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## ROYSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## REPORT

OF THE

# MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(R. B. ESKRIGGE, M.R.C.S.),

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1900.



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### ROYSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

### REPORT FOR 1900.

To the Chairman and Members of the Royston Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

The last year of the Century in Royston has not been a very bright one.

Not only has the death rate been greater than the previous year, but Measles, Scarletina, Mumps, Hooping Cough, Influenza, and Typhoid have been present, causing considerable inconvenience to the work of the Schools. It will, no doubt, be within recollection that during the Christmas holidays of January, 1900, that Measles were prevalent in an epidemic form. So many were the cases that on my recommendation the Schools remained closed till February 12th. At the same time several cases of Scarletina broke out, but to these being promptly removed to the Kendray Fever Hospital, Barnsley, and the houses being fumigated and disinfected, no doubt prevented further spread of the complaint. Influenza, Bronchitis, and Pneumonia were also very prevalent during the first four months of the year.

During May and June the village was visited by an epidemic of Mumps.

In August, Hooping Cough broke out in an epidemic form of such severity that the Council deemed it advisable on the advice of the M. O. H. to defer opening the Schools for six weeks.

There were also two cases of Typhoid (removed to Hospital) one occurred in the Spring, the other in the Autumn.

Having given you a summary of the sickness of the year, the blame may, I believe be laid down to the weather, which has been most unseasonable and unhealthy.

Table of Deaths and Births, 1900.

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	DEA	THS. Males.	Females.	BIRTHS. Males.	Females.
January	12	8	4	23 11	12
February	8	4	4	9 3	6
March	5	2	3	5 1	4
April	12	10	2	21 10	11
May	5	3	2	21 9	12
June	9	5	4	17 11	6
July	10	6	4	17 9	8
August	4	3	1	10 5	5
September	8	4	4	16 10	6
October	13	5	8	14 9	5
November	5	3	2	13 6	7
December	8	4	4	12 4	8
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	99	57	42	178 88	90
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TABLE OF CAUSES OF DEATH AND MONTH.

		JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Bronchitis, Acute , Chronic Measles Convulsions Heart Disease Pneumonia Apoplexy Chronic Gastric Catarrh Influenza Caries of Spine Blood Poisoning Cirrhosis of Liver Fractured Spine		4 3 4 1	3 1 2 2 2	2 1 1 1 1	1 2 6 2 1	1 2 1 1 1	1 1 2 1	1 1	1	1	2 1 3	1 1	1 1 1 1
Meningitis Phthisis Pynauche Maligna Carbuncle Tabes Mesenterica Croup Premature Labour Acute Rheumatism Diarrhæa Found Drowned							1 1 1 1	1 1 3 1	2 1	1	1 1 1	1	1
Parcoura of Kidneys Icterus Pertussis Cancer of Breast										1 3	4	1	
Total	99	12	8	5	12	5	9	10	4	8	13	5	8

1 Cyranche. 2 Larcoma. There were five Coroner's Inquests among the Deaths and 5 Illegitimate among the Births.

TABLE	of	DEAT	HS.	TABL	E OF	BIE	RTHS.
1898			69	1898			183
1899			54	1899			177
1900			99	1900			178

TABLE OF DEATHS GIVING MONTHS AND AGES.

		Under 1 year.	1—5	5—15	15—25	25—65	65 and upwards
January		6	8				3
77 1		3	2			3	
March		1		1	1	2	
April		3		1	3	4	1
May		3				2	
June		2			2	4	1
July		4	2	2		1	1
August		1	1			1	1
September		3	4			1	
October		8	4				1
November		1	1	. 2		1	
December		5	2	100		1	1
Total	99	40	19	6	6	19	9

The Water has been good, stoppages having been few. The houses built during the year has tended to lessen overcrowding.

The Sewerage Disposal Works Nos. 1 and 2 have been much improved by the further addition of settling tanks and filtering beds, though the condition of the beck leaves much room for improvement.

The Scavenging is still open to improvement; a little more regularity as to time for operations would be beneficial.

The usual systematic house-to-house inspection has been made, and the results have been reported to you at the Monthly Meetings.

A dozen Nuisances have been reported and abated during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. B. ESKRIGGE, M.R.C.S.

Medical Officer of Health.

Royston,

Jan. 31st, 1901.



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