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URBAN DISTRICT OF ROYTON.

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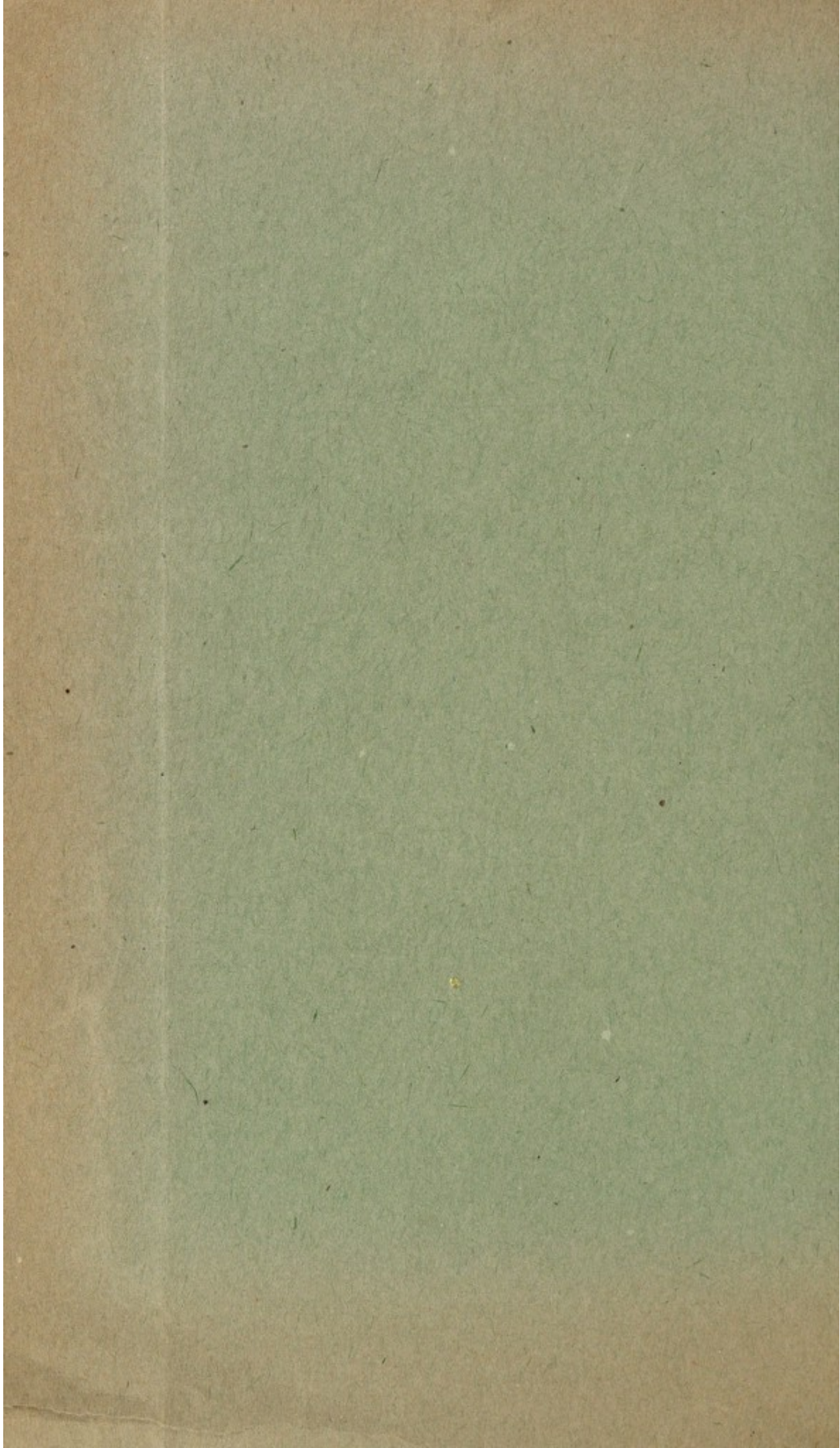
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR
1921.





ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT
1921

TO THE
Chairman and Members of the Health Committee
of the
URBAN DISTRICT OF ROYTON.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you this, my Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1921.

The death rate is slightly higher than last year. The infantile death rate is also increased.

The attendance at the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre is maintained, and I thank the ladies, who assist in this work, for their valuable help.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. L. BENTLEY, L.S.A.,

Medical Officer of Health.

March, 1922.

ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT, 1921.

1—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Acres)	2,147
Population (Census 1921)	17,600
Number of inhabited houses (1921)	4,144
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921) ...	4,144
Rateable value £137,298. Reduced during year to £118,013.	
Sum represented by a penny rate...£478.	

2—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total	M.	F.	
BIRTHS	Legitimate.....	366	192	174	} Birth Rate 21·7 per 1,000.
	Illegitimate ...	16	7	9	
DEATHS.....		239	117	122	} Death Rate 13·5 per 1,000.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child birth :—
 From Sepsis.....Nil
 From other causes 2

Deaths of infants under one year of age :—

Total 41. Legitimate, 39 ; Illegitimate 2.
 Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... Nil.
 Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) 4
 Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ... 8

Rates per 1,000 of Population :

ROYTON	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Phthisis Death Rate	Rate of Deaths under 1 year to 1000 Births
1921... ..	21·7	13·5	0·68	107
1920... ..	24·7	12·9	0·71	95
Mean of 10 years— 1911 to 1920...	20·7	16·3	0·93	122
Increase or decrease in 1921 on :				
Previous year ...	— 3·0	+ 0·6	— 0·03	+ 12
Ten years' average...	+ 1·0	— 2·8	— 0·25	— 15

3—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

DISEASES.	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	12	4	1
Scarlet Fever	32	2	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	2	2	1
Puerperal Fever	1	1	...
Pneumonia	30	...	8
Other Diseases generally notifiable			
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	1	...	...
Erysipelas... ..	11	1	...
Malaria	1	...	...
Anthrax	1	1	...
Other Diseases notified locally :—			
Chickenpox	46	3	...
Measles	1	...	...
Tuberculosis :—			
(a) Pulmonary M	9	4	8
F	8	8	4
Total	17	12	12
(b) Non-Pulmonary M	3	1	...
F	7	3	1
Total	10	4	1

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM	CASES.			Vision Un- impaired	Vision impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
	Notified	Treated					
		At Home	In Hospital				
	3	3	—	—	—	—	—

Cases notified, and Deaths from these Diseases, under age groups

DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED													Total Deaths
	Total at all ages	YEARS												
		Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over	
Diphtheria	12	...	1	...	2	2	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	1
Scarlet Fever	32	...	...	...	2	...	15	14	1	...	...	...	...	1
Enteric Fever	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1
Puerperal Fever	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia	30	1	2	4	2	2	3	1	1	5	5	4	...	8
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	3	1	2	...
Malaria	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Anthrax... ..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Chickenpox	46	6	1	2	2	12	21	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis :—														
(a) Pulmonary	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	7	4	...	...	12
(b) Non-Pulmonary	10	1	...	1	...	...	2	1	1	3	1	...	...	1
German Measles	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
	168	11	4	7	8	16	45	24	8	21	15	7	2	24

13 deaths from Tuberculosis occurred, one of them not notified.

4.—CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

Scarlet Fever is spread through missed cases. Chickenpox and Measles through imperfect isolation.

5.—SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS,
HOSPITALS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS
AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Professional Nursing in the Home :—

(a) General.—Royton Sick Nursing Association provide one nurse. This Association is supported by voluntary contributions.

(b) Cases where isolation is impossible are removed to hospital at the expense of the Local Authority. The cases at home are nursed by the relatives generally.

Midwives :—

Number on the Register	5
Number Practising	5

No midwife is employed or subsidised by the Local Authority.

Clinics and Treatment Centres :—

A Maternity and Child Welfare Centre is provided by the District Council, with accommodation at the Free Library, Rochdale Road.

