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Annual Report.
of the Romsey Rural Sanitary District for the year 1893

To
The Romsey Rural Sanitary Authority
Gentlemen,

The mortality in 1893 - (the deaths numbering 1014) - have been exceeded once only (in 1884) - during the last fourteen years - although there is nothing in the character of the fatal diseases, satisfactorily to account for it - unless it be the depressing influence of Influenza - Sixteen of the 1014 deaths occurred in the Union Workhouse, most of them at advanced ages -

Sixteen deaths took place under one year of age, being about 10.74 per cent of the registered births for the year: There were 14 other deaths between the ages of one & five years - not one being that of an illegitimate child -

Influenza was somewhat prevalent in January & catarrhal affections were, conjointly, very common & continued so through nearly the whole of February -

Scarlet Fever - was present at Banchfield all through January - & in May & June appeared at Ambbridge - at Michelmersh in July, at West Wellow & Plaitford in September & in various parts of the District in October, November & December - only one fatal case occurred, & that at Ashfield, in the last month of the year. -

Diarrhoea became prevalent in July, epidemic in August.

with only occasional cases after, & one death of an infant therefrom in July & another in December, at Mursling.

Enteric Fever. No case of this disease has come to my knowledge throughout the year.

Measles. This exanthem appeared in the District in February - became epidemic at Melchet in March, at Aisbridge in May & June; so that in both parishes - the schools were closed for some weeks - the disease died out in July one death from it occurred at Sherfield in June & another at Lockenley.

Diphtheria - was never prevalent - but a larger number of cases than usual was noted & the character of the attacks was more serious - at Mellow-Wood a fatal case occurred in July & a very unsatisfactory state of the premises discovered - the water being positively stinking - a new well has been dug giving a pure supply & the foul condition of the conjoined farm-yard, pig-sties &c corrected. - Three children in one family at Braishfield, died from Diphtheria in September & October there was an unclean surface drain, which was allowed to flow into the ground - no other insanitary state was discovered - The drain was cleaned & the cottage disinfected & lime washed throughout - the well water was apparently of an average quality - a few cases presented themselves in the village in September & October but nothing local to account for them was discovered, yet as sore throat was found to prevail largely among the children of the Board-School it was thought well to close the School for a fortnight - a case was also notified at Lockenley in October.

Phthisis - Three persons died only from this disease during the year in the District - not quite 3 per cent. 1/2 of the total deaths from all causes.

Small-pox. In April this disease appeared in a cottage-family at Mursling - it was brought by a daughter home from service at Shirley ill with it - & 5 others in

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the household took the complaint - all were sent to the Small-pox Hospital at Southampton & recovered; the premises were thoroughly disinfected - the bedding & many other things being burned - the disease did not spread to any other household - In May Small-pox attacked 5 of the inmates of the Kasey Workhouse - one of whom - a very old man died from confluent variola - one was sent to the Southampton S.P. Hospital - all the bedding, clothes &c. used by the cases at the Workhouse were burned - & the inmates were all re-vaccinated mostly with calf lymph.

A singular death occurred at Sheffield in August from syncope following a wasp sting. -

In several instances during the year attention was directed to defective conditions of the water used by different families - & steps taken to remedy the same either by removing sources of pollution, by deepening the old or by digging new wells. -

At my suggestion & under my direction the inspector of nuisances made a general inspection of the District in the Autumn, visiting every house in the District & noting the condition of the premises; of the water supply; drainage, & closet accommodation; & with some few exceptions - he found the sanitary state better than he had done in the previous year - the insufficient bedroom accommodation, leads unavoidably occasional overcrowding.

The Births registered during the year in the Rural District numbered 1149 & as the deaths were 1014, the natural increase of population was only 135 - the fact however remains that owing to emigration to other localities, the number of inhabitants remains almost unchanged decade after decade.

The 104 Deaths give an annual average Death-rate of a little over 16 (16.109) per 1,000 living. The 1149 registered Births - a Birth-rate of a little over 23 (23.08) per 1,000 living.

Table I.

