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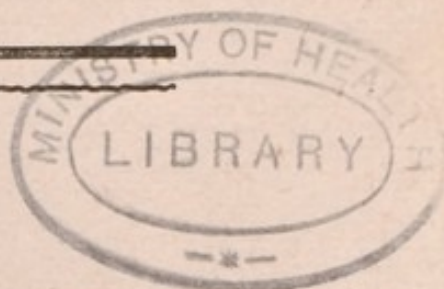
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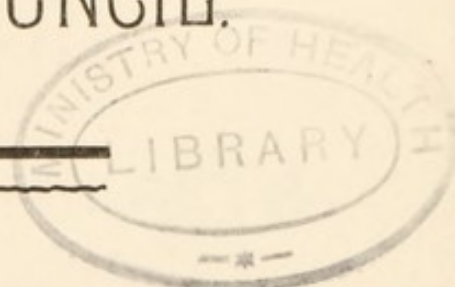
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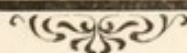
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ROTHERHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH For the Year 1925.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report for the Year 1925.

Following the instructions of the Ministry of Health, this Report will be known as a "Survey Report," dealing not only with matters and statistics concerned with the year 1925, but also to a certain extent with the four previous years.

In the year 1921, the Sheffield Extension Scheme proposed to annex from your district an area of 14,189 acres with a population of 20,000, and a ratable value of approximately £120,000. The Scheme, however, practically failed, but a slight alteration in the boundary of the City of Sheffield was allowed by the Ministry of Health, and agreed to by you, by which 727 acres from the Parish of Brinsworth with a population of 40, and a ratable value of £8,000 went into Sheffield.

The same year, the Rotherham Extension Bill which, if successful, would have deprived your district of an area of 5,459 acres, with a population of 10,000, and a ratable value of £52,000, was thrown out by a Parliamentary Committee of the House of Commons.

No further change took place in the boundaries of your district until 1924, when by an Order of the Ministry of Health following an Inquiry by an Inspector of the Ministry, and confirming the finding of the West Riding County Council, the Parish of Maltby together with a portion of Stainton, was created an Urban District, the Order coming into force on the 1st October, 1924.

By the severance of Maltby, the area of the Rotherham Rural District was further reduced by 4,100 acres, the population by between 9,000 and 10,000, and the ratable value by some £25,000.

The present area of your district is thus 29,614 acres.

POPULATION.

1921	...	(Census)	38,076	
1922	...	(Reg. Gen.)	39,370	
1923	...	do.	40,350	
1924	...	do.	41,560	(Before exclusion of Maltby).
1924	...	do.	33,298	(After exclusion of Maltby).
1925	...	do.	34,390	

It will be seen that an annual increase of well over 1,000 was taking place up to 1924.

On the 31st December, 1925, I estimated the population at 36,957; so that the increase in 1925 exceeds that for any previous year by over 2,000; the actual increase for the year being 3,287.

The Population of the Rotherham Rural District is comprised chiefly of those employed in the Coal Mining Industry, Metal Works, and Agriculture. As coal is developed the population increases, its wants being to a large extent supplied locally by numerous shops, businesses, places of refreshment and amusement, which rapidly spring up in these industrial centres. Trams, buses, and other means of transport between the new villages and the adjoining towns and districts are immediately in operation, making intercommunication easy. Large schools and places of worship have to be provided. The old village or hamlet, where existant near the New Colliery, becomes absorbed into the new Urban Centre, and in some instances, as in the case of Thurcroft, a new Parish is formed from a part or the whole of one or more old parishes. These Industrial Urban Centres are scattered throughout your district and separated by large tracts of agricultural and grazing land from which the industrial population receive benefits in the way of fresh dairy produce, meat, poultry, fodder, &c.

During the last year there has been increased activity in the Coal Mining Industry including the development of By-products at Thurcroft, Brampton-Bierlow, Silverwood, and Orgreave, bringing with it an increase of population around these centres.

Experience has shown that a district like yours can be more economically and certainly more efficiently administered from a central office with adequate staff than can small urban centres with their own smaller and less experienced staffs.

The Inhabited Houses in 1921 numbered 7366. After the loss of a portion of Brinsworth and the whole of Maltby, the number of occupied houses on the 31st December, 1925, was 7,083, and as building is being rapidly carried on at present, the number will soon reach and exceed the figure for 1921.

OVERCROWDING.

According to the Census figures for 1921, the number of rooms per person was 1·05 in England and Wales ; whereas for the Rotherham Rural District it was 0·93.

The deficiency of rooms in your district according to the standard was 1,950, giving a percentage deficiency of 5·4.

The population of persons living more than 2 persons in one room totalled 4,527, and the percentage of the whole population so affected by overcrowding was 12·0.

The number of persons per house in 1921 was 5·3 ; whereas at the end of 1925 it was 5·2 ; so that some relief of overcrowding has now begun to take place.

Owing to your progressive policy of building new houses in all parts of your district, this relief should be further emphasized in the near future.

OCCUPATIONS OF THE POPULATION—Census, 1921.

		Males.	Females.
Total Population	...	19,644	18,291
Aged 0 to 11 years	...	5,681	5,704
Aged 12 years and upwards	...	13,963	12,587
Agricultural Occupations	...	854	45
Mining and Quarrying Occupations	...	7,409	2
Makers of Coke, Lime, Cement, etc.	...	178	—
Makers of Bricks, Pottery, Glass...	...	57	7
Workers in Chemicals, Paints, etc.	...	30	2
Metal Workers	...	811	16
Workers in Precious Metals	...	1	3
Electrical Apparatus Makers, Fitters, etc.	...	77	—
Makers of Watches, etc.	...	2	1
Workers in Skins, Leather Goods Makers	...	7	1
Textile Workers	...	6	16
Makers of Textile Goods and Articles of Dress	...	32	110
Makers of Foods, Drinks and Tobacco	...	15	19
Workers in Wood, etc.	...	216	3
Paper Workers, Printers, etc.	...	11	2
Builders, Bricklayers, etc.	...	541	2
Painters and Decorators	...	46	—
Workers in Mixed and Undefined Materials	...	58	1
Persons in Gas, Water, Electricity Supply	...	22	—
Transport Workers	...	560	24
Commercial and Financial Occupations	...	328	237
Public Administration and Defence	...	78	21
Professional Occupations	...	115	165
Persons Employed in Entertainments, etc.	...	25	10
Persons employed in Personal Service	...	136	916
Clerks, Draughtsmen, Typists, etc	...	185	94
Warehousemen, etc.	...	32	12
Stationary Engine Drivers, etc.	...	346	—
All other Occupations...	...	435	14
Total Occupied	...	12,613	1,723
Unoccupied and Retired...	...	1,350	10,864
Total Occupied and Unoccupied	...	13,963	12,587

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ACREAGE, POPULATION, PRIVATE FAMILIES AND DWELLINGS.
CENSUS, 1921.

	Area in Statute Acres (Land and Inland Water)	Total Population				Private Families and Dwellings			
		1911		1921		Private Families	Populat'n in Private Families	Struc- turally separate Dwellings occupied	Rooms occupied
		Persons	Persons	Males	Females				
a Rotherham R.D.	34441	27849	37935	19644	18291	7799	37816	7119	35049
CIVIL PARISHES :									
Aston-cum-Aughton	3009	4204	4489	2289	2200	915	4479	889	4417
Bramley	1408	1335	2037	1081	956	427	2037	403	1796
Brampton Bierlow	2619	1396	1573	834	739	353	1572	306	1397
b Brampton-en-le-Morthen	1123	148	1170	611	559	243	1158	241	1040
a Brinsworth	1798	2082	2421	1285	1136	498	2420	429	2230
Catcliffe	689	1555	1771	944	827	372	1761	323	1389
Dalton	1976	3248	3571	1906	1665	672	3564	520	2711
Hooton Levitt	549	89	125	66	59	23	125	23	116
Hooton Roberts	1057	191	187	93	94	43	187	43	236
b Laughton-en-le-Morth'n	3879	1859	2679	1407	1272	537	2679	522	2496
b Maltby	4100	1700	7531	3907	3624	1500	7503	1365	6843
Orgreave	547	128	152	74	78	35	152	32	157
Ravenfield	1236	316	352	174	178	78	351	77	435
Thrybergh	1318	2656	2859	1470	1389	566	2859	472	2442
Treeton	1166	1859	1903	978	925	389	1903	386	2054
Ulley	934	239	225	119	106	51	225	50	242
Wentworth	2328	1949	1811	897	914	419	1802	400	2018
Whiston	3431	1939	2075	1001	1074	448	2045	410	2009
Wickersley	1274	956	1004	508	496	230	994	228	1021

a Area altered during 1911-1921 intercensal period. b The large increase of population in these parishes is due to Colliery development.

BUILDINGS, DWELLINGS, ROOMS AND FAMILIES (CENSUS, 1921).

Note—The following Table contains analyses of (1) the buildings and (2) the structurally separate dwellings in the area.

Buildings			Popula- tion 1921	Type of Building	Dwellings occupied by non-private families (excluded from cols. g-p)	Structurally separate Dwellings occupied by Private Families or Vacant.							Total Rooms	
In course of Erecti'n	Completed					Vacant on Census night (Included in Cols. k-p)	1-3 Rooms	4-5 Rooms	6-8 Rooms	9 or more Rooms	Total Dwel- lings			
Cols. a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	k	l	m	n	o	p	
289	...	7007	36632	1—Undivided Private Houses.	2	124	...	704	4709	1430	162	7005	34382	
...	...	...	...	2—Structurally divided Private Houses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	3—Blocks of Flats, Tenements, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	65	216	1044	4—Shops	...	2	...	10	113	79	14	216	1213	
6	166	34	259	5—Others	8	2	...	5	11	8	2	26	141	
297	231	7257	37935	Total	10	128	...	719	4833	1517	178	7247	35736	
Principal Buildings in Group V. (Others)				Vacant on Census night										642
above :—				Dwellings occupied by :										
{ Offices, Factories,				1 private family ...										
{ Warehouses,				2 private families										
{ Workshops				3 or more private families										
1	25	1	9	Total Dwellings oc-) No.										31711
...	...	1	4	cupied by Families (per cent.										3260
...	...	1	54	Total private families therein										123
...	49	1	3											35094
1	3	...	..											...
														...

POPULATION AND INTERCENSAL VARIATIONS (CENSUS 1921)

POPULATION					INTERCENSAL VARIATION			
1901	1911			1921		1901-11	1911-1921	
Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Inc. or Dec. (-)	Excess of Births over Deaths
							Amount	Per Cent.
16,982	27,849	14,810	13,039	37,935	19,644	18,291	10,867	10,086
								26.2
								6,030
								4,056

Area altered during 1911-1921, intercensal period.

HOUSING OF PRIVATE FAMILIES (CENSUS 1921).

Percentage of structurally separate dwellings returned as	Rooms per Dwelling		Families per Dwelling		Persons per Family		Rooms per Person		Increase or Decrease (-) in Private Families, 1911-1921		Increase or Decrease (-) of Rooms in 1921 on basis of England & Wales Standard, 1911. †		Population living more than 2 Persons to a Room	
	Private Houses	Maisonnettes, Flats, etc.	Attached to Shops, Offices, Warehouses, &c.	1921	1921	1921	1911	All Private Families	Families in 1-9 Rooms	No.	Per Cent.	Percentage of Standard Number	Popula- tion	Percentage of Total Private Family Population
97	..	3	4.93	1.10	4.85	0.93	0.91	*	*	*	5.4	1921	1911	1921
												4527	*	12.0

† The standard number of rooms has been obtained by multiplying the population in families of each size by densities (rooms per person). Standard for England & Wales...1.05. Rotherham Rural District.....0.93.

* Owing to changes of boundary during the intercensal period 1911-1921, these figures are not available.

Census 1921—ANALYSIS OF THE PRIVATE FAMILIES WITHIN THE AREA ACCORDING TO

(a) The number of persons in the family and (b) The number of rooms occupied by the family.

