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(INTERIM)

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

*For the Year 1940.*

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To:—

**The Chairman and Members of the  
SELBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

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The Minister of Health has intimated that a short Interim Report only should be prepared for the year 1940.

W. BERTRAM HILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

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### INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The usual Table (II) is appended showing the number of Notifications of acute Infectious Disease and the number of cases of Tuberculosis.

Four cases of Diphtheria and 7 of Scarlet Fever only were notified during the year, compared with 26 of Diphtheria and 8 of Scarlet Fever for the previous year.

|                                  | Diphtheria | Scarlet<br>Fever | Erysipelas | Pulmonary<br>Tuberculosis | Non-<br>Pulmonary<br>Tuberculosis |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Average for 5 years<br>(1934—38) | 8          | 17               | 2.7        | 9                         | 3.7                               |
| 1939 ....                        | 26         | 8                | 3          | 4                         | 3                                 |
| 1940 ....                        | 4          | 7                | 4          | 6                         | 4                                 |

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### TUBERCULOSIS.

Six cases of Pulmonary and 4 of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified compared with 4 of Pulmonary and 3 of Non-Pulmonary in the previous year.

## **DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.**

Immunisation is being actively carried out in all the Schools in the Urban District.

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## **MINOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE.**

An outbreak of Whooping Cough occurred in January continuing till the end of May.

Measles became epidemic in July and continued till the close of the year. No deaths were certified as due to the disease. Very few of the evacuated population were involved.

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## **WATER SUPPLY.**

The new Bore Hole sunk in the vicinity of the existing Works is now in commission.

Chlorination is carried out.

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**Staff.** The Sanitary Inspector has been appointed Billeting Officer and the greater proportion of his time is absorbed by these duties.

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## **CIVIL DEFENCE.**

Arrangements have been made for dealing with gas contaminated Food Stuffs. Volunteers have been obtained and have undergone training in gas. Suitable vehicles have also been earmarked, and a suitable building selected in which the food will be treated. Arrangements have been entered into with adjacent Authorities for mutual assistance.



## GOVERNMENT EVACUATION SCHEME.

At the end of the year there were in the Urban District:

|     |                            |     |                    |
|-----|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| (a) | Unaccompanied Children     | 204 | (Hull Evacuation)  |
| (b) | Pre-School Age ....        | 7   | "                  |
| (c) | Mother and Child ....      | 1   | "                  |
| (d) | Teachers ....              | 14  | "                  |
| (e) | Helpers ....               | 5   | "                  |
| (f) | Blind ....                 | 3   | "                  |
| (a) | Mothers with Children .... | 113 | (From other Towns) |
| (b) | Unaccompanied Children     | 12  | "                  |


**Hostel.** A Hostel has been established at the Beeches, Leeds Road, for the reception of "Difficult Children," with accommodation for 17 Children.

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TABLE II.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1940.

| NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.                          | NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED. |                    |                  |                   |                    |                    |                    |                   |     | TOTAL CASES<br>REMOVED TO<br>HOSPITAL. | DEATHS |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----|--|--------|
|  | At all Ages               | At all Ages—Years. |                  |                   |                    |                    |                    |                   |     |  |        |
|  |                           | Under 1            | 1 and<br>under 5 | 5 and<br>under 15 | 15 and<br>under 25 | 25 and<br>under 45 | 45 and<br>under 65 | 65 and<br>upwards |     |  |        |
| Small-pox ... ..                             | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    | ...    |
| Cholera (C) Plague (P) ...                   | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    | ..     |
| Diphtheria (including<br>Membranous Croup )  | 4                         | ...                | ...              | 3                 | 1                  | ...                | ...                | ...               | 4   | ...                                    |        |
| Erysipelas ... ..                            | 4                         | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | 2                  | 1                  | 1                 | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Scarlet Fever ... ..                         | 7                         | ...                | ...              | 7                 | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | 7   | ...                                    |        |
| Typhus Fever ... ..                          | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ..  | ...                                    |        |
| Enteric Fever ... ..                         | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Relapsing Fever (R)<br>Continued Fever (C) } | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..                     | 3                         | ...                | ...              | ...               | 1                  | 2                  | ...                | ...               | 3   | ...                                    |        |
| Cerebro-spinal Meningitis...                 | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Poliomyelitis ... ..                         | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...                    | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...                   | 6                         | ...                | ...              | 2                 | 2                  | 2                  | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Other forms of Tuberculosis                  | 4                         | ...                | ...              | 2                 | ...                | 1                  | 1                  | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Measles ... ..                               | 314                       | 7                  | 135              | 166               | 5                  | 1                  | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Whooping Cough ... ..                        | 77                        | 8                  | 39               | 28                | 2                  | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Primary Pneumonia ... ..                     | 20                        | 2                  | 2                | 3                 | 2                  | 4                  | 5                  | 2                 | 3   | ...                                    |        |
| Influenzal Pneumonia ... ..                  | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Malaria ... ..                               | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Dysentery ... ..                             | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Trench Fever ... ..                          | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Acute Polio Encephalitis...                  | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Encephalitis Lethargica ...                  | ...                       | ...                | ...              | ...               | ...                | ...                | ...                | ...               | ... | ...                                    |        |
| Totals ... ..                                | 439                       | 17                 | 176              | 211               | 13                 | 12                 | 7                  | 3                 | 17  |  |        |



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