The Lancashire County Council has made arrangements for the treatment of Tuberculosis at Oldham, 24, Barker Street, and of Venereal Diseases at the Oldham Royal Infirmary.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the
County Council :—

- (1) Tuberculosis.—Sanatorium and Hospital accommodation is provided by the County Council.
- (2) Maternity cases are admitted to the Boundary Park Hospital, Oldham.
- (3) Children.—Are admitted to the Oldham Royal Infirmary, and Manchester Children's Hospital.

(4) Fever.—Oldham Corporation Hospital, Westhulme.

(5) Smallpox.—Chadderton, Royton and Crompton (Joint Hospital) at Racefield.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children in the district.

Ambulance Facilities :—

(a) Infectious cases.—Ambulance from the Oldham Health Department.

(b) Non-infectious and Accident cases :—By Motor Ambulance. Housed at the Oldham Fire Station.

6.—LABORATORY WORK.

Bacteriological work and analysis of water are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, York Place, Manchester.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is kept at the Town Hall, and supplied in cases of emergency to Medical Practitioners in this district upon request. During the year 20 tubes have been supplied.

Sixteen throat swabs have been taken.

Five Positive.

One specimen of blood for enteric.

One positive.

Four specimens of sputa.

One positive.

List of Adopton Acts, Bye-Laws and local regulations relating to the public health, in force in the district, with date of adoption.

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890.

From 1st October, 1891.

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890.

From 1st October, 1891.

The Baths and Wash houses Act, 1846 to 1899.

Adopted 6th November, 1907.

The Notification of Births Act, 1907.

From 1st September, 1915.

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.

- Part (2) Streets and Buildings.
- (3) Sanitary Provisions.
- (4) Infectious Diseases.
- (5) Common Lodging Houses.
- (6) Recreation Grounds.

7.—SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Sanitary Inspector's Report for the year ended December 31st, 1921, to the Medical Officer of Health.

The regular inspection of the Urban District of Royton revealed 394 nuisances or defects, which were reported to the Health Committee month by month.

They may be classified as follows :—

Defective and Blocked Drainage	75
Defective Waste Pipes, Gullies, &c.	40
Defective Closets, Tipplers, Ashpits, &c. ...	35
Defective Downspouts and Gutters	25
Defective Closet Pails	120
Defective Ashpails.....	75
Insufficiency of Closets.....	4
Various other Defects	20
	394

To effect the remedy of these nuisances and defects, 189 formal and 33 legal notices were served upon the owners or their agents, and 380 have been remedied.

Fresh Water Closets have been put in at the Rhos Mill 13; Spaw Mill, 6; and 11 at various other places, total, 30; and at the Boundary Buildings, 367, to 405, Rochdale Road, the whole of the drainage for 22 houses has been re-laid, trapped and connected up to the Council's Sewer in Ooze Wood Road.

During the year 10 houses have been completed on the Ooze Wood Estate.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were reported month by month, and the Table shows the numbers removed to Hospital or Sanatorium, and the Deaths in such institutions :—

1921 Months	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Pneumonia	Puerperal Fever	Encephalitis Lethargica	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Erysipelas	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Other forms of Tuberculosis	Malaria	Chicken pox	German Measles	Anthrax	Total No. of Cases reported each month
January ...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	4	2	...	3	...	...	13
February ...	1	1	...	...	...	..	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	6
March	2	1	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	12
April.....	2	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	1	...	13
May .....	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	11
June	3	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	9
July	1	1	...	...	1	..	...	1	...	2	1	7	...	...	14
August.. ...	1	2	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	9
September.	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	4
October ...	4	...	...	5	...	...	1	1	4	3	...	5	...	...	23
November .	7	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	3	...	...	15
December..	9	5	...	3	...	...	...	3	1	2	...	16	...	...	39
Total Cases..	32	12	2	30	1	1	3	11	17	10	1	46	1	1	168
Number Removed to Hospital or Sanatorium	2	4	2	...	1	...	...	1	10	6	...	3	...	1	30
Number of Deaths in such Institutions	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	8

The usual inquiries were made as to the infectious diseases, school attendance regulated, and disinfectants supplied on application, and 104 rooms in 57 houses have been disinfected with formalin or sulphur.

