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Annual Report
of the Romsey Rural District
for 1895

To
The Romsey Rural District Council

Romsey
February 29. 1896

Gentlemen

The Mortality in the Rural District during the year, was 121. A larger number than any recorded for at least 16 years, and unquestionably owing to the deadly effect of the Influenza: the number was 36 above the average for the last 10 years. Eight of the 121 deaths were those of parishioners of the Urban District, who died in the workhouse.

There were 13 deaths at ages under one year being at the rate of 78.8 per 1000 registered births - I do not know that any one of these deaths was that of an illegitimate child. There were 5 deaths recorded between the ages of one year and five years.

Influenza. This disease, which was comparatively slight in 1894 - assumed a much more serious front in 1895 - a few cases occurred in January - but during February and March (somewhat later, and less suddenly than its appearance in the Urban District) it rapidly increased and became Epidemic towards the close of February and throughout March - beginning to lessen towards the end of the latter month and fading out in April - it proved fatal to many, especially to the old and infirm and to those subject to chronic disease, and its fatal influence extended throughout May: there were from all causes (not directly from Influenza) 11 deaths in January; 10 in February; 26 in March; 13 in April; and 15 in May; since which the Mortality

has sunk more nearly to its normal amount;—so far as my own observation extended, very few young people suffered from it only 10 out of the 75 deaths to the end of May, were those of children under 5 years of age. None having been registered as from Influenza; whilst this disease has re-appeared now for several years it never prevailed so extensively as during the Spring months of 1895: in our own practice 104 cases, at least, were attended by us in the Rural District.

Scarlet Fever. a mild case of this disease was notified from Awbridge in April; the source of infection could not be traced. In September and October some 8 or 9 cases occurred in the farther parts of Ashfield, Loothill, Rownham and Brown Hill: they appeared to arise from the outside districts—as the disease was prevailing there—the strictest isolation that could be obtained was enforced—disinfectants were freely supplied and frequent visits were paid by the Inspector of Nuisance, and by ourselves; and the Inspector of Nuisances, disinfected the premises as soon as the cases were considered clear of the disease, by the complete desquamation of the cuticle; the disease was in no instance severe.

Small pox. a single example of this Exanthem presented itself in January in the person of a Hairy man, residing in a Farm house in Nursling. Strict isolation was enforced—all suspicious clothes were destroyed, and the premises disinfected after the perfect recovery of the patient; the origin of the case could not be certainly traced. the man had been to London just previously to the attack—no one took the infection from him.

Typhoid or Enteric Fever. one instance of this Fever was notified; and it is remarkable that the same man suffered from the disease last year. the Well-Water was examined both this year and last and was found to be satisfactory: the closets are too

close to the house, and attention has been directed to this matter the man is a Carpenter working at many places, but so far as I have been able to discover, no fever has been present at any of them

Liphtheria. a death from this complaint occurred at Nursling in a girl 8 years old - the only insanitary condition was that of the well-water drunk by the family - and a new well has been dug in consequence. a second but milder case was notified who resided within a few hundred yards of the first and attended the same school but this child did not drink the same water - the school was not closed, and no further case occurred; much obscurity shrouds these isolated outbreaks of this fell disease

Erysipelas. Single cases of this affection were notified in March at Bentley; and at Nursling, in December; the causes of which were not apparent.

Puerperal peritonitis proved fatal at Sherfield English in the only case that occurred in the district throughout the year

Diarrhoea was prevalent in September and October - but was never Epidemic. and in no instance throughout the year did it prove fatal to the young; two men, over 70 years of age, alone succumbed to its influence

Whooping Cough - appeared here and there in the district in April - May - June and December and doubtless in the intervening months - (it has since become Epidemic a fatal case occurred in May and another in June.