Number of Persons in Family	Number of Private Families occupying the following number of Rooms.								Total Private Families		Population in Private Families	Rooms occupied	Average No. of Rooms per Person	Density of Occupation			
									No.	Per cent				Un- der .3	.3 and under .5	.5 and under .7	.7 and under 1.0
	1	2	3	4	5	6-7	8-9	10 & over									
1	6	49	38	23	17	13	2	...	148	1.9	148	489	3.30	...	...	...
2	15	198	142	223	181	120	13	5	897	11.5	897	3525	1.97	...	30	14	
3	18	263	174	337	354	205	30	14	1395	17.9	1395	5860	1.40	...	54	789	
4	14	156	185	377	459	233	26	25	1475	18.9	1475	6624	1.12	...	24	608	
5	4	91	160	329	418	234	28	15	1279	16.4	1279	5927	0.93	...	455	800	
6	1	55	116	222	280	177	15	6	872	11.2	872	4024	0.77	...	318	2028	
7	1	24	79	171	285	121	19	8	708	9.1	708	3419	0.69	...	553	1197	
8	...	11	56	117	183	75	15	6	463	5.9	463	2235	0.60	...	448	2400	
9	1	1	20	70	115	64	10	10	291	3.7	291	1534	0.59	...	810	1548	
10	...	2	8	38	75	31	4	2	160	2.1	160	799	0.50	...	460	1000	
11	...	1	2	14	37	11	...	4	69	0.9	69	380	0.50	...	561	121	
12	...	...	1	3	13	7	1	1	26	0.3	26	150	0.48	...	192	96
13	...	...	1	1	6	5	...	...	13	0.2	13	67	0.40	...	156	...
14	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	0.0	2	10	0.36	...	14	...
15 and over	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	0.0	1	5	0.33	...	15	...
Total Private Families	60	851	982	1926	2424	1297	163	96	7799	100.0	7799	...	...	...	...	...
Population in Private Families	188	2939	4388	9325	12947	6649	847	533	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rooms occupied	60	1692	2943	7704	12120	7966	1363	1201	...	...	...	...	...	467	4060	10617
	0.8	10.9	12.6	24.7	31.1	16.6	2.1	1.2	100.0	(1921)	100.0	(1921)	Percentage of families living in various units of occupation	...	...	...

Percentage of families living in various units of occupation

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	29,614
Population (Census 1921)	38,076
Population (Reg. Gen.), 1925	34,390
Population (Estimated by Health Department, 31st December, 1925) ...	36,957
Number of Inhabited Houses (1921) ...	7,366
Do. do. (Dec. 31st, 1925) ...	7,083
Number of Persons per House, Dec. 31st, 1925	5.2
Number of Families or separate Occupiers (1921)	7,799
Ratable Value	£276,239
Sum represented by a Penny Rate ...	£1095

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR FIVE YEARS:

FOR THE YEARS	1921	1922	1923	*1924	1925
Area (acres) ...	33,714	33,714	33,714	29,614	29,614
Number of Inhabited Houses (1921) ...	7,366	7,766	8,007	6,423	7,083
Population (Reg. Gen.)	38,521	39,370	40,350	33,298	34,390
Ratable Value ...	£258,000	£231,187	£243,904	£263,678	£276,239
	Approx.				
Sum represented by a Penny Rate ...	£1,039	£963	£976	£1,066	£1,095

* After the exclusion of Maltby 1/10/24
 Population (Census 1921 ... 38,076.

VITAL STATISTICS

The number of Births in 1925 totalled 864; 424 being Males and 440 Females; of these, 33 were illegitimate—12 Males and 21 Females.

The Birth Rate was 25·1 per 1,000, the lowest ever recorded, but compares favourably with that of England and Wales, which was 18·3.

Throughout the country the Birth Rate has been gradually declining for some years past, and to a less marked extent in your district.

The total Deaths in your district was 351, of which 204 were Males and 147 Females.

The Death Rate was 10·9 per 1,000, and that for England and Wales was 12·2.

The following comparison of Death Rate and Infant Mortality Statistics for 1924—the latest available—is interesting:—

		Death Rate per 1000 population.	Infant Mortality per 1000 births.
England and Wales	...	12·2	75
West Riding County	...	12·8	83
West Riding County Urban Districts	...	13·1	86
West Riding County Rural Districts	...	12·0	75
Rotherham Rural District	...	11·8	72

INFANT MORTALITY.

In 1925 the total number of Deaths under 1 year totalled 62, of which 60 were legitimate and 2 illegitimate.

For the same year the Infant Mortality was 72 per 1,000 births, whilst that for England and Wales was 75.

The decrease in Infant Mortality in your district since 1911 has been so remarkable that I give here a Table showing the number of deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,000 births, from 1911 up to the present.

DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

Year	1911	...	...	164·53
	1912	...	...	112·79
	1913	...	...	165·57
	1914	...	...	144·00
	1915	...	...	112·05
	1916	...	...	106·61
	1917	...	...	111·57
	1918	...	...	122·28
	1919	...	...	124·00
	1920	...	...	103·00
	1921	..	...	108·94
	1922	...	...	91·86
	1923	...	...	89·74
	1924	...	...	71·49
	1925	...	...	71·75

In analysing the causes of death, it is satisfactory to note that there is a decline in the death rate from Tuberculosis, both Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary, and also from most other Zymotic Diseases, including Pneumonia and Influenza, but excluding Diarrhœa.

It is alarming, however, to note the increased mortality from Cancer in your district, and throughout the country generally.

The Zymotic Death Rate for 1925 was 0·61, not a high figure, but slightly in excess of that for 1924; due chiefly to the fact that there were 12 deaths from Diarrhœal Diseases.

For details of Vital Statistics for the past 5 years, I beg to refer you to the series of Tables which I have prepared.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1925.

		Total	M	F.	
BIRTHS	Legitimate ...	831	412	419	} Birth Rate, 25·1
	Illegitimate ...	33	12	21	
DEATHS	... ..	351	204	147	Death Rate, 10·9

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age, per 1,000 Births :—

Legitimate, 72; Illegitimate, 61; Total, 72.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR FIVE YEARS.

For the Years :	1921			1922			1923			1924			1925		
	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.
Births { Legitimate	1170	573	597	1092	561	531	1047	518	529	1075	561	514	831	412	419
{ Illegitimate	60	30	30	51	24	27	45	18	27	44	29	15	33	12	21
Birth Rate	31.9			29.0			27.0			28.3			25.1		
Deaths	505	280	225	432	239	193	414	217	197	465	266	199	351	204	147
Death Rate	13.1			10.9			10.2			11.8			10.9		

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

For the Years :	1921			1922			1923			1924			1925		
	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.
Total	134			105			98			80			62		
Legitimate	124			97			88			75			60		
Illegitimate	10			8			10			5			2		
Deaths per 1,000 Births :															
Legitimate	106			89			84			69			72		
Illegitimate	166			157			222			114			61		
Total	108			91			89			71			72		
Deaths from—	1921			1922			1923			1924			1925		
Measles (all ages)	2			17			5			5			2		
Whooping Cough (all ages)	11			8			15			5			3		
Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs. of age)	15			13			11			8			12		

TABLE I.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1924-1925 (Compiled from the Registrar General's Report).

BIRTH RATE, DEATH RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY.

	Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Population	Annual Death Rate per 1,000 Population.								Rate per 1,000 Births		Percentage of Total Deaths.				
		All Causes	Enteric Fever	Small Pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Influenza	Violence	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)	Total Deaths under 1 year	Causes of Death Certified by Registered Medical Practitioners.	Inquest Cases	Uncertified Causes of Death	
1924.																
England and Wales ..	18.8	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.12	0.02	0.10	0.06	0.49	0.44	7.3	75	92.3	6.6	1.1	
105 County Boroughs and great Towns, including London	19.4	12.3	0.01	0.00	0.18	0.03	0.12	0.08	0.45	0.40	9.2	80	92.5	6.9	0.6	
157 Smaller Towns (1921 Adjusted Populations, 20,000-50,000)	18.9	11.2	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.09	0.05	0.50	0.36	6.2	71	93.3	5.5	1.2	
London	18.7	12.1	0.01	..	0.29	0.03	0.11	0.12	0.36	0.44	8.4	69	91.3	8.6	0.1	
Rotherham Rural District	28.3	11.8	0.07	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.05	0.33	1.30	7.1	71	84.5	15.5	0.0	
1925.																
England and Wales ..	18.3	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.03	0.15	0.07	0.32	0.47	8.4	75	92.1	6.9	1.0	
105 County Boroughs and great Towns, including London	18.8	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.17	0.03	0.18	0.09	0.30	0.43	10.8	79	92.1	7.3	0.6	
157 Smaller Towns (1921 Adjusted Populations, 20,000-50,000)	18.3	11.2	0.01	0.00	0.15	0.02	0.14	0.06	0.31	0.38	7.6	74	93.0	5.9	1.1	
London	18.0	11.7	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.19	0.11	0.23	0.46	10.6	67	91.1	8.9	0.0	
Rotherham Rural District	25.1	10.9	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.03	0.09	0.09	0.17	0.90	13.9	72	88.6	11.4	0.0	

TABLE II.
VITAL STATISTICS OF THE WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1925 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.
ROTHERHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

Year.	Population estimated to middle of each year by Registrar General.	Births.			Total Deaths registered in the District		Transferable Deaths		Nett Deaths belonging to the District			
		Uncor-rected Number.	Nett		Number	Rate	Of Non-Residents registered in the District (outwards).	Of Residents not registered in the District (inwards).	Under 1 year of age.		At all Ages	
			Number	Rate					Number	Rate per 1000 Nett Births	Number	Rate
1921	38521	1201	1230	31.9	417	10.8	23	88	134	108.0	505	13.1
1922	39370	1119	1143	29.0	327	8.3	26	105	105	91.8	432	10.9
1923	40350	1066	1092	27.0	354	8.7	32	92	98	89.7	414	10.2
1924	*41560	1077	1119	28.3	352	8.9	40	153	80	71.4	465	11.8
1925	34390	822	864	25.1	301	9.4	38	88	62	71.8	351	†10.9

* Adjusted Population for Birth and Death Rates after the exclusion of Maltby .. 39,478.

† Standardizing Factor for correcting Death Rate given by Registrar-General .. 1.073.

TABLE III.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN ROTHERHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

For the Years ..			1921		1922		1923		1924		1925	
CAUSES OF DEATH.			Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
ALL CAUSES ..	..	..	280	225	239	193	217	197	266	199	204	147
Enteric Fever ..	..	..	2	..	2	1	2	1	1	2	..	..
Small Pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles ..	..	..	1	1	11	6	1	4	4	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..
Whooping Cough ..	..	..	6	5	4	4	7	8	2	3	1	2
Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	1	3	4	3	..	..	2	1	2
Influenza ..	..	..	22	17	5	4	7	5	2	11	4	2
Encephalitis Lethargica ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Meningococcal Meningitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ..	..	..	7	16	10	13	11	13	14	14	10	8
Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	..	..	9	9	10	8	7	4	8	6	3	3
Cancer—Malignant Disease ..	..	..	18	13	14	10	13	22	13	14	13	19
Rheumatic Fever ..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	1	1	4	2
Diabetes ..	..	..	1	2	1	..	1	2	3	2	4	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c. ..	..	..	9	8	11	13	7	13	13	10	4	5
Heart Disease ..	..	..	12	11	14	15	22	11	18	22	15	13
Arterio-Sclerosis ..	..	..	5	1	3	..	7	1	4	4	7	3
Bronchitis ..	..	..	34	16	16	14	15	19	14	10	18	13
Pneumonia (all forms) ..	..	..	45	32	27	18	23	20	32	27	23	14
Other Respiratory Diseases ..	..	..	3	2	4	5	4	..	5	5	2	2
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ..	..	..	3	1	2	..	..	4	1	..	2	..
Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years) ..	..	..	12	3	7	6	8	3	4	4	7	5
Appendicitis and Typhlitis ..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	1	1	..	2	..
Cirrhosis of Liver ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ..	..	..	..	4	4	2	3	4	6	2	4	4
Puerperal Sepsis ..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	4	..	2	..	3
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition ..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	2
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth ..	..	..	33	22	24	15	23	19	18	15	14	10
Suicide ..	..	..	5	1	3	..	1	..	3	..	1	..
Other Diseases from Violence ..	..	..	15	3	21	4	10	4	50	3	25	5
Other Defined Diseases ..	..	..	37	48	42	42	35	33	44	37	36	28
Causes ill-defined or unknown ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
Poliomyelitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Deaths of Infants } Total ..	..	..	81	53	67	38	60	38	41	39	38	24
under 1 year } Illegitimate ..	..	..	4	6	5	3	4	6	4	1	1	1
Total Births ..	..	..	603	627	585	558	536	556	590	529	424	440
Legitimate ..	..	..	573	597	561	531	518	529	561	514	412	419
Illegitimate ..	..	..	30	30	24	27	18	27	29	15	12	21
Population for Births and Deaths: Registrar-General's Figures ..	..	..	38,521	39,370	40,350	39,478	34,390					

