 last year. Mastitis is generally non-existent in the recorded herds.

20 samples of milk were examined microscopically but in none were acid fast (tubercle) bacilli discovered.

Accredited Herds

At the end of 1938 there were two producers of Tuberculin Tested milk, one at Longthorpe and the other at Thornhaugh. There were 30 accredited producers, 4 at Marholm, 2 at Longthorpe, 2 at Helpston, 3 at Glington, 2 at Werrington, 5 Peterborough, 3 Eye, 1 Maxey, 1 Gunthorpe, 1 Borough Fen, 1 Wittering, 1 Wansford, 1 Castor, 1 Ailesworth, 1 Upton, and 1 at Newborough.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT

The Report of the Medical Officer of Health to the City of Peterboro not being to hand, I am unable to state what has been done under this heading in the City in 1938. In 1937 five inspections of factories were made, 31 of workshops, and 7 of workplaces. 4 written notices were sent in. 4 defects were found and 4 were remedied.

Three out-workers lists were received.

In the Peterborough Rural District in accordance with the new Act the term " Workshops" is dispensed with and " Factories with mechanical power, and without mechanical power" are substituted. There are 11 factories with mechanical power and 17 without. 34 inspections were made. All are kept in a reasonably clean condition. In the Barnack District the only factory of any size is one for electrical equipment in St Martin's Without. Periodical inspections have been made.

CONCLUSION

As in former years, so now, I thank the Public Health Committee for their ever ready help, invariable kindness and consideration, and Nurse Bean and Nurse Mc'Phillips for their loyal and able support.

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