Phthisis proved fatal in 6 instances - all (with one exception when death took place at 62) between the ages of 21 and 37. the 6 deaths are nearly in the proportion of 5 percent. 4.959 - of all the deaths in the district - during the year. Tuberculosis

caused 2 deaths. - During the month of May, I made a House to House visitation throughout Lee, Rushing, Ashfield and Whitenap examining especially the sleeping accommodation - the water supply - the kind of closets used and their condition also the number of the inmates sleeping in the Cottages visiting in all 88 houses. I found 2 houses only, with but one bed-room; - 33 with two; and 53 with three or more bed-rooms, comparing favourably in this respect, with the Urban District - Ten houses obtained their water - supply from the S.H.W.C's service; 42 by pumps; 13 from draw-wells; and 5 from shallow springs. I have examined the water of a large number of the wells; in most cases I found it fairly good - but by no means equal in purity to that of S.H.W.C.; in a few cases I have felt it necessary to require the cleaning out of the well.

Twenty houses used water-pans or water closets; - 14 had pails; 62 had the old C.V.C's; and 2 had both W.C and C.V.O.

There were a few instances of over-crowding; in each case in a house having three bedrooms - one had 7 inmates of 12 years and over with 4 under 12 - a second had 4 of 12 years and over and 6 under - 10 in all: a third 5 of 12 years and over and 5 under: - these were all that I thought worthy of note, such advice was given in each case, as would reduce the mischief to a minimum.

The tenements called "Nine Cottages" are the worst constructed (being built of very soft bricks) and the drainage is the most defective, of any that I have inspected in Rushing - I understand that it is life-hold property and no one cares to do any thing to them; fortunately the water of the well is good.

Mr. Dawkins - the Inspector of nuisance has exercised unremitting diligence in his visits to all parts of the District and I am in almost daily communication with him - giving such advice and directions, as from time to time seemed to me necessary or advisable. I append his Summary of work done by him during the year 1895

The Births registered during the year from the Rural District numbered 165, whilst the Deaths were 121 giving 44 as the natural increase of population. the actual number of inhabitants, however, remains almost stationary from one decade to another.

The 121 Deaths give an annual average death-rate of $18\frac{3}{4}$ (18.75) per 1000 living - of the 121 deaths, 8, although dying in the workhouse, which, is situated in the Rural District, were yet originally parishioners of the Urban Sanitary District. Some of whom had been long resident in the workhouse - deducting these 8 it reduces the number to 113 as that of the deaths of Rural parishioners and would reduce the annual average death-rate for the year 1895 to 17.503 per 1000 living.

The 165 registered births give an annual average Birth-rate of $25\frac{1}{2}$ (25.5) per 1000 living.

The health Condition of the Rural District was less satisfactory than that of the Urban District, throughout the year; the death-rate being higher than that of the Urban, although with the exception of the Influenza (which was alike prevalent in both) I cannot fix upon any cause of the excessive mortality in the Rural District.

At the close of the year, with the exception of Whooping Cough - the District was free from infectious disease. the rate of mortality was normal - and nothing in the Sanitary Condition of the District calls for special notice.

The following Tables summarize some of the facts of the year, as to the relative number of deaths - the causes of death under 5 years and the number of deaths occurring in the several months, and in the different parishes.

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Table

Showing the causes of death under 1 year of age & at 1 & under 5 years of age	Under 1 year of age			1 year & under 5 years of age		
	Under 1 year			1 year & under 5 years		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Convulsions	2	1	3		2	2
Premature Birth						
Congenital Debility	4	3	7			
Tuberculosis				1	1	2
Meningitis	1		1			
Whooping Cough	1		1		1	1
Broncho Pneumonia		1	1			
Total	8	5	13	1	4	5

Table II

Showing the number of Deaths and Births in the several Parishes of the Rural District							
Parish	Population	Deaths			Births		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Romsey Extra	1343	4	9	13	12	24	36
Nichelmarsh	1307	15	12	27	14	19	33
Lockerley	608	6	5	11	5	8	13
Mottisfont	579	8	1	9	5	7	12
West Wellow	631	6	5	11	10	8	18
East Wellow	322	2	2	4	5	5	10
Sherfield English	318	5	1	6	4	5	9
East Dean	196	2	1	3	3	2	5
Plaitford	164	2		2		2	2
Nursling	938	7	8	15	9	18	27
Workhouse	50	12	8	20	-	-	-
Total	6456	69	52	121	67	98	165