TABLE IV.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

1925—Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various ages
under 1 year of age.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week	1-2 Weeks	2-3 Weeks	3-4 Weeks	Total under 4 Weeks	1-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	Total Deaths under One Year.
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abdominal Tuberculosis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other Tubercular Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Meningitis (not Tuberculous) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Convulsions ...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Bronchitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	3	7
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	1	3	9
Diarrhoea and Enteritis ...	...	...	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	11
Gastritis ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Suffocation, overlying ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Atelectasis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Premature Birth ...	12	...	4	1	17	...	1	...	...	18
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus ...	1	...	1	...	2	3	1	...	...	6
Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Influenza ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Diseases ...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	2	5
Totals ...	15	...	6	3	24	10	8	7	13	62
TOTALS FOR YEARS:—										
1921 ..	36	9	10	10	65	12	18	15	24	134
1922 ...	20	9	5	6	40	18	13	18	16	105
1923 ...	28	8	6	5	47	14	12	13	12	98
1924 ...	26	4	4	1	35	13	11	14	7	80

TABLE V.

PARISH	A 31st December, 1925			
	Birth Rate per 1,000 per annum	Death Rate per 1,000 per annum	Number of Houses occupied.	Number of Inmates per House
Aston-cum-Aughton ...	22.0	9.6	937	5.1
Bramley ...	24.4	8.1	457	5.4
Brampton-Bierlow ...	19.8	8.4	521	5.0
Brinsworth ...	28.0	9.0	486	5.5
Catcliffe ...	24.8	15.2	361	5.5
Dalton... ..	28.2	10.6	616	7.1
Hooton Levitt ...	7.0	—	23	6.2
Hooton Roberts ...	10.7	16.0	45	4.1
Orgreave ...	18.4	—	32	5.1
Ravenfield ..	4.8	9.6	102	4.1
Thrybergh ...	24.2	11.4	709	5.1
Thurcroft ...	23.0	6.8	1072	5.4
Treeton ...	14.5	10.3	421	5.1
Ulley ...	30.8	11.5	53	4.9
Wentworth ...	18.8	17.1	431	4.2
Whiston ...	16.8	9.1	476	4.9
Wickersley ...	15.3	6.5	341	3.6
Rotherham Rural District ..	25.1	10.9	7083	5.2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During 1925, 287 Cases of Infectious Diseases were notified,—177 being Scarlet Fever, 31 Diphtheria, 4 Enteric Fever, 3 Puerperal Fever, 35 Pneumonia, 1 Small Pox, 1 Malaria, 1 Cerebro-Spinal Fever, 1 Acute Poliomyelitis, 24 Erysipelas, and 9 Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Of the Diseases treated in the Isolation Hospitals, viz.:—Scarlet Fever, Enteric Fever and Diphtheria, 97 per cent. of the cases notified were isolated in Hospital in 1925.

For the five years ending 31st December, 1925, 94 per cent. of notified cases were so isolated.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

DISEASE	1921				1922				1923				1924				1925			
	Total Cases	Notified Cases	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths	Total Cases	Notified Cases	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths	Total Cases	Notified Cases	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths	Total Cases	Notified Cases	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths	Total Cases	Notified Cases	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria ...	10	9	1	7	21	19	15	3	17	17	15	3	21	21	15	2	31	31	29	3
Scarlet Fever ...	37	36	...	...	97	90	118	2	124	124	159	...	168	168	159	...	177	177	171	1
Enteric Fever (including Para-typhoid)	4	4	2	3	8	8	11	3	11	11	11	3	1	1	1	3	4	4	4	...
Puerperal Fever ...	7	2	2	2	3	...	...	4	6	6	...	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3
Pneumonia (all forms)	47	...	77	19	33	...	...	43	26	26	...	...	47	47	...	59	35	35	...	37
Small Pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	28	28	...	1	1	1	...
Other Diseases generally notifiable (specify disease) :—	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Malaria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Cerebro Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis...	1	...	...	1	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	...
Acute Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lethargica ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	3	1	...	...	...	*1
Other Diseases notifiable locally (specify disease)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	18	18	...	...	17	17	...	1	24	24	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	11	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	8	8	...	...	6	6	...	...	9	9	...	...
Totals	118	51	82	32	190	120	144	55	211	211	209	69	299	299	210	287	210	210	210	46

* Died in S. Yorks. Asylum, Wadsley.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

AGES OF CASES NOTIFIED, 1925.

DISEASE.	Under 1 yr.	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 15 yrs.	15 to 20 yrs.	20 to 35 yrs.	35 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.	65 and over	Tot'l
Small Pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Diphtheria ...	1	...	1	1	4	17	4	2	...	1	...	...	31
Scarlet Fever ...	...	2	5	5	15	71	46	15	11	6	1	...	177
Enteric Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	4
Puerperal Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	3
Pneumonia ...	2	4	3	...	...	3	2	1	5	4	8	3	35
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	5	2	12	2	24
Other Diseases :—													
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum..	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Encephalitis Lethar-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
gica ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Other Diseases :													
Tuberculosis :—													
Pulmonary ...	2	1	1	...	...	13	15	13	38	7	8	...	98
Non-Pulmonary ...	1	2	...	3	1	12	5	1	4	...	1	...	30
TOTALS—1925...	15	10	10	10	20	117	72	34	70	21	31	5	415
TOTALS FOR YEARS :—													
1921 ...	6	19	8	7	9	43	33	10	31	13	11	...	190
1922 ...	16	7	7	11	7	80	65	25	50	18	17	4	307
1923 ..	14	9	11	11	12	77	76	25	44	23	24	4	330
1924 ..	11	16	8	11	25	173	116	32	63	20	18	5	498

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1925.

PARISH	Diseases for which Hospital Accommodation is provided.						Erysipelas	Puerperal Fever	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Other Tuberculosis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Malaria	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	Acute Encephalitis Lethargica	Acute Poliomyelitis	Pneumonia	Totals
	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Total Cases	Total removed to Hospital											
Aston-cum-Aughton	..	14	5	..	19	16	2	1	2	3	..	1	..	..	1	3	32
Bramley	..	8	..	..	8	8	1	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	19
Brinsworth	..	4	..	2	6	5	1	..	16	3	2	..	..	..	..	3	31
Catcliffe	..	5	..	..	5	5	..	..	9	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Hooton Levitt	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Orgreave
Thurcroft	..	21	22	..	43	41	1	..	20	2	2	..	1	..	..	9	78
Treeton	..	18	..	1	19	19	2	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	27
Ulley	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Whiston	..	8	..	..	8	8	1	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	21
Wickersley	..	7	..	..	7	7	2	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	15
Totals for South Rotherham	..	86	27	3	116	110	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	15
Brampton Bierlow	..	6	2	..	8	8	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	54
Dalton	..	21	2	1	9	22	3	..	15	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hooton Roberts	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ravenfield
Thrybergh	..	13	..	..	13	13	7	..	12	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	38
Wentworth	1	51	..	..	52	52	3	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	63
Totals for North Rotherham	1	91	4	1	97	95	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Totals	1	177	31	4	213	205	24	*3	98	30	9	1	+1	..	+1	35	415

* 2 Admitted to Jessop's Hospital, Sheffield, and 1 Admitted to Rotherham Infirmary.

† Admitted to Rotherham General Hospital.

‡ Admitted to Children's Hospital, Western Bank, Sheffield.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES for the Years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925,

PARISH	Diseases for which Hospital Accommodation is provided.						Erysipelas	Puerperal Fever	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Other Tuberculosis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Malaria	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	Acute Encephalitis Lethargica	Acute Poliomyelitis	Pneumonia	Totals
	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Total Cases	Total removed to Hospital											
Aston-cum-Aughton	..	45	21	2	68	61	4	4	24	19	6	1	..	1	1	16	144
*Brampton-en-le-Morthen..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bramley ..	..	36	5	1	42	40	4	..	19	15	..	..	..	..	1	21	102
Brinsworth ..	..	24	3	2	29	28	2	..	42	10	4	..	..	1	1	10	100
Catcliffe ..	..	13	1	..	14	14	3	..	27	12	1	..	1	..	..	6	64
Hooton Levitt ..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
*Laughton-en-le-Morthen	..	9	3	2	14	14	..	..	6	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
† Maltby ..	..	78	3	1	82	78	29	1	64	42	6	1	..	2	..	36	263
Orgreave ..	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Thurcroft ..	1	63	31	..	95	91	2	..	31	10	3	..	1	2	..	14	158
Treeton ..	..	37	1	8	46	45	5	3	19	6	2	..	1	..	..	5	87
Ulley ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Whiston ..	..	56	2	..	58	56	4	1	28	2	1	..	..	..	2	7	103
Wickersley ..	..	28	2	1	31	24	5	..	8	7	2	..	..	..	..	7	60
Totals for South Rotherham	1	391	74	17	483	453	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brampton Bierlow	..	24	4	1	29	28	1	1	16	1	3	..	..	..	..	10	61
Dalton ..	18	60	4	3	85	78	12	4	63	38	7	..	..	..	2	37	248
Hooton Roberts ..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	10
Ravenfield ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Thrybergh ..	9	69	16	5	99	97	12	3	54	26	6	..	..	..	..	1	201
Wentworth ..	1	58	2	2	63	61	5	3	26	6	..	..	..	..	..	13	116
Totals for North Rotherham	28	212	26	11	277	265	90	22	440	206	41	2	3	6	7	188	1765
Grand Totals	29	603	100	28	760	718	90	22	440	206	41	2	3	6	7	188	1765

* The Parishes of Brampton-en-le-Morthen and Laughton-en-le-Morthen were united to form the Parish of Thurcroft, 1st April, 1923.
 † Maltby was made an Urban District from 1st October, 1924.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.

	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Pneumonia	Puerperal Fever	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
England and Wales:							
1923	2,473	85,591	40,013	3,212	44,623	2,193	6,591
1924	3,792	84,659	31,991	4,133	60,790	2,182	6,270
1925	5,355	91,389	47,752	2,783	55,955	2,395	5,751
Yorks. West Riding:							
1923	289	8,772	2,609	302	6,644	258	573
1924	103	7,614	2,395	472	9,702	264	523
1925	283	8,107	2,933	239	8,518	286	531
Rotherham Rural District:							
1923	...	124	17	11	26	6	8
1924	28	168	21	1	47	3	6
1925	1	177	31	4	35	3	9

It will be seen that Scarlet Fever has been very prevalent and has affected all parts of your district, both Hospitals being constantly filled to overflowing. This prevalence which has been increasing since 1922, applies not only to your district, but equally to adjoining districts; to the whole of the West Riding of Yorkshire, and in fact to England and Wales generally; no less than 91,389 cases having been notified in England and Wales, and 8,107 in the West Riding, in 1925.

Of the 177 cases in your district, 171 were removed to and isolated in Hospital, and there was only one death.

The disease on the whole has been of such a mild character that a number of cases have only been recognised in the late stages of desquamation, and others have, no doubt, been missed altogether. Unfortunately, these mild cases are infectious, especially in the early stage, and are accountable for the difficulty in controlling and stamping out the disease.