The scavenging and collection of house refuse is carried out by the Council's workmen with regularity and efficiency. The nightsoil has been discharged for eight months into the sewers, and treated at the sewerage works, and for four months deposited upon the farm lands in the district. The bulk of the house refuse goes to the destructor, but a portion is deposited on three other tips, two of which are in outlying parts of the district

The sewers are flushed and cleansed periodically.

The number and kind of sanitary conveniences are as follows :—

	Privy Middens.....	8		
Cesspools.....	21.		Pail Closets.....	2540.
Ashpits	610.		Waste Water Closets ...	946.
Ashboxes	1940.		Fresh Water Closets ...	780.

The number of registered cowkeepers is 28, also four milkshops, and four purveyors of milk.

The cowsheds have been visited frequently, and considerable repairs have been carried out at the Sunfield and Daisy Hill Farms, and the cleansing and limewashing has been done satisfactorily.

Mr. Wm. Hall, M.R.C.V.S., the inspector of meat, dairies and cowsheds, reports that much slaughtering has been done. He visits the slaughter houses at irregular intervals, and has found the meat generally of excellent quality, one pig weighing 80 pounds was surrendered and destroyed because of its tubercular condition, and 188 pounds of overkept meat was also surrendered.

The mills and workshops have been visited, and the sanitary conditions continue to be satisfactory. Eleven defects were found and remedied upon being reported to the management.

Appended is the list of the various trades and manufactures :—

TRADES AND MANUFACTURES.	No. of Places	No. of Visits.
Aerated Water and Brewers	2	4
Bakeries	45	54
Bleachers and Dyers	3	7
Boot and Clog Makers	10	12
Fustian Cutters	1	2
Gasworks	1	2
Joiners, etc.	5	7
Machinists and Ironworkers	7	9
Printers	2	2
Spinning Mills (Cotton)	35	55
Skip Makers	2	2
Tin Workers	3	7
Weaving and Winding	4	9
Wheelwrights	3	3
Various	10	12
	133	187

The bakehouses are clean and satisfactory.

The lodging houses are fairly well kept, and the sanitary condition of the Picture houses, of which there are only two, is also satisfactory.

JOHN BUTTERFIELD,

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

8--PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Health Visitor—Mrs. S. A. ETESON, trained Nurse (whole time).

Sanitary Officer—JOHN BUTTERFIELD (whole time).

Medical Officer of Health—W. L. BENTLEY, L.S.A. (part time).

9—HOUSING.

The population, according to the Census, June, 1921, was 17,600.

The acreage of Royton is 2,147 Statute acres.

The number of inhabited houses is 4,144, and some 353 of these are occupied by additional persons other than actual members of the family.

The number of back-to-back houses is 242, and 72 of these are of two rooms, nine of three rooms, and 151 contain 4 rooms each.

During the year two houses were built by private enterprise, and 10 were completed and occupied under the municipal housing scheme, at Ooze Wood, and 42 others are in course of erection.

Repairs have been done under the Public Health Act at 19 houses ; they were chiefly to defective roofs and gutters, which caused dampness, defective ceilings and plastering, also some pointing, and the re-building of outside walls at Turf Lane. The other repairs were at Moss View, Church Street and Castleton Road.

Five representations were made with a view to closing orders, and four closing orders were made and the houses closed, at Heyside and Downing Street.

A detailed statement is appended showing the housing accommodation ; the number of living rooms, sleeping rooms and other rooms,—these include scullery, kitchen or workroom, but bathrooms or other necessary offices are not included in this return.