Showing the cause of Death under 1 year of age, & between 1 year & 5 years of age.					
Disease	Under 1 year		1 year & under 5 years		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Hydrocephalus		1			1
Bronchitis & Pneumonia		1	2	5	8
Convulsions	2	1			3
Ricket's Marasmus		3		1	4
Meningitis		1		2	3
Congenital Debility	4				4
Diarrhoea	2				2
Measles			2		2
Diphtheria		1		2	3
Total	8	8	4	10	30

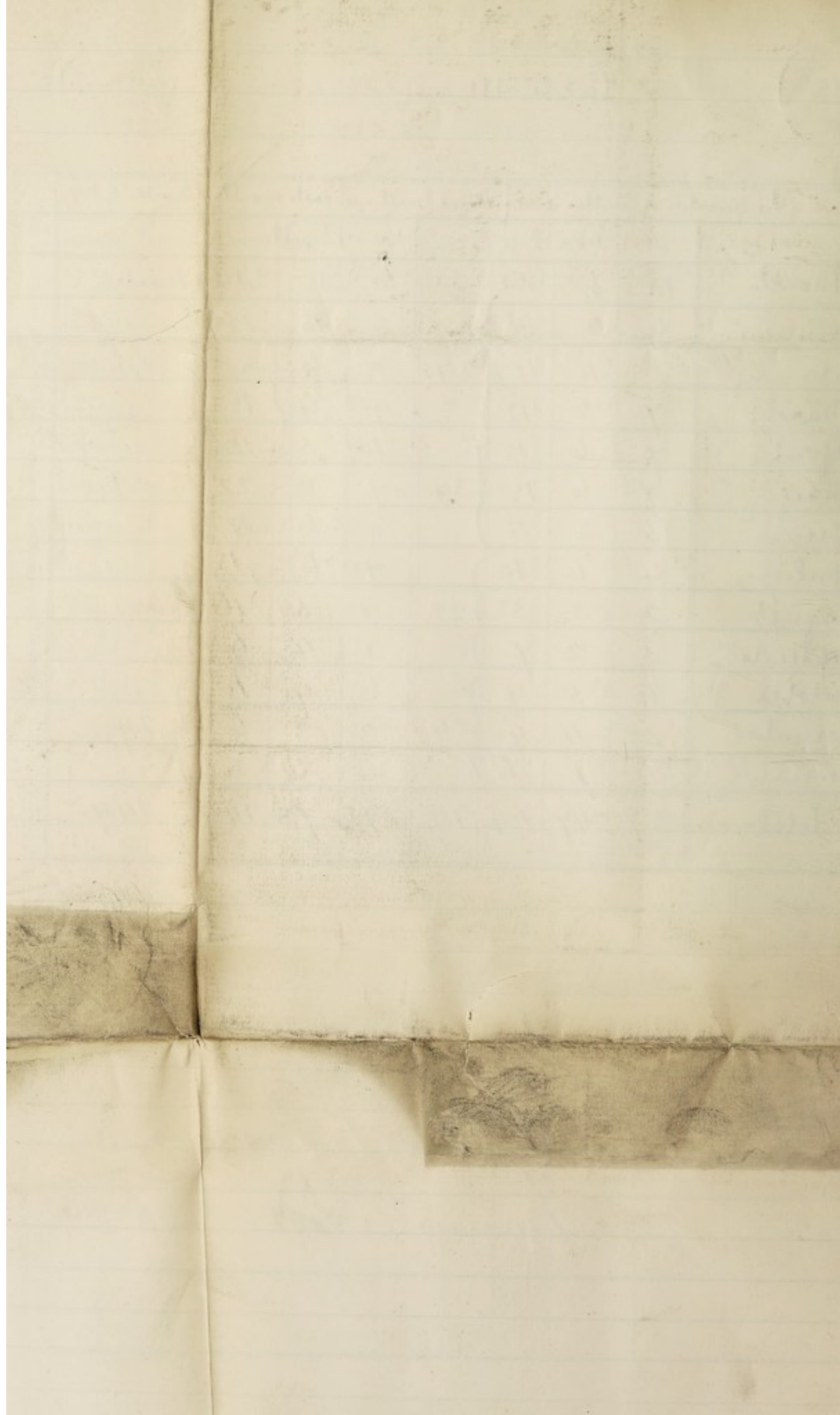
Table II

Showing the number of Deaths and Births, in the several Parishes of the Romsey Rural District							
Parish	Popula- tion	Deaths			Births		Total
		M	F	Total	M	F	
Romsey Extra Rural.	1327	8	4	12	12	17	29
Michelmersh.	1307	11	5	16	14	14	28
Lockerley.	608	8	5	13	9	7	16
Mottisfont.	579	5	2	7	11	8	19
West-Wellow.	631	4	9	13	5	6	11
East-Wellow.	322	2	3	5	5	6	11
Sherfield English.	318	3	2	5	2	5	7
East Dean.	196	2		2	1	2	3
Flitford.	164	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nursling	938	7	8	15	12	13	25
Workhouse	66	7	9	16	-	-	-
Total.	6456	57	47	104	71	78	149

Table III

Showing the number of Deaths & registered Births, in each month & Quarter of 1893.								
Month	Deaths				Births			
	M	F	Total	Quarter	M	F	Total	Quarter
January	6	2	8	24	3	10	13	31
February		4	4		2	6	8	
March	7	5	12		9	4	13	
April	7	6	13	34	10	8	18	51
May	7	6	13		9	13	22	
June	5	3	8		5	6	11	
July	4	6	10	22	7	6	13	35
August	2	3	5		11	5	16	
September	5	2	7		2	4	6	
October	4	5	9	24	6	9	15	29
November	5	4	9		3	3	6	
December	5	1	6		4	4	8	
Total	57	47	104	104	71	78	149	149

Dear
 Gentlemen
 Yours truly
 Francis Tuckwell
 M.D. & N.



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A)

TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1893, in the

Rural

Sanitary District of

Romsey

classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities. (See note 4 on back of sheet.) Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.)	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUBJOINED AGES.							MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	(i)	1 Smallpox.	2 Scarlatina.	3 Diphtheria.	4 Membranous Croup.	FEVERS.								10 Cholera.	11 Erysipelas.	12 Measles.	13 Whooping Cough.	14 Dysentery and Diarrhoea.	15 Rheumatic Fever.	16 Ague.	17 Phthisis.	18 Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Emphysema.	19 Heart Disease.	20 Injuries.	21 All Other Diseases.	22 TOTAL.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality. See Note 5 on back.

Deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto.

Deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto.

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NOTES ON TABLES A AND B.

NOTE 1. *Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each Sanitary Authority.*

2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a Sanitary Authority should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.*