During 1925, 6 return cases occurred. The number of return cases for the 5 years ending 31st December, 1925, was 15.

1921	...	...	Nil
1922	...	...	2
1923	...	...	Nil
1924	...	...	7
1925	...	...	6
			—
Total			15
			—

It is probable that the considerable number of return cases are to a large extent due to overcrowding of the Scarlet Fever Wards, in which circumstances the air becomes more vitiated and more highly charged with infection; the consequence being, retained infection in the air passages of discharged cases, who are at the time of discharge apparently free from infection.

The parishes which suffered most heavily from Infectious Disease were—Thurcroft, where 78 cases occurred; Wentworth, 63; Dalton, 54, Thrybergh, 38, and Aston, 32.

Of these totals, Scarlet Fever accounted for the following:—Thurcroft, 21 cases; Wentworth, 51; Dalton, 21; Thrybergh, 13, and Aston, 14. Treeton also suffered to the extent of 18 cases.

SCARLET FEVER.				DIPHTHERIA.				
Year	Total	Cases occurring in Houses containing less than			Total	Cases occurring in Houses containing less than		
		1 person per room	1 to 2 per room	2 and over per room		1 person per room	1 to 2 per room	2 and over per room
1924	168	33	86	49	21	2	7	12
1925	177	48	81	48	31	14	17	...
1924	..	In 1 house, 5 Cases occurred. In 3 houses, 3 Cases occurred. In 22 houses, 2 Cases occurred. In 110 houses, 1 Case occurred.						
1925	...	In 2 houses, 4 Cases occurred In 7 houses, 3 Cases occurred In 20 houses, 2 Cases occurred In 108 houses, 1 Case occurred			1925	...	In 1 house, 2 Cases occurred In 29 houses, 1 Case occurred	

Of the 31 cases of Diphtheria, 29 were isolated in Hospital, and only 3 died. Antitoxin treatment was carried out in all cases. The greatest prevalence occurred at Thurgroft, where 21 cases chiefly of school age were notified. On several occasions I swabbed the throats of the classes affected, but no carriers were discovered.

In 1924, Acute Encephalitis Lethargica (Sleepy Sickness) caused some anxiety, 6 cases having been notified in April, May, June and July, one of which proved fatal. Three were treated in Hospital. The disease was alarmingly prevalent in the Sheffield District at this time. No further case occurred, however, after July, 1924, and your district has been free from this disease since.

The Zymotic Death Rate for 1925 was 0.61 per 1,000 population, not an excessive figure, though a little higher than in 1924, when it was 0.58.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES FOR FIVE YEARS.

For the Years:	...	1921		1922		1923		1924		1925	
		Number of Deaths	Rate per 1000 living	Number of Deaths	Rate per 1000 living	Number of Deaths	Rate per 1000 living	Number of Deaths	Rate per 1000 living	Number of Deaths	Rate per 1000 living
DISEASE											
Small Pox	...	..	.00	..	.00	..	.00	..	.00	...	.00
Scarlet Fever	...	..	.00	...	.00	2	.04	...	.00	1	.03
Diphtheria	...	1	.02	7	.17	3	.07	2	.05	3	.09
Enteric Fever	...	2	.05	3	.07	3	.07	3	.07	...	.00
Measles	...	2	.05	17	.43	5	.12	5	.12	2	.06
Whooping Cough	...	11	.28	8	.20	15	.37	5	.13	3	.09
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	...	15	.38	13	.33	11	.27	8	.20	12	.35
Tuberculosis (including Phthisis)	...	41	1.06	41	1.04	35	.86	42	1.00	24	.70
Phthisis	...	23	.59	23	.58	24	.59	28	.71	18	.52
Pneumonia	...	77	1.99	19	.48	43	1.06	59	1.4	37	1.08
Influenza	...	39	1.01	9	.22	12	.29	13	.33	6	.17

ZYMOTIC DEATH RATES.

1921	...	...	.80
1922	...	...	1.22
1923	...	...	.96
1924	...	...	.58
1925	...	...	.61

AGES OF DEATHS, 1925

DISEASE.	Under 1 yr.	1 to 2 yrs.	2 to 3 yrs.	3 to 4 yrs.	4 to 5 yrs.	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 15 yrs.	15 to 20 yrs.	20 to 35 yrs.	35 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.	65 and over	Total
Small Pox ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria ... ..	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Scarlet Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Enteric Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	3
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	9	4	2	1	...	3	1	...	4	1	6	6	37
Other Diseases :—													
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Encephalitis Lethar-													
gica ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Tuberculosis :—													
Pulmonary	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	3	3	...	18
Non-Pulmonary	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	6
	12	7	3	1	1	6	1	3	13	6	10	7	70

SMALL POX.

In 1925, only one case of Small Pox was notified, at Harley, Wentworth, from which there was no spread. In England and Wales, 5,355 cases were notified.

After being free from Small Pox for many years, in 1924 the disease occurred in epidemic form at Dalton and Thrybergh, in the month of July a considerable number of centres of infection being discovered, and several mild cases were found at large, unconscious of the fact that they were suffering from a dangerous disease, and were spreading infection. The disease affected chiefly children of school age, from schools with an attendance of nearly 3,000.

The first case occurred in May and was easily traced to direct contact with an infected person at Chesterfield. The diagnosis was not made in this case until the patient had been ill for several days. Although every endeavour was made to trace all contacts, one evidently escaped our vigilance, and the epidemic of July was ultimately traced to this contact, who developed an extremely mild attack of Small Pox which was quite unrecognised.

In all, 26 cases occurred in this outbreak, the whole epidemic being stamped out during the month of July.

Of the 26 cases, only two occurred in vaccinated persons, and in these, vaccination had been performed over 20 years previously.

The disease was of a mild type, and no deaths occurred. In November of the same year two further cases occurred in unvaccinated adults; one at Thrybergh which was directly traced to contact with a case in the Borough of Rotherham, and the other at Thurcroft, directly traced to Chesterfield. In neither case was there any spread of the disease.

In his Annual Report for the year 1924, the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, commenting on Small Pox, says,—“Good work was done by the Medical Officer of Health of the Rotherham Rural District, and the Public Vaccinator (of Thrybergh and Dalton) where the outbreak which lasted for some six weeks, was limited to 28 cases.

Of the two Small-Pox Hospitals in the district, only the Hooper Hospital was utilized in 1925.

The one essential condition for preventing the disease is vaccination fortified by re-vaccination.

ENTERIC FEVER.

During the year 1925, four cases of Enteric Fever occurred. These were removed to Hospital, and all recovered. There was no spread of infection in any case.

Except in 1923, no outbreak of Enteric has occurred for 15 years.

In December, 1923, however, an outbreak of a serious and fatal character occurred at Arundel Street, Treeton, then served by Privy Middens, since converted into Water Closets. Seven cases occurred, six being in one house, the seventh being a woman who lived in a neighbouring house and nursed the early cases. The illness commenced early in October, but unfortunately the nature of the disease was not recognised, and no intimation reached the Health Department until December, when two cases were notified; four others in the same house being affected. All six were immediately removed to Hospital, and most stringent measures were taken to prevent any spread of the disease, which were happily successful.

After an exhaustive investigation I was unable to trace the source of infection which was of a virulent character, and in my opinion, spread directly from one patient to another.

Of the seven cases, five proved fatal.

The freedom from serious outbreaks of Enteric Fever, which before 1911 were not uncommon in your district, I attribute to improved sanitary conditions, particularly the extension of the Branch Water Supply and substitution of the water carriage system of excrement disposal for the old insanitary privy midden system which is gradually becoming extinct throughout your district.

To the same cause, assisted by health visiting and child welfare schemes, I attribute the gradual decline in the incidence and mortality from Diarrhoea and Enteritis.

Measles and Whooping Cough owing to nursing and health, visiting, are also becoming less fatal.

It is now considered, except in very exceptional circumstances unnecessary and indeed unwise to close Schools for the purpose of preventing the spread of Infectious Disease among school children. A Memorandum issued jointly by the Ministry of Health and the Board of Education draws the attention of Local Authorities and Health Departments to this fact, and emphasises the importance of keeping schools open to enable Health Authorities with the assistance of School Medical Officers and School Teachers to control outbreaks of Infectious Disease. I have freely availed myself of such assistance, and have found it invaluable in dealing with outbreaks of Small Pox, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Measles, &c.

SCHOOL CLOSURES.

School.	Disease.	From	To
Wentworth National School (Infants' Department)	Measles	1925 15th Jany.	1925 12th Feby.
Ulley Council School	Influenza	12th Feby.	22nd Feby.
Whiston National Sc'l (Infants' Departm't)	Measles	11th Mar.	8th April

ISOLATION HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

For the purpose of dealing with the isolation and treatment of Infectious Diseases, the Rotherham Rural District is represented on

(a) The South Rotherham and Kiveton Park Joint Hospital Committee, who own an Isolation Hospital at Swallownest, in the Parish of Aston, and a Small Pox Hospital at Brampton-en-le-Morthen, in the Parish of Thurcroft.

The whole of the Kiveton Park Rural District, and the following parishes in the Rotherham Rural District, and the Urban District of Maltby, are administered for the above purpose by this Committee.

Population of the South Rotherham and Kiveton Park Joint Hospital Committees Area, reconstituted by the Ministry of Health's Provisional Order Confirmation (Sheffield Extension) Act, 1921.

POPULATION AT CENSUS OF 1921.

Kiveton Park Rural District	...	...	15050
Rotherham Rural Parishes :—			
Aston-cum-Aughton	...	...	4204
Brinsworth	...	...	2082
Bramley	...	...	2037
Brampton (now part of Thurgroft)	...	...	1170
Catchcliffe	...	...	1771
Hooton Levitt	...	...	125
Laughton-en-le-Morthen (now part of Thurgroft)	...	...	2679
Orgreave	...	...	152
Treeton	...	...	1903
Ulley	...	...	225
Whiston	...	...	2075
Wickersley	...	...	1004
			19427
Maltby Urban District	...	...	7531
			42008

(1) The Swallownest Hospital is an up-to-date Isolation Hospital, well-administered, containing a large administrative block and three isolation blocks each with two wards, an excellent steam disinfecter, laundry, discharge ward, and all the necessary offices and outbuildings. It has the branch water supply, and is drained into the Council's sewer.

An additional isolation block is in course of erection, and will be completed at an early date. At present there are 32 beds.

This Hospital is provided with a modern motor ambulance.

(2) The Small Pox Hospital at Brampton consists of an administrative block, laundry block, discharge block, and a pavilion of 2 wards, one containing 8 beds and 4 cots, and the other 7 beds and 2 cots. There is a special concrete platform prepared (23 yards by 10 yards) on which another pavilion can be erected when necessary, and there is room for further extension if required.

The drainage goes to a properly constructed tank and filter bed, and the Council's Branch Water Supply is laid on.

The Hospital is a considerable distance from any inhabited building, and the grounds are enclosed by a substantial brick wall. It is kept in good condition, excellently administered, and ready for the reception of patients at any time.

This Hospital is provided with a horse ambulance, but a motor ambulance is under consideration.

(b) The Wath, Swinton and District Joint Hospital Board.

This Board consists of representatives from the following Urban Districts, and the Northern portion of the Rotherham Rural District as follows:—

POPULATION AT CENSUS OF 1921.

Bolton-on-Deane	...	...	11951
Greasbrough	...	...	3177
Swinton	...	...	13912
Wath	...	...	12857
Rotherham Rural District:—			
Dalton	...	...	3571
Brampton-Bierlow	...	...	1573
Hooton Roberts	187
Ravenfield	352
Thrybergh	2859
Wentworth	1811
		—	10353
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(1) The Board own an Isolation Hospital at Wath Wood, in the Wath Urban District, excellently situated and administered, and containing four isolation blocks, and all the necessary administrative blocks and appurtenances, for dealing with the ordinary infectious diseases dealt with in such Hospitals.

At present there are 42 beds, and an additional block is to be added in the near future.

This Hospital is provided with a modern motor ambulance.