Number of Houses	Number of Rooms	Number of Living Rooms	Number of Sleeping Rooms	Number of Kitchen, Scullery, or Other Rooms	Total No. of Rooms
15	1	1	.....	.....	15
111	2	111	111	.....	222
35	3	35	36	34	105
2556	4	3026	5103	2095	10224
487	5	784	1111	540	2435
608	6	1105	1632	911	3648
167	7	334	500	335	1169
93	8	213	317	214	744
72	9 and over	204	292	245	741
4144	.....	58527	9102	4374	19303

No. of new houses erected during the year :—

- (a) By private enterprise 2
 (b) As part of Municipal Housing Scheme 10

No. of houses in course of erection under Council's Building Scheme 42

Unfit dwelling houses :—

Inspection.

- (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...
 (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910

Have the particulars of these inspections been fully recorded as specified in the Regulations?

- (3) No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 4
 (4) No. of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under (3) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation

Remedy of defects without service of formal notices :—

No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers... ..

Action under Statutory powers :—

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

- (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs... ..
 (2) No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit :—
 (a) By owners
 (b) By Local Authority in default of owners
 (3) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders become operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close

B.—*Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	... ..	20
(2) No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied :—		
(a) By owners	... ..	19
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	... ..	none

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

(1) No. of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	.. .. .	4
(2) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made...	... ..	4
(3) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit	... ..	none
(4) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made...	... ..	none
(5) No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	... ..

D.—No. of houses demolished voluntarily by owners, or converted to workshops, &c....

*Refers only to action taken in reference to housing defects. Notices with regard to drainage and other defects should be included under Sanitary Administration.

HEALTH VISITOR'S REPORT.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE FROM JANUARY 1ST
TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1921.

Notification of Births received during the year, 388.

New cases
visited

356—297 of the infants were strong and healthy ;
18 delicate ;
17 stillborn ;
20 had died.
3 cases had Ophthalmia.
1 had Sore Eyes.

356

Of the 319 living children

241 were breast fed ;
14 breast and bottle fed.
64 bottle fed.

319

Second Visits

205—2 had Bronchitis and the Doctor was attending them. 1 had Scabies and 4 others were not well. I advised the mothers to see the Doctor about them. 2 had died. 10 had been changed from breast to bottle feeding.

Subsequent
Visits

1275—2 had Bronchitis, 2 Sore Eyes, 1 Sore Head, 2 Diarrhoea ; these were all being attended by the Doctor. 7 others were not well. During March and April quite a lot of children had Whooping Cough.

Nursed out

70—684 visits have been paid. All the homes have been satisfactory.

Deaths of
Children
three years
and under
during 1921.

39—Premature Births 13
Bronchitis 2
Broncho-Pneumonia 6
Epidemic Diarrhoea 2
Other Causes..... 16

First Visits..... 356
Second Visits..... 205
Subsequent Visits 1275
Visits to children nursed out. 684

Total Visits..... 2520

Remarks

I have only had to complain of one baby not having attention at home, really through the mother not being well. When I spoke to the father, and told him the consequences if baby did not have somebody to look after it, things improved.

S. A. ETESON,
HEALTH VISITOR.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRE.

NEW CASES, ATTENDANCES AND CONSULTATIONS
FOR THE YEAR.

	Under 1 Year	1—2 years	Over 2 Years	Ante- Natal	Other Mothers	Total
New Cases ...	103	5	6	8	19	141
Attendances...	1353	231	75	66	214	1939
Consultations	408	53	30	47	80	618

The Centre is doing good work and the interest increasing.

Dr. Catherine Chisholme again visited us, and delivered an excellent lecture on Tuberculosis as affecting the Child.

The arrangements for sheltering the perambulators in the Market Hall is greatly appreciated, especially on wet days.

W. L. BENTLEY,

MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Year	Members	Attorneys	Students	Other	Total
1914	100	100	100	100	400
1915	100	100	100	100	400
1916	100	100	100	100	400
1917	100	100	100	100	400
1918	100	100	100	100	400
1919	100	100	100	100	400
1920	100	100	100	100	400
1921	100	100	100	100	400
1922	100	100	100	100	400
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W. I. BENTLEY

MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
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