3. *The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the Sanitary Authority for the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.*

4. *The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.*

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmarys, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. *The deaths which have to be classified in this Table (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those registered as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, e.g., the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.*

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.	
Area in Acres	25.507
Population (1891)	6457

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

Francis Buckell Medical Officer of Health.

(Date) February 20th 1894.

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TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1893, in the *Rural* Sanitary District of *Romsey*; classified according to DISEASES, AGES and LOCALITIES.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; the Institutions being shown in separate localities. (See Note 2 on back of sheet.)	POPULATION AT ALL AGES.			Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY, COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.													NUMBER OF SUCH CASES REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SEVERAL LOCALITIES FOR TREATMENT IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.																				
	Census 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1893.	1			2	3	4	FEVER.										10	11	12	13	1	2	3	4	5	FEVER.						10	11	12	13		
									Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	Enteric Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Paratyphoid.	Cholera.										Erysipelas.	Typhus.	Enteric Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Paratyphoid.					Cholera.	Erysipelas.
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TOTALS	6456	6456	149	5 upwds.	15	64	6								3		7																						

State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District *yes*. Since when? *January 1891*. Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with blank headings the names of any that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the Locality in which the Hospital is situated; and if not within the District, state where it is situated. *There is no such Hospital*

NOTES ON TABLE B.

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

NOTE 1. The present *Table B.* is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the Sanitary district or division to which the Table relates.

2. As stated in the heading of Col. (a), *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmeries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

3. *Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.*