(2) The Small Pox Hospital is situated at Hooper, in the Parish of Brampton-Bierlow, in the Rotherham Rural District, and consists of a cottage, containing caretaker's rooms, and rooms for administrative staff, and one ward divided into two rooms containing 13 beds and 4 cots.

This Hospital is being enlarged and improved.

It is ready for the reception of patients at any time.

It is provided with a horse ambulance, but a motor ambulance is under consideration.

The population of the two areas have greatly increased since 1921, and at the end of 1925 I estimate them as follows:—

South Rotherham and Kiveton Park Joint Hospital Committees Area, December 31st, 1925—Population (Approx.) 65,000.

Wath. Swinton and District Joint Hospital Board Area,
December 31st, 1925—Population (Approx.) 60,000.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The enormous increase in the number of cases of Tuberculosis notified in the last few years is to some considerable extent due to earlier and better methods of diagnosis. At the same time the increasing mortality from this cause is somewhat alarming.

In 1924 we had by far the largest number of cases notified and the greatest number of deaths in your district from Tuberculosis that had ever been recorded.

The figures were as follows :—

Total cases notified	...	...	...	199
Total deaths	..	...	...	42

The figures for 1925 are however, somewhat reassuring, the number of cases notified having dropped to 128, and the deaths to 24, and the Tuberculosis death-rate per 1,000 living has dropped from 1·00 to 0·70. For the five years ending 31st December, 1924 (the latest available figures), the average mortality from Phthisis in the Urban Districts of the West Riding County Council was 0·74 per 1,000, for the Rural Districts 0·60 per 1,000, and for the Rotherham Rural District 0·61 per 1,000.

I hope that with the relief of overcrowding and unemployment, a healthier milk supply, together with earlier diagnosis and treatment, the prevalence and mortality of this dread disease will gradually become less and less.

All cases of Tuberculosis when notified or ascertained are visited and particulars obtained and recorded. Written and verbal instructions are given, and in Pulmonary cases a Sputum Bottle is provided. Cases are notified by me to the County Medical Officer, and the District Tuberculosis Officer endeavours to get in touch with the patient, through his medical attendant with a view to examination of the case at the dispensary, where treatment is provided.

In cases where Sanatorium treatment is recommended by the District Officer, the patient is admitted to a Sanatorium and the premises are inspected and disinfected by my department.

In all cases admitted and discharged from Institutions I am notified by the Medical Officer concerned, and my records are completed.

A quarterly return of Tuberculosis is sent to the West Riding County Medical Officer.

PHTHISIS MORTALITY RATES (Five Years, 1920-1924)

	Rates per 1000 Living					Average for 5 years 1920-1924
	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	
Rotherham Rural District ...	0.59	0.59	0.58	0.59	0.71	0.61
West Riding Administrative County ...	0.71	0.74	0.68	0.71	0.7	0.71
West Riding Rural Districts ...	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.59	0.62	0.60
West Riding Urban Districts ...	0.75	0.79	0.7	0.75	0.73	0.74
England and Wales ...	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases for the Years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925.

Age periods	1921				1922				1923				1924				1925			
	Pul-monary		Non-Pul-monary		Pul-monary		Non-Pul-monary		Pul-monary		Non-Pul-monary		Pul-monary		Non-Pul-monary		Pul-monary		Non-Pul-monary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	1
1-5	3	2	6	4	1	2	3	..	1	1	5	1	2	2	10	4	1	1	3	3
5-10	7	3	4	1	8	10	11	7	7	7	6	4	14	18	24	26	8	5	9	3
10-15	7	8	2	2	8	5	7	5	9	9	7	4	14	14	9	5	7	8	4	1
15-20	2	1	..	1	5	2	..	..	4	1	1	1	5	6	1	1	3	10	1	..
20-25	2	3	1	..	6	2	1	1	4	..	..	..	7	4	..	..	5	12	1	1
25-35	3	6	..	1	9	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	5	5	1	..	9	12	1	1
35-45	4	4	..	..	3	2	1	..	6	1	..	..	6	4	..	1	4	3	..	..
45-55	3	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	4	1	..	..	3	3	1	..
55-65	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..
65 & ov'r	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	31	29	14	9	45	34	24	14	46	41	21	11	60	56	45	38	42	56	21	9

TUBERCULOSIS.

Deaths for the Years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925.

Age periods	1921				1922				1923				1924				1925			
	Pul-monary		Non-Pul-monary		Pul-monary		Non-Pul-monary		Pul-monary		Non-Pul-monary		Pul-monary		Non-Pul-monary		Pul-monary		Non-Pul-monary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	1	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	..	1
1-5	1	1	6	5	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1
5-10	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10-15	1	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15-20	1	2	..	..	1	2	..	2	2	2	..	3	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..
20-25	1	3	..	..	1	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	2	..	..	..
25-35	2	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	1	3	4	2	1	2	1	..	..
35-45	1	3	..	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	..	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	..	1
45-55	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
55-65	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
65 & ov'r	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
TOTALS	7	16	9	9	10	13	10	8	11	13	7	4	14	14	8	6	10	8	3	3

PARTICULARS OF THE SANITARY SERVICES OF THE WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL, CARRIED OUT IN THE ROTHERHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

(1) TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

One County Council Tuberculosis Dispensary is available for Rotherham Rural District Patients, viz. :—Carnson House, Moorgate, Rotherham.

Tuberculosis Officer :—Dr. R. M. FENN.

Hours of Attendance—Fridays, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Saturdays, 10 a.m.

Open-Air Domiciliary Shelters. During the year 1925 four Shelters have been loaned to and are still occupied by persons residing at Aughton, Bramley, Wentworth and Wickersley respectively, and these have been very much appreciated. The Shelters have been provided by the County Council without cost to the occupier, on the recommendation of the District Tuberculosis Officer, or with his approval if application is made through any other source.

Extra Nourishment (Year 1925)—During the year, 7 persons received grants of extra nourishment for varying periods. Of these, one patient died, and one was removed to Sanatorium. Five remained at the end of the year.

(2) TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASES.

The new Centre for the treatment of Venereal Diseases is situate at No. 12, Frederick Street, Rotherham, in the same building as the Rotherham Borough Tuberculosis Dispensary.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE.

Men.—Tuesdays, 9-30 a.m. to 11 a.m. ; 5-30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday, 5-30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Women and Children.—Thursday, 11-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL. (1) TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

INSTITUTIONAL TREATMENT—ROTHERHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. YEAR 1925.

INSTITUTION	ADMISSIONS.						DISCHARGES					
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	Males		Children	Males		Children	Males		Children	Males		Children
	Ex-S.	Civ.	Females	Ex-S.	Civ.	Females	Ex-S.	Civ.	Females	Ex-S.	Civ.	Females
Middleton, Ilkley	7	21	...	...	...	...	7	17	5	...	...	...
Cardigan, Wakefield	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitchell Home, Rawdon	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Eldwick, nr. Bingley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oakwood Hall, nr. Rotherham	3	1	3	...	...	1	4	1	3	...	...	4
Dean Head, Horsforth	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...
Morton Banks, nr. Keighley	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	2	2	...	...	...
Westmorland, Grange	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wyton, Huntingdon	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	9
Bowdon, Altrincham	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
Stanhope, Co. Durham	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
High Wood, Brentwood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
King Edward VII. Hospital, Sheffield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harpenden, Herts.	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
East Anglian, Nayland	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	2
Oak Bank Open-air School, Sevenoaks, Kent	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
TOTALS	11	24	22	...	...	16	14	20	16	...	...	20

Total Admissions ... 76.

Total Discharges ... 70.

(3) MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

Nursing Service—The County Council are the Authority under the N.O.B. and Maternity and Child Welfare Acts for the whole of the Rotherham Rural District, and the Health Visiting and School Nursing work is undertaken by six Nurses, 5 whole-time and 1 part-time, and the area is divided up as under :—

Whole-Time Areas—

1—Aston-cum-Aughton, Swallownest, Catcliffe, Ulley, Orgreave, Treeton, Whiston, and Fence	I. C. Kinning
2—Hooton Roberts, Thrybergh, Ravenfield, and Dalton	A. Howes
3—Wentworth	M. L. Baillie
4—Thurcroft, Bramley, Wickersley, Hooton Levitt, and Carr	W. Morris
5—Brampton Bierlow and Concrete	E. McBride

Part-Time Areas—

- 1—Brinsworth: Work performed by Brinsworth Nursing Association.

Child Welfare Centres—Primitive Methodist Chapel, Dalton

Infant Welfare—Wednesday Afternoons

School Clinic—Wednesday Afternoons

The Centre at Catcliffe was opened on the 20th May, 1925, in rooms at the Church Mission Hall.

Infant Welfare—Alternate Wednesday Afternoons.

The Centre at Swallownest was opened on the 16th November, 1925, in rooms at the Church Institute.

Infant Welfare—Alternate Monday Afternoons.

Arrangements are also in hand to open a Child Welfare Centre and School Clinic in the Miners' Welfare Institute, Thurcroft, early in 1926.

(4) MIDWIVES' ACTS, 1902 and 1918.

Trained—

Mrs. S. Beaumont, Thorn Bank Villas, Whitehill, Brinsworth
Mrs. W. K. Clark, 2, Sawn Moor Villas, Thurcroft
Mrs. R. Brain, 64, Katherine Street, Thurcroft
Mrs. S. E. Nicholson, Barrowfield House, Wentworth
Nurse L. Hirst, 37, Park Mount, Bramley
Mrs. A. M. West, 12, Old Gate Lane, Whinney Hill (now left the area)

Mrs. D. B. Bonsall, 11, Park Hill, Swallownest (removed to Kiveton Park R. D., September, 1925)
 Nurse L. Farrar, 62, Duncan Street, Brinsworth
 Mrs. S. E. Goshing, New Housing Scheme, Treeton.

Untrained—

Mrs. M. Newton, 93, Duncan Street, Brinsworth
 Mrs. R. Ward, 105, High Street, Swallownest
 Mrs. S. Middleton, 103, Concrete Houses, Concrete

(5) SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTION SERVICES.

No. of School Medical Inspectors—*Three*.

Dr. Lilian Davy takes Wentworth and Brampton Bierlow
 Dr. John Teare takes Aston-cum-Aughton, Whiston, Ulley, Treeton, Catcliffe, and Brinsworth
 Dr. Barbara R. Morton takes Dalton, Thrybergh, Ravenfield, Hooton Roberts, Bramley, Wickersley, and Laughton

No. of School Dentists—*Two*.

Mr. Geoffrey Fletcher, L.D.S., takes—Wentworth and Brampton-Bierlow

Mr. Stephen P. Ludbrook, L.D.S., takes the remainder of the area.

No. of School Clinics—*One*.

Dalton Primitive Methodist Chapel, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Arrangements are in hand to open a School Clinic at the Thurcroft Miners' Welfare Institute during 1926.

(6) BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

Specimens received in the Bacteriological Laboratory from the Rotherham Rural District during the year 1925.

The following specimens were examined :—

Enteric	Sputum	Diphtheria	Ringworm	Miscellan'us	Total
12	39	557	3	4	615

From Swallownest Hospital—Widal 5 ; Diphtheria, 207.

(7) FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Particulars of Samples taken by the County Council Inspector in the Rotherham Rural District during the year ended 31st December, 1925:—

Milk	*Drugs	Other Foods	Total
28	19	42	89

* One sample of Drugs was found to be adulterated, and a caution was issued to the vendor.

There are no General or Maternity Hospitals within the district, but the General Hospital in the Borough of Rotherham, and the two General Hospitals and the Maternity Hospitals at Sheffield, are extensively used by the inhabitants of the Rotherham Rural District.

The different Collieries each have an Ambulance for the removal of Accident Cases. The Police Ambulance of the Borough of Rotherham can also be used on application by telephone and payment.

A thoroughly equipped Bacteriological Laboratory is maintained by the West Riding County Council at Wakefield, and is extensively used by the Health Department of the district, the two Isolation Hospitals, and the Medical Practitioners throughout the district.

Diphtheria Antitoxin, and other sera and vaccines are supplied to Practitioners by the Health Department, free of charge.