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Table III

Showing the number of Months	Deaths & registered Births				in each Month & quarter of 1895			
	Deaths				Registered Births			
	M	F	Total for each month	Total for each quarter	M	F	Total for each month	Total for each quarter
January	3	8	11		7	9	16	
February	5	5	10	47	5	5	10	39
March	17	9	26		6	7	13	
April	6	7	13		8	7	15	
May	7	8	15	36	6	10	16	44
June	6	2	8		7	6	13	
July	2	2	4		6	4	10	
August	3	2	5	15	5	8	13	34
September	4	2	6		2	9	11	
October	5	4	9		5	14	19	
November	7	1	8	23	5	11	16	48
December	4	2	6		5	8	13	
Total	69	52	121	121	67	98	165	165

Samuel G. Gullermon, Secretary
 H. V. J. Keele
 M.D. 1891



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(A)

TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1895, in the Wimsey District, 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 SEVERED AGES.							MORTALITY FROM SEVERED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																								
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.						(i)	FEVER.															Injuries.	All Other Diseases.	TOTAL.						
		Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.		5 and under 15.				Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Syphilis.									
			(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)																				(g)	(h)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Syphilis.	Injuries.	All Other Diseases.	TOTAL.		
Wimsey Extra	13	5	2	-	1	3	2	Under 5 5 upwds.													2				2	1	1	1	6	7	6	
Michelmersh.	27	5	3	-	2	6	11	Under 5 5 upwds.															1	2	2	2	2		10	1	19	
Lockersley.	11	1	-	2	-	2	6	Under 5 5 upwds.																	3	1		6		10		
Mottisfont.	9	-	-	-	-	5	4	Under 5 5 upwds.																	2	5	1	1	1	9	1	
West Wotton	11	1	-	3	1	5	1	Under 5 5 upwds.																1	2	2		5		10		
East Wotton	4	-	-	-	-	2	2	Under 5 5 upwds.																	1			3		4		
Sheffield English	6	-	-	-	-	4	2	Under 5 5 upwds.																	1	1	1	3		6		
East Dean	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	Under 5 5 upwds.																	1	1		1		3		
Wurstling	15	1	-	1	-	5	8	Under 5 5 upwds.																1	2	1		8		14		
Plaidford	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	Under 5 5 upwds.																	1	1		-		2		
Northhouse	20	-	-	-	-	5	15	Under 5 5 upwds.																	2			17		20		
TOTALS	121	13	5	6	4	38	55	Under 5 5 upwds.																	1	16	17	7	15	18	103	
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.								Under 5 5 upwds.																								
Deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto.								Under 5 5 upwds.																								

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Deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto.

Deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto.

* The heading of column 19 is left blank for the insertion of Influenza, or any other disease which it may be thought desirable to record.

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 District Council.*

2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a District Council 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 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		28.507	
Population (1891)		6.456	
Death Rates.	General	18.742	per 1,000 Population, esti- mated to middle of 1895.
	Infant (under one year of age)	78.8	per 1,000 Births Registered.

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 Buckle Medical Officer of Health.

(Date) *February 29th*, 1896.

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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 1895, in the Plumtree District; 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 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.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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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 such 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 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, 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.
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.*

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Premises Inspected during the year 1895

Nursling Parish

- Jan 24 Chimney in a dangerous state - Attended to
 27 Case of Small pox - Supplied disinfectants
 and Fumigated dwelling
- Feb 15 Closet full - Cleaned out
 " Closet full - Cleaned out
- Apr 13 Drainage in a bad state - Attended to
- May 8 Closet not fit for use - Attended to
- June 24 Closet in a dirty state - Attended to
- July 19 Closet full and offensive - Nuisance abated
 " Closet full - Cleaned out
- Sep 19 Two Cases of Scarlet Fever - Inspected and
 took disinfectants took sample of water to M. & H.
 Fumigated dwelling
- 27 Closet in a bad state - Attended to
- Oct 11 Three Cases of Scarlatina - Inspected and
 supplied disinfectants & Fumigated dwelling
- Nov 16 Case of Diphtheria - Inspected and took
 disinfectants - took sample of water to M. & H.
 and Fumigated dwelling
- 18 Pigsties in a bad state - Repaired and clean
- " Closet full and offensive - Nuisance abated
- 28 Closet near the well - took sample of water
 to M. & H. new well dug
- 30 Case of Scarlatina - Inspected & took disinfectants
 took sample of water to M. & H.
- Dec 10 Case of Erysipelas - Inspected & took disinfectants
- 21 Well covering in a bad state - gave notice

