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Annual Report
of the Romsey Rural Sanitary District.

To
The Romsey Rural Council,
Gentlemen

The Mortality in the Romsey Rural District during the year 1896 - was 82 - a number of deaths which is 39 lower than that of the previous year - and 11 below the average for the previous ten years.

There were 12 deaths at ages under one year being at the rate of $86\frac{1}{3}$ (86.33) per 1000 registered births not one death of the 12 was that of an illegitimate child. There were 4 deaths recorded between 1 year and 5 years of age; - the causes of death in these 16 are given in the First Table at the end.

Scarlet Fever - of this only a single case was notified as in the District - and that in the parish of Braishfield

Diphtheria - appeared at West Wellow in two cases proving fatal in one at the end of January and in the other in the first week of February - both in one family. Two other cases occurred in New Canada - the farthest part of the same parish in April; three others at Lower Warrens in Romsey Extra, in July and a final instance at Shootash East Wellow in a Gipsy's Van in October; it is very difficult - if at all possible - to account for these isolated cases.

Erysipelas was notified once only and that at Mottisfont

Diarrhoea. cases of this affection occurred in January - fatal in one - May, June, and September but it was never prevalent

Phthisis was registered as the cause of death twice only - once from Mottisfont in February and once from Braishfield in December; I believe this to be the smallest number of deaths from this disease. recorded in one year

Whooping Cough. was the disease of the year - in January three fatal cases occurred - and the affection was more or less extensively epidemic far into the Autumn especially in Braishfield and Michelmersh

Measles. as Whooping Cough declined in both Braishfield and Michelmersh. Measles took its place, but proved fatal in one child only, and that from sequent Pneumonia

In August, October and November, I made a house to house visitation. inspecting 111 houses in Stoneymersh Mottisfont village. Speerijwell, and Lunbridge the following short table will give a summary of results - only one or two cases at all approaching to overcrowding presented themselves

Table

Showing results of house to house inspection through Stoneymersh & Mottisfont									
Total number of houses	Bed-rooms			Sources of water supply			Kind of closet		
	only 1	only 2	3 or more	Draw-well	Pump	Stream	W.C	C.V.C	Pail
111	17	62	32	84	15	12	6	97	8

In some half dozen cases the character of the well - water was defective. the water of these wells is being looked to with the exception of Whooping Cough and Measles. the whole district was unusually healthy. especially during the last quarter of the year

I enclose the report of Mr. Lawkins. the Inspector of nuisances who has very faithfully carried out all my instructions throughout the year. +

Sent only to the Romsey Rural Council
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The births registered numbered 139. and the deaths but 82. Consequently the natural increase of population was 57. Yet as I have previously more than once stated, the resident number of inhabitants scarcely varies from one year to another.

The 82 deaths give an annual average death rate of about $12\frac{2}{3}$ (12.701) - per 1000 living - whilst the average annual birth rate, given by the 139 registered births is slightly over $21\frac{1}{2}$ (21.53). If the 7 deaths of persons dying in the workhouse. (which is in the Rural District, but who were parishioners of the Urban District, be deducted from the Rural death roll it leaves the number at 75. which would give but a death rate of $11\frac{2}{3}$ (11.617) instead of $12\frac{2}{3}$ (12.701) - for the Rural District.

The following Tables give a bird's-eye view and Compendium of the main vital facts for the year in connection with the Romsey Rural District.

Table 1

Showing the causes of Death under 1 year of age, and under ^{at} 1 year and under 5 years						
Diseases	Under 1 year			1 year and under 5 years		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Marasmus & Rickets	1	1	2			2
Tubercular Meningitis		1	1			1
Convulsions	2	1	3			3
Whooping-Cough	1	1	2		1	3
Diarrhoea		1	1			1
Bronchitis		1	1		1	2
Entition	1		1			1
Hydrothorax					1	1
Accident		1	1		1	2
Total	5	7	12		4	16

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Table 2

Showing the number of Deaths and Births in the several parishes of the Rural District in 1896

Parishes	Population	Deaths			Births		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Romsey Extra	1343	6	8	14	12	10	22
Michelmerssh	1307	6	4	10	18	19	37
Lockerley	608	2	4	6	9	2	11
Mottisfont	579	6	6	12	4	8	12
West Wellow	631	3	5	8	11	6	17
East Wellow	322	2	-	2	2	5	7
Sherfield English	318	2	2	4	2	7	9
East Dean	196	-	-	-	2	3	5
Plaitford	164		1	1	4	1	5
Nursling	938	6	7	13	8	6	14
Workhouse	50	7	5	12	-	-	-
Total	6456	40	42	82	72	67	139

Showing the number of deaths and births in each month and Quarter of 1896

Months	Deaths				Births			
	M	F	Total for month	Total for quarter	M	F	Total for the month	Total for the quarter
January	7	8	15	25	7	1	8	28
February	4	2	6		4	4	8	
March	2	2	4		6	6	12	
April	3	5	8	19	5	9	14	47
May	2	5	7		6	9	15	
June	2	2	4		7	11	18	
July	7	2	9	16	4	7	11	32
August	3	1	4		9	4	13	
September	2	1	3		4	4	8	
October	3	4	7	22	5	5	10	32
November	2	7	9		4	6	10	
December	3	3	6		7	5	12	
Total	40	42	82	82	68	71	139	139

I am
gentlemen
Yours Truly
Francis Buckell M.D.

TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1896, in the Romney 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 REMOVED AGES.										MORTALITY FROM REMOVED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																										
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.										FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																									
		Under 1 year.	1 year and under 6.	6 and under 15.	15 and under 20.	20 and under 25.	25 and under 35.	35 and under 45.	45 and under 55.	55 and upwards.	(i)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	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.	Influenza.	Injuries.	All Other Diseases.	TOTAL.					
Romney Extra	14	4	1			4	5																				1	2		1	3	5					
Michelmont	10	2		2		4	2																1									1	2				
Lockersley-	6	1	1				4								2																	3	4				
Mottisfont	12	1		1		3	7																				1	3			1	1	11				
West Well.	8	2	1	2		1	2				2												1				1					2	3				
East Well.	2					1	1																									2	3				
Shaford English	4	1				1	1																								1	1	2				
Earl Dean	-																																				
NURSING	13	2				4	7																					1	4	1	1	7	2				
PLAIFORD	1					1																										1	1				
Westhouse	12					2	10																										13				
TOTALS	82	13	3	5	1	21	39				2											3	1				2	10	14	1	2	9	17	65			
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.																																					
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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)	6456
" (Estimated to middle of 1896)	6456
Death Rates.	General 12.701 { per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1896.
	Infant (under one year of age) 86.33 { 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.

Harold Buckle Medical Officer of Health.

(Date) *Feb 25th*, 1897.

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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 1896, in the
(B) *Urban* 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 SICK CASES REPORTED 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 91*. 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. *None in the District*

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, Infirmaries, 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.*