Inspection of places where food is prepared.

Numerous inspections have been made of Bakehouses, Fried-fish Shops, Eating-houses, etc.

Number and condition of Slaughter-houses.

Nineteen licensed Slaughter-houses exist, and are regularly inspected and kept in good condition, and are disinfected and limewashed frequently.

The Food and Drugs Acts are administered by the West Riding County Council.

MILK SUPPLY.

Two Registers are kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act.

(a) One for Retailers, and

(b) One for Cow-keepers and Wholesale Traders.

No Licences have been applied for under the above Act to sell Graded Milk.

Under the Food and Drugs Acts, 28 samples of Milk were taken by a West Riding Inspector for examination.

Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915. came into force in 1925.

The Local Authority under this Act is the West Riding County Council.

Veterinary Surgeons have been appointed by that Authority for carrying out the Act in your district.

There are 156 Cowkeepers in your district, all of whom are registered, The Retail Sellers total 58; all are registered.

Of the 156 Cowkeepers, 98 are Wholesale Milk Sellers.

The total number of Cowsheds in the district is 304.

Early in 1925 I commenced a careful detailed inspection of the Cowsheds, with a view to getting them all put into a thoroughly sanitary and up-to-date condition, and I reported to you from month to month on the conditions found, and the alterations and repairs recommended and carried out.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries recommend that Cowsheds should have 800 cubic feet of air space per cow. I find that it is quite impossible to insist on this regulation being carried out, especially in many of the older sheds, without seriously interfering with the milk supply generally of the country. I am, therefore, relying on thoroughly efficient lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanness, to ensure a wholesome milk supply, so far as the Cowsheds are concerned.

Of the 111 Cowsheds upon which I reported in detail during the year, 10 were found thoroughly satisfactory, leaving 101 more or less defective and requiring structural alterations and repairs.

At the end of the year, 44 defective sheds were altered and repaired, and brought up to a high standard, with which I am satisfied. The remaining 57 will receive attention during the present year, when I hope to complete my inspection.

As the repairs and alterations have to be carried out under the strict supervision of my department, it is impossible to carry on at a more rapid rate.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Council obtain water in bulk from the Sheffield Corporation, and this supplies the following parishes :—

Aston-cum-Aughton	Ravenfield
Brinsworth	Thurcroft
Bramley	Ulley
Catcliffe	Treeton
Dalton	Thrybergh
Hooton Levitt	Whiston
Orgreave	Wickersley

and also the Maltby Urban District Council.

Owing to the large increase in the population of the district during the past ten years, it was found necessary recently to enter into a fresh agreement with Sheffield for a considerably enhanced supply of water. The formal agreement was sealed on the 8th December, 1924, and came into operation on the 29th September last, subject to Sheffield having increased their main from Ringinglow to Aston. This work, however, has not yet been completed, and the Council will not be able to obtain the full benefit of the agreement for possibly another six months. As soon, however, as Sheffield are able to furnish this increased supply there should be no question of a shortage of water in the district for many years to come, as the maximum quantity provided for under the agreement is 1,260,000 gallons per day.

The parish of Wentworth is supplied with Sheffield water by Earl Fitzwilliam, and the supply is adequate.

Brampton-Bierlow parish is in the area of supply of the Wath Urban District Council, who furnish a sufficient supply for the needs of the parish.

The parish of Hooton Roberts is at the present time supplied by a spring, which is collected and piped throughout the village. This water is hard, but of good quality.

A large part of the Parish of Whiston is supplied by the Rotherham Corporation from the Pinch Mill Spring, which is collected and piped through the village.

There are, however, a considerable number of scattered properties throughout the district which are still supplied by springs and wells, but these are gradually becoming less each year as the water mains are extended.

Of the 7,083 houses in your district, approximately 6,845 are supplied by Branch Water of good quality through pipes, leaving only 238 supplied from wells and springs.

In 1921, the water supply in many parts of the district was insufficient owing to drought.

In 1922, the Aston Main was extended to Guilthwaite and Upper Whiston, and the tank at Carr was connected to the main, providing this milk-producing hamlet with a pure water supply.

In 1923, there was an insufficiency of supply at Maltby, Wickersley, and Bramley, during the summer.

Brampton Small Pox Hospital was connected to the main.

In 1924, a Reservoir and Water Tower was completed at Wickersley, for the purpose of improving the supply to Maltby, Wickersley, Bramley, and Dalton. There were also many extensions of the mains improving the supply in the parishes of Wickersley, Bramley, Dalton, and Thurcroft.

In 1925, the new Reservoir at Dalton was completed. New mains were laid to the Orgreave Miners' Welfare Baths and Colliery and at Wickersley, Dalton, and Ravenfield.

Extensions of the mains occurred at the Aughton, Treeton, Flanderwell, Thurcroft, Dalton and Thrybergh Housing Sites.

735 Houses were connected to the Main during the year in the following parishes :—

Aston-cum-Aughton, 41 ; Bramley, 26 ; Brampton-Bierlow, 106 ; Brinsworth, 14 ; Catcliffe, 10 ; Dalton, 209 ; Ravenfield, 13 ; Thrybergh, 2 ; Thurcroft, 194 ; Treeton, 58 ; Whiston, 17 ; Wickersley, 30, Wentworth, 15.

ROTHERHAM RURAL DISTRICT—Particulars of the Water Supply of the various Parishes in the District, 31st Dec., 1925.

PARISH	No. of Houses in Parish	No. of Houses connected to Council's Main	No. of Houses on other Branch Supplies	Supplied from Wells, Springs, etc.	SOURCE OF SUPPLY, &c.
Aston-cum-Aughton.	937	935	..	2	Supplied by R.D.C. with Sheffield Water
Bramley ..	457	427	...	30	Do., do.
Brampton Bierlow...	521	...	515	6	Partial supply by Wath U.D.C. from Dearne Valley Waterworks, and partial supply by Earl Fitzwilliam (Sheffield Water)
Bringsworth ..	486	484	...	2	Supplied by R.D.C. with Sheffield Water
Catcliffe ..	361	361	...	...	Do., do.
Dalton ..	616	595	*5	16	Do., do. (Dalton Magna supplied from Wells).
Hooton Levitt ..	23	23	...	...	Do., do.
Hooton Roberts ..	45	...	43	2	Service Reservoir and Distributing Main from Springs owned by Earl Fitzwilliam
Orgreave ..	32	30	...	2	Supplied by R.D.C. with Sheffield Water (Orgreave Lane End)
Ravenfield ..	102	99	...	3	Do., do.
Thrybergh ..	709	703	...	6	Do., do.
Thurcroft ..	1072	627	§396	49	do., do. (Part of Thurcroft supplied by Colliery C.o)
Treeton ..	421	418	...	3	Do., do.
Ulley ..	53	45	...	8	Do., do.
Wentworth ..	431	..	431	...	Wentworth Village and Harley supplied by Earl Fitzwilliam with Sheffield Water
Whiston ..	476	200	+ 28 } + 220 }	28	Part of Thorpe Hesley supplied by Rotherham Corporation Old Whiston is supplied by drinking fountains, water for which is supplied by Rotherham Corporation under Act of Parliament Herringtonthorpe and Canklow supplied by R.D.C. with Sheffield Water.
Wickersley ...	341	260	...	81	Supplied by R.D.C. with Sheffield Water
	7083	5207	1638	238	

* Rawmarsh U.D.C.

† Rotherham Corporation.

‡ Pinch Mill Compensation Water.
§ 386 Houses transferred to the Council's Water Supply 25/1/26.

SEWERAGE.

In 1921. Two 80 feet Filters were added at the Catcliffe Sewerage Works ; Detritus Tanks and Elevator provided at Laughton Pumping Station, and Small Disposal Works completed at Ravenfield.

Two hundred privies were converted into water closets, and eight new water closets provided for old properties.

Three hundred and eight new water closets, and eleven pans were provided for new properties.

In 1922. Extensive work in hand on Outfall Works at Wickersley and Maltby, and extension of Sewer at Brinsworth.

One hundred and seventy-five privies were converted into water closets, and thirty-six new water closets provided for old properties.

Three hundred and fifty-three new water closets and 47 pans were provided for new properties.

In 1923. Sewerage Scheme and Outfall Works (2) completed at Wickersley, and new Outfall Works at Maltby and North Staveley ; Sewerage Works at Ravenfield Common enlarged ; Brinsworth Sewer completed.

Thirty-eight privies were converted into water closets, and two hundred and thirty-five water closets and six pans provided for new properties.

In 1924. Sewers were extended at Beighton Lane and Manvers' Road, Swallownest ; New Housing Site, Brampton Bierlow ; and Katherine Street, Thurcroft.

One hundred and twenty-eight privies were converted into water closets, and five new water closets provided for old properties.

Two hundred and ninety-one water closets and seven pans were provided for new properties.

In 1925. Sewers were extended at Treeton, Whiston, Thurcroft, Swallownest, Wickersley, Wentworth, and Brampton Bierlow.

Sewerage Works are being developed and extended at Brampton-Bierlow, Bramley, Dalton, and Thurcroft.

Seventy-three privies and pans were converted into water-closets, and sixty-four new water-closets provided for old properties.

Six hundred and fifty-seven water closets and six pans were provided for new properties.

NUMBER OF CONVERSIONS TO WATER CLOSETS SINCE 1913.

PARISH	CONVERSIONS.													No of Houses in Parish 31/12/1925
	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	Total
Aston-cum-Aughton	...	...	10	8	...	...	44	11	60	110	...	...	..	243
Bramley	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	6	45
Brampton-Bierlow	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106	...	110
*Brampton-en-le-Morthen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...
Brinsworth	47	122	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	305
Catchlife	39	...	52	...	...	5	35	5	...	...	...	...	5	141
Dalton	84	128	224	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	437
Hooton Levitt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooton Roberts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Laughton-en-le-Morthen	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	77	...	...	...	...	82
Maltby	42	4	6	...	...	3	14	3	48	3	...	...	—	123
Orgreave	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...
Ravenfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Thrybergh	46	309	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	355
*Thurcroft	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Treeton	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	24	10	19	56	114
Ulley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wentworth	8	1	12	...	...	...	2	22	...	...	5	2	...	52
Whiston	98	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	102
Wickersley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
Totals...	370	564	417	8	..	11	97	49	200	175	38	128	73	2130
														7083

* The Parishes of Brampton-en-le-Morthen and Laughton-en-le-Morthen were united to form the Parish of Thurcroft, 1st April, 1923.

+ Maltby was made an Urban District from 1st October, 1924.

HOUSING.

The total number of houses built and completed in the district during the five years ending 31st December, 1925, was 1,893; the number of Council houses being 737, and the remaining 1,156 being houses built by private enterprise.

The Council houses comprise three types as follows:—

Type A—(Non parlour houses) containing living room, scullery, three bedrooms, bathroom, W.C. and pantry.

Type B—(Parlour houses) containing living room, large scullery, sitting room, three bedrooms, bathroom, W.C. and Pantry.

Type C—(Small parlour houses) containing kitchen, small sitting room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, W.C. and pantry.

The approximate rents of these houses exclusive of rates are:—

Type A—7/6 per week.

Type B—8/6 „

Type C—8/- „

“A” and “C” types all have back doors. In the “B” type some have back doors and others not.

Up to 1920, 22 Council houses were completed and occupied.

In 1921 the number was 144

In 1922 „ „ 241

In 1923 „ „ 29

In 1924 „ „ 69

In 1925 „ „ 254

making a total of 759. Of the total, 76 have been transferred to the Maltby Urban District Council, leaving 683 in your district.

At the end of 1925, under the Council's Housing Schemes, 999 houses had been approved, excluding those transferred to Maltby. Of these, 848 have been commenced, and 683 completed.

Of the total, 360 are under the Assisted Schemes, and the balance under the 1923 and 1924 Acts.