East Dean Parish

- June 28 Dwelling house in a bad state -
 Inspected Fumigated and Lime washed

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Mottisfont Parish

Jan 10	Closet full and offensive -	Nuisance abated
Mar 18	Well in a dangerous state -	Attended to
Apr 4	Pigsties in a filthy state -	Nuisance abated
Sep 5	No water fit for drinking -	Gave notice
Nov 13	Closet full and offensive -	Cleaned out
"	Closet full and offensive -	Attended to
Quitted Mar 30	Case of Erysipelas -	Inspected & took disinfectant

Braishfield

Jan 12	Closet full and offensive -	Attended to
Aug 22	Closet full	Cleaned out
29	Closet in a bad state -	Attended to
Oct 14	Case of Overcrowding -	Remedied
29	Premises in a dirty state -	Nuisance abated
Nov 8	Closet in a bad state -	being attended to

East Wellow Parish

Jan 16	Closet full and offensive -	attended to
Feb 9	Well covering in a bad state -	attended to
16	Case of Typhoid -	Inspected & took disinfectant

West Wellow Parish

Feb 8	Closet full	Cleaned out
Mar 22	Closet in a bad state -	New Closet
"	Well covering in a bad state -	Attended to
"	Closet in a bad state -	Repaired & cleaned
Apr 19	Pigsties in a filthy state -	Nuisance abated
July 19	Drainage from premises into Road -	Discontinued
Aug 16	No proper closet for use -	new closet put
"	Closet in a bad state -	new closet put
Nov 9	Pigsty in a filthy state -	Attended to
"	Closet falling down -	new closet put

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Romsey Extra Parish

- Apr 1 Closet full Cleaned out
 30 Closet in a filthy state - Nuisance abated
 May 23 Water complained of as bad - took sample to M. G. H.
 June 11 Carass of Sontkey in offensive state - had it buried
 19 Closet in a bad state - new closet put
 " Closet in a bad state - Cleaned out & Repaired
 July 4 No water fit to drink - Water from water comp^y
 Sep 12 Pigstye in a bad state - Attended to
 30 Case of Scarlatina - Inspected and took
 Disinfectants and fumigate dwelling
 " Case of Scarlatina - Inspected and took
 Disinfectants & water to M. G. H. fumigated dwelling
 " Case of Scarlatina - Inspected and took
 Disinfectants. took sample of water to M. G. H.
 fumigated dwelling
 Oct 7 Closet full and offensive - Attended to
 29 Closet in a bad state - new closet put
 Nov 5 No water fit to drink - took sample to M. G. H.
 Dec 10 Well covering in a bad state - new covering put

Mitchelmarshe Parish

- Mar 18 Closet full Cleaned out
 May 7 Closet in a bad state - Repaired & new Pail
 9 Closet in a bad state - Attended to

Awbriidge

- Mar 9 Case of Neglect of parents - Removed to W. H. Infir^{ny}
 Apr 10 Case of Scarlatina - Inspected and took
 Disinfectants took water to M. G. H. & fumigated
 May 15 Closet near dwelling offensive - Removed farther away
 Sep 2 Case of Typhoid - Inspected and took
 Disinfectants and fumigated dwelling

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June

Lockerley Parish

5 Closet full Cleaned out
 Aug 9 No proper closet for use - New closet put
 .. Pigstye in a dirty state - Attended to
 Sep 5 No proper closet for use - New closet put
 Oct 11 Large heap of Manure offensive - Removed
 25 Case of overcrowding - Remedied

Tinsbury Parish

Jan 30 Case of Overcrowding - Remedied
 Feb 21 Closet full and offensive - Attended to
 Aug 7 Closet full Cleaned out
 .. Drainage in a bad state - Attended to

Sherfield English and Plaitford No Complaint

No of Places visited with nothing to complain of

Nursling	142
Mitchelmars	63
Braishfield	41
Lockerley	47
Mottisfont	40
West Wellou	57
East Wellou	33
Awbidge	39
Romsey Extra	76
Sherfield	23
Plaitford	22
East Dean	28
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Edwin Dawkins
 Inspector of Nuisances