The following Table gives the number and type of Council houses in each Parish:—

COUNCIL HOUSES.		Types "A," "B," and "C."			
Parish		No. of Type "A"	No. of Type "B"	No. of Type "C"	Totals
Aston-cum Aughton	...	12	...	...	12
Bramley	...	52	16	...	68
Brampton Bierlow	...	48	12	...	60
Brinsworth	...	20	20	...	40
Dalton	...	20	17	22	59
Thrybergh	...	32	114	84	230
Thurcroft	...	46	86	44	176
Treeton	...	12	14	12	38
Totals	...	242	279	162	683

(28 "A" Type, and 48 "B" Type houses, making a total of 76 were transferred to Maltby Urban District).

The number of houses erected by Private Enterprise and completed, is as follows:—

1921	...	175	1924	..	204
1922	...	159	1925	...	406
1923	..	212			

making a total for the five years of 1,156.

Number of New Houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total 660

(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts, 1919, 1923 or 1924 :

(i.) By the Local Authority	254
(ii.) By other bodies or persons	406

1. Unfit Dwelling-houses—Inspection :

(1) Total number of Dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	499
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	66
(3) Number of Dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of Dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	66

2. Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices :

Number of defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers... ..	66
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3. Action under Statutory Powers :

A.—Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919 :

(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..	Nil
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) by Owners	Nil
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
(3) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intentions to close ..	Nil

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	381+553 Letters
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a) by Owners	323
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil

C.—Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing,
Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909 :

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|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (2) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (3) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the Dwelling-houses having been rendered fit | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (4) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (5) Number of Dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | ... | .. | ... | Nil |

Unhealthy Areas—Any representations under part I. or II. of the 1890 Act or part II. of 1925 Act? If so, give particulars—Yes (Bradley's Yard, Manver's Road, Arthur Street and Main Street Properties, Swallownest), —Ministry of Health Inquiry, held 29th December, 1925.

Reconstruction Schemes—Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec 39. of 1890 Act or part II. of the 1925 Act? * * *

Conversion of Houses—Any houses acquired for division into separate tenements, under the 1919 Act or of closed houses under Section 4, 1925 Act? If so, give particulars—None

Penalty on re-letting houses ordered to be closed—Any action under Section 12 of 1925 Act? None

Unfit Houses. Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Section 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act or Section 10, 1925? No.

do. Any complaints by Parish Councils under Sec. 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894? No
Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923? No

Any scarcity of houses; if so where? Yes, general throughout the district.

Any overcrowding of persons in houses, and where? Yes, general throughout the district.

Any special activity in house building, and where? Brampton Bierlow, Dalton, Thrybergh, Thurocroft, and Treeton.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under (Section 17 (7) 1909 Act, or under Section 18, 1925 Act? No

Total number of houses built in the district under State aided and all conditions in 1925—(a) Working Class Dwellings, 660. (b) Other, None.

State-aided Housing Schemes.—

A. *Scheme under 1919 Act.* Number of Houses erected in 1925. (1) By Council, None; (2) By private Builders' Subsidy, None.

B. *Scheme under 1923 Act.* Have Council propounded a Scheme under this Act? Yes

Has a Scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval? Yes. Has it been approved? Yes

If Scheme is approved, please enclose particulars of same. Up to date, 324 houses approved and completed for the Council

Is assistance given to private individuals? (a) By lump sum? Yes, £100 for houses over 800 super feet, and £85 for houses under 800 super feet.

(b) By annual payments for 20 years of £—Yes, varies with amount lent

(c) By periodical payments to a Building Society—No.
Number of houses completed by Local Authority under this Scheme in 1925—254.

" " Private persons " " 245.

" " Public Utility Societies " " 161. (Several Colliery

Companies have built houses under the auspices of the National Housing Trust).

C. Scheme under 1924 Act Number of houses provisionally approved by Ministry—315

" " specially approved by Ministry—315

" " completed under special conditions—None.

" " purchased with approval of Ministry—None.

Total Number of houses provided under all State aided Schemes in 1925—By Council, 254; by Private Enterprise, 406.

Town Planning:—

Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee? Yes. Which? Rotherham.

Have Council passed a resolution in 1925 deciding to prepare a Scheme? No.

Any scheme contemplated? Yes, whole of district.

Have Council propounded a Scheme in 1925? No.

Has a scheme been finally approved by the Ministry of Health in 1925? No.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1925? No

Has a preliminary statement been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for approval in 1925? No.

Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910? J. F. Heath, 4, South Terrace, Moorgate, Rotherham.

L. J. WEATHERBE,

Rotherham, May, 1926.

Medical Officer of Health.

SLUM PROPERTIES.

A Scheme was presented to the Ministry of Health for the clearance of a Slum area at Swallownest, under the Housing Act, 1925. The original scheme affected 33 houses of a bad type, and in a dilapidated condition.

This Scheme was agreed upon by you on the advice of your Medical Officer of Health, after two architects employed by you had reported that the reconstruction and repairing of the properties concerned would cost such a large figure that it would be uneconomic, and recommended demolition.

The properties concerned included—

- (1) 8 houses in Main Street,
- (2) 5 houses in Bradley's Yard,
- (3) 8 houses in Manver's Road,
- (4) 11 houses in Arthur Street.

On Counsel's advice, owing to repairs carried out at considerable expense by the new owner who had recently bought the property, apparently ignorant of the fact that it was part of a condemned area, the eleven houses at Arthur Street were bought by you for the sum of £849, on the understanding that this property would be demolished along with the rest of the area, and new houses erected on the Council's Housing Scheme at Aughton, for re-housing the occupants of the 33 houses concerned.

An Inquiry was held by an Inspector of the Ministry of Health, on December 29th, 1925, and I hope that the order for demolition will soon be issued, and the necessary permission granted for the erection of new houses to take their place.

Granville Street, Laughton—

Seventy-seven houses of a modern type have been allowed to get into such a dilapidated condition at this site, that an expensive scheme for reconstruction and repairs will have to be undertaken in the near future to prevent the closure of the houses as unfit for habitation.

Negotiations are at the present time proceeding between your clerks and the owner of the property, which will, I hope, mature, and be satisfactorily concluded at an early date.

TABLE VI.

PARISH.	Acres	Census, 1901	Census, 1911	Census, 1921	No. of Houses † occupied at 31st Dec., 1925	Approximate Number of W.C.'s, 1925	Approx. No. of Waste Water Closets, 1925	Approximate Number of Pans, 1925	Approx. No. of Privy Middens, 1925	New W.C.'s in New Proper- ties, 1925	No. of Conver- sions 1925		Houses erected and occupied during 1925	Additional W.C.'s provided for Old Proper- ties during 1925	Schools	Approximate Population, Dec. 31st, 1925
											Pans	Privies				
Aston-cum-Aughton ..	3009	3158	4204	4493	937	547	..	5	288	13	..	..	13	..	4	4772
Bramley	1408	431	1335	2037	457	219	2	3	169	12	5	1	14	4	..	2457
Brampton-Bierlow ..	2619	1385	1396	1573	521	404	..	..	93	106	..	..	106	..	1	2627
Brinsworth	1071	891	2082	2421	486	463	..	1	11	16	..	..	16	..	1	2678
Catcliffe	689	1232	1555	1771	361	232	..	3	56	16	..	5	16	..	1	1950
Dalton	1976	438	3248	3577	616	539	..	2	59	126	..	1	126	..	2	4355
Hooton	549	76	89	125	23	2	..	2	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	143
Hooton Levitt	1057	209	191	187	45	4	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..	1	187
Hooton Roberts	547	132	128	152	32	..	..	2	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	163
Orgreave	1236	217	316	353	102	18	..	20	66	7	..	..	8	..	1	418
Ravenfield	1318	489	2656	2861	709	639	..	2	41	113	..	..	113	..	2	3602
Thrybergh	5002	733	2007	3849	1072	861	..	39	139	162	4	..	159	..	3	5733
Thurcroft	1166	1969	1859	1906	421	214	..	127	46	40	56	..	40	56	1	2137
Treeton	934	225	239	225	53	6	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	1	260
Ulley	2328	1934	1949	1810	431	141	..	1	171	15	..	..	15	..	2	1888
Wentworth	3431	1982	1939	2075	476	207	..	13	83	18	..	1	18	4	1	2317
Whiston	1274	703	956	1004	341	72	..	55	98	13	..	..	16	..	2	1240
Wickersley																
Totals ..	29614	16204	26149	30419	7083	4568	2	275	1421	657	65	8	660	64	23	36957
* Maltby	4100	716	1700	7657												
Totals ..	33714	16920	27849	38076												

* Maltby was constituted an Urban District, from October 1st, 1924.

† These figures have been carefully estimated from information received from the Overseers of the respective Parishes.

SCAVENGING.

Scavenging is carried out throughout the district by contract except in the parishes of Hooton Levitt, Ravenfield, and part of the parish of Wentworth, where it is carried out by owners and occupiers.

The contracts are let by the Council, yearly, and in 1925 the cost was £6,295.

Dry Refuse is disposed of by the employment of Tips in the following parishes;—

Aston cum Aughton	...	2	Thurcroft	...	2
Bramley	...	1	Treeton	...	2
Brinsworth	...	2	Whiston	...	1
Dalton	...	1	Wickersley	...	1
Orgreave	...	1			

All wet and midden refuse is carted direct to farm land, where it is used by the farmers.

Scavenging is very efficiently carried out under systematic supervision, and very few complaints are received.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only, 3,409.

(For Housing Inspections see Table D).

Nuisances reported in 1925—410; Nuisances in hand end of 1924—23,

Total needing abatement—433; Abated during 1925—396; Outstanding end of 1925—37.

Notices served—Informal, 381+553 letters; Complied with, 344.

Do. Statutory, 21; Complied with, 21.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings, None.

Filthy Houses, cleansing of, None.

Any Notices served under Sec. 46 of P.H.A. 1875 (or any other Act)? No.

Common Lodging Houses. Nil.

Houses let in Lodgings. Nil.

Canal Boats. Nil.

Knackers Yards. Nil.

Tents, Vans & Sheds (46), No. of Inspections made, 140.

Offensive Trades. Nil.

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades? No

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Developments during 1925? Extension of Sewers at Arundel St. and Wood Lane, Treeton; above Stag Inn, Whiston; Katherine Street, Thurcroft; Clayfield Lane, Wentworth; across fields to Cottages and existing Sewage Works of Thurcroft Colliery; Mauvers' Road, Swallownest; Wombwell Lane and Knoll Beck Lane, Brampton-Bierlow; and Quarryfields, Wickersley.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of Sewers at Ravenfield, Silverwood, Old Thrybergh, Ulley, and Brampton-en-le-Morthen.

Sewage Disposal Works (a) Any inadequacy—Extensions in progress at Brampton-Bierlow, Bramley and Dalton, and Thurcroft Sewage Works. (b) Any Complaints? No.
Any sink wastes still needing disconnection? No.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Privies with open middens, 33.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets, 275.

No. of Privies with covered middens, 1388.

No. of Water Closets, 4553. Waste-water Closets, 2

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925—(a) as W.C.'s, 73
(b) other, Nil.

No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in 1925—
(a) W.C.'s, 64; (b) other, Nil.

No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for New Houses (a) W.C.'s, 657;
(b) other, 6.

SCAVENGING.

Any change during 1925? Yes, Ulley now scavenged by Contractor.

Performed by (a) Council, No; (b) Contractor, Yes; (c) Owners or Occupiers, Yes.

How is Refuse disposed of? No. of loads to (a) Destructor, None
(b) Tips, Yes; (c) Farmers, Yes. Total annual cost, £6,295.

Is there any inadequacy, and where? Yes, Harley, Ravenfield, and Wentworth.

Any utilization of waste material? No.

WATER SUPPLY.

Any developments during 1925? New mains to Orgreave Miners Welfare Baths and Colliery (Orgreave Tank); Dalton Reservoir and Mains between Dalton Brook; Dalton Reservoir and up to Wickersley Reservoir; Moat Lane, Wickersley; Common Lane, Ravenfield Common.

Extensions—Aughton Housing Site; Treeton Housing Site; Flanderwell Housing Site; Thurcroft Housing Site; Thrybergh Housing Site, and Dalton Housing Site.

Was supply restricted in any way? Partial restriction at mid-day during summer months.

Any general insufficiency, and where? Yes, Laughton, Ravenfield, and Wickersley.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where? No.

Any new sources added? No. Any disused sources re-used? No.

MILK SUPPLY.

Sampling of Milk undertaken by W.R.C.C.

Are Two Registers been kept as required by* Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act? (a) For Retailers, Yes. (b) For Cowkeepers or Wholesale Traders, Yes.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of:—Certified Milk, Nil; 'Grade A,' Nil; "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)," Nil; "Grade A (Pasteurised)," Nil; "Pasteurised," Nil.

Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested? Give No. and kind, No.

Have any Retailers been removed from the Register? No.

No. of Samples taken by Officers of S.A. for Analysis under F. & D. Acts, None. No. Adulterated, None.

No. of Samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination, None.

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows? By W.R.C.C.

Any instance of disease attributed to Milk in 1925? No.

No. of Milk Cows kept in District, 1328.

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk, 156. No. Registered, 156.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers, 24. No. who are Milk Retailers only, 34. Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered, 58.

Total No. of Cowsheds, 304. Total No. of Inspections in 1925, 408. Cowkeepers, 384. Retailers, 24.

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations? April 23rd, 1906. Any Legal Action? No.

Any inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? No.

OTHER FOODS.

No. of Samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts in 1925, None. Number adulterated, None.

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt? Samples taken by W.R.C.C.

No. of seizures of unsound food, 4. Kind and quantity: 1 carcase of Beef, all organs of Bullock, all organs of Cow, forequarters and organs of Cow. No. of Prosecutions, Nil.

Any Public Abattoir? No. What accommodation? None

No. of Slaughterhouses, 19. No. Registered, None. Licensed, Yes. No. unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position, 2.

No. of times each Slaughter-house inspected? 25. Total No. of Inspections, 475.

No. of Prosecutions—(a) Food and Drugs, None; (b) Unsound Food, None; (c) *re* Slaughter-houses, None

No. of Bakehouses, 1. Any underground? None. Total No. of Inspections, 6.

SCHOOLS.

Statutory Medical Inspection is carried out by the County Education Authority in most of the Districts, but that does not relieve the M.O.H. of his duties in regard to sanitation and the prevention of infectious outbreaks in connection with Schools.

No. of Schools in District, 23. No. visited by M.O.H., 23.

Action taken: Sanitary conditions reported on, Children examined for infection. Schools closed by M.O.H., 3.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

No. of Smoke observations taken, None. No. of Cautions, None.
 Legal Notices, None. Summonses, None.
 No. of Workshops, 10. No. of times each Workshop inspected, 8.
 Total inspections, 83.
 Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed, No.

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890. Yes.
 Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890. Part III. so far as
 applicable to Rural Districts.
 Ditto In 1907 – Parts II., III. and IV. in certain Parishes.
 Private Street Works Act, 1892, with respect to Streets in various
 Parishes.
 Public Health Act, 1925. Yes, so far as applicable to Rural Districts.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS.

Cleansing of Footways and Pavements, 27/1/1877.
 Scavenging, do.
 Prevention of Nuisances, do.
 Common Lodging Houses, do.
 New Streets and Buildings, 21/12/1925.
 Alteration of Buildings, do.
 Slaughter Houses, 8/3/1905.
 Any relaxation of Bye-laws under Section 24 of Housing and Town
 Planning Act, 1919? No.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925? (a) Scarlet Fever; (b) Diph-
 theria. State months: (a) throughout the year; (b) February
 and March.
 Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? No.
 Any influences threatening the health of the District? No.
 Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases? No.
 Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages? No.

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

- (a) General: Accident, None. Address, —
 Children, None. Address, —
- (b) Local: Hospital—Cottage, None. Address, —
- (c) Infectious—General, 2; Address: 1 Swallownest,
 1 Wath.
 Smallpox, 2; Address: 1 Brampton-en-le-
 Morthen, 1 Hooper.
- (d) Maternity, None.
- Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases? No.
- (e) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme, None.
- Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital, No.
- Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital? No.
 (b) Smallpox Hospital? No.
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TUBERCULOSIS.

Procedure by M.O.H. or his staff after notification:—

- (1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop, Yes.
 - (2) Examination for contacts, Yes.
 - (3) Is house disinfected? Yes. When? After cases have been removed to Sanatorium and after death.
 - (4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed? Yes.
 - (5) Action *re* Spitting—Sputum Bottles provided.
 - (6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary? Yes.
 - (7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum? Cases sent to Dispensary. Sanatorium and open-air treatment at home.
 - (8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners? Yes.
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BACTERIOLOGY.

County Laboratory—Any suggestions? No.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Any suggestions? No.

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare? No.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925: Diarrhoea, 12 deaths.

Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action? Yes,

Suggestions will be welcomed regarding —

(a) Maternity and Infant Welfare Schemes — Should be extended.

(b) Ante-natal Schemes —

VITAL STATISTICS,

No. of Still Births during 1925. No record.

Deaths during 1925 — (1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District without any correction—Males, 178; Females, 123.

No. of uncertified Deaths (included above), None.

MORTUARIES.

What accommodation: (a) for accidents, 1 at Brinsworth and 1 at Catcliffe.

(b) for infectious cases other than at Hospital, None.

(c) for other purposes, None.

Any suggestions made by M.O.H.? No.

SANITARY STAFF.

Name of Sanitary Inspector: J. F. Heath.

Other appointments held: Meat and Housing Inspector, Cleansing Superintendent.

Any Assistants? 1 and a Pupil.

Is Staff sufficient? No.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos, and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health? Yes.

CLINICS.

Any Suggestions—

- (a) Tuberculosis. No.
- (b) Venereal Diseases—How advertised and if any difficulty in reaching nearest. By W.R.C.C. No.
- (c) Child Welfare. Should be extended.
- (d) Ante-Natal. "
- (e) School. "
- (f) Dental. "
- (g) Ophthalmic. "

ANY REMARKS AS TO—

- (a) Voluntary Agencies for social betterment. No.
- (b) District Nursing Association. No.
- (c) Any Dispensary? No.
- (d) Health Visiting (co-operation with local M.O.H.)
- (e) Tuberculosis, Home Visiting, do, do. and Medical Attendant
- (f) Dental Services
- (g) Midwifery Services
- (h) Propaganda work *re* Tuberculosis, Child Welfare, or Venereal Diseases.

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tered
by
W.R.C.C

HOUSING.

See Table D—but please state No. of Certificates given under Increase of Rent (Restriction) Act, 1920, Sec 2 (2). None.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS
ON ANY SUBJECTS.

Small Pox, 31st December, 1925.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS

As to Sanitary requirements of District, suggestions of M.O.H., and extended notes on any of the foregoing entries:—

Extension of Swallownest Isolation Hospital in hand. Completion should be speeded up, as the Hospital has been overcrowded with Scarlet Fever cases most of the year.

Hoover Small Pox Hospital is being enlarged.

Motor Ambulances required for the removal of Small Pox cases in both Wath and South Rotherham Districts.

ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE IN THE RURAL DISTRICT.

Date of Adoption	Name of Act.	Date fixed for coming into force
1900—Sept. 17	The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, Part III., so far as applicable to a Rural District Council	1st Nov., 1900
1902—Feb. 17	The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890	1st April, 1902
1909—July 22	The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. Certain Sections in Parts II., III., and IV., within the whole of the District, and Section 47 in the Parish of Brinsworth...	2nd Sept., 1909
1910—Oct. 3	The Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, Section 3	26th Dec., 1910
1925—Nov. 9	The Public Health Act, 1925, Parts II. and IV., excepting those Sections which apply to Urban Districts only	1st Feb., 1926

URBAN POWERS OBTAINED BY THE RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL.

Date of Order	Section of Public Health Act, 1875	Nature of Sections	Parishes in which Powers are in force.
1876, July 17	44	Power to make Bye-Laws imposing duty of Cleansing, etc., on occupier.	Aston-cum-Aughton, Brampton Bierlow, Brinsworth, Catcliffe, Orgreave, Treeton, Whiston, Wickersley.
"	157	Power to make Bye-laws respecting New Streets, Buildings, &c.	
"	158	As to commencement and removal of works made contrary to Bye-laws.	
"	169	With respect to the regulation of Slaughter-houses, but not the provision thereof.	
"	170	Notice to be fixed on Slaughter-houses as to registration thereof.	
1897, Dec. 14	42	So far as it relates to the proper Watering of Streets. See above.	Within the whole of the Rural District.
"	157 & 158	Such of the provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847, with respect to Hackney Carriages, as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 171 (4) of such Act as extended by the Town Police Clauses Act, 1899	
1900, Jan. 24	149	The regulation of Streets and Buildings.	Within the whole of the Rural District. Catcliffe and Treeton.
1901, July 3	154	Power to purchase Land for the Catcliffe Bridge Improvement	
1902, Jan. 8	154	Power to purchase Land for the widening of Treeton Wood Lane, in the Parish of Aston-cum-Aughton.	Aston-cum-Aughton

URBAN POWERS OBTAINED BY THE RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL—*Continued.*

Date of Order	Section of Public Health Act, 1875	Nature of Sections,	Parishes in which Powers are in force.
1902, April 26	25	Penalty on Building Houses without proper Drains.	Within the whole of the Rural District
"	47	Penalties as to Nuisances caused by Swine, Waste or Stagnant Water in Cellars, or overflow from Water-Closets, Privies or Cesspools.	
"	112, 113, 114, 115	Offensive Trades.	
"	155	Power to regulate line of Buildings.	Ditto
"	160	The provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, with respect to the Naming of Streets and Numbering of Houses, improving the line of Streets, and removing Obstructions, Ruinous or Dangerous Buildings and precaution during the Construction and Repair of the Sewers, Streets and Houses.	
"	44	See Order dated 17th July, 1876	In those contributory places in which the provisions are not already in force.
"	169	Second and Third Paragraphs. See Order dated 17th July, 1876	
"	170	See Order dated 17th July, 1876	
1903, June 6	154	Power to purchase Land for Improvements	Brinsworth and Treeton Aston & Catcliffe
"	154	ditto	
1905, Jan. 3	—	The Private Street Works Act, 1892, as to certain Streets at	Aston, Brinsw'h and Catcliffe

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1905, Feb. 15	171	So much as incorporate the provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847, with respect to fires.	The whole of the Rural District
1905, Oct. 19	39	Public Urinals.	
1908, Mar. 31	154	Power to purchase Land for Street Improvements.	Brinsworth
1909, Feb. 10	154	ditto.	
1910, Dec. 6	3	Public Health (Buildings in Streets, Act, 1888—Building Lines.	The whole of the District
1912, Feb. 3	39	Public Urinals.	
1918, Dec. 13	93	Provision of Life-Saving Apparatus.	Dalton & Thrybergh
1924, Apl. 14	Amend't Act, 1907	Private Street Works Act, 1892, as to Howard Road and Wadsworth Road.	
"	—	Private Street Works Act, 1892, as to part of New Street.	Dalton
"	—	Private Street Works Act, 1892, as to part of Arundel Street	
1925, Feb. 5	39	Public Urinals.	Thurcroft
	Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907		

Yours obediently,

LEWIS J. WEATHERBE, M.B., C.M.,

Medical Officer of Health,

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Rural District of Rotherham,

On the Administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
Factories (Including Factory Laundries)	—	—	—
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries)	83	5	—
Workplaces (Other than Outworkers' premises)	—	—	—
Total	83	5	—

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—*</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	4	4	—	—
Want of Ventilation	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Want of Drainage of Floors ..	—	—	—	—
Other Nuisances	1	1	—	—
Sanitary accommodation—				
insufficient				
Unsuitable or Defective		Nil.		
Not separate for Sexes.)				
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts:—</i>				
Illegal Occupation of underground Bakehouse (s. 101)				
Other Offences		Nil.		
(Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories & Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921).				
Total	5	5	—	—

* Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

LEWIS J. WEATHERBE, Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK DURING THE YEAR 1900

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6. Total number of cases under investigation	100	100	100
7. Total number of cases under study	100	100	100
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