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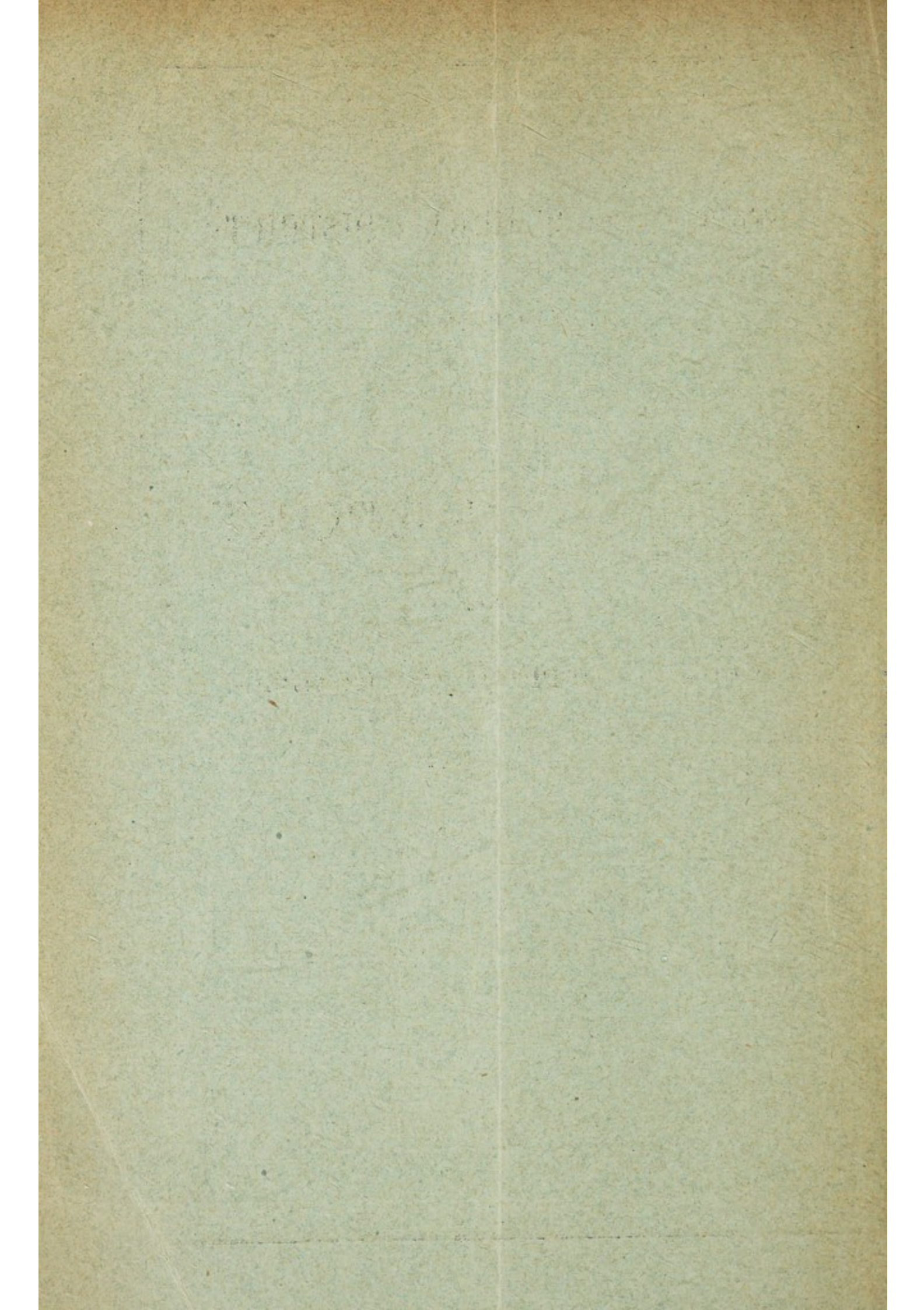
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# Report of the Medical Officer

FOR THE YEAR 1894.

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my report of the sanitary work of this Council I am pleased to be able to congratulate you upon an uneventful year. No epidemic has visited us, the death rate is but little over the average, and the sanitary condition of the district may be generally regarded as satisfactory. The most important feature of the year has been the completion of the Scheme of Drainage for Law Lane and Marsh

*Population.*—The population is estimated for the middle of the year at 2918.

*Births.*—The births for the year number 60, composed of 27 males and 33 females, being equal to an annual rate of 20·5 per mille. The appended table exhibits the numbers and rate for each quarter of the year, and the average rate for the corresponding quarter of the previous 5 years.



	Males.	F'm'les.	Total.	Rate per 1000 per annum.	Average rate for previous 5 years.	No. of Children dying under 1 yr. per 1000 born.
1st quar.	7	13	20	27·4	20·6	150
2nd quar.	10	7	17	23·3	19·4	117
3rd quar.	5	6	11	15·1	25·8	182
4th quar.	5	7	12	16·4	22·1	83
Total	27	33	60	20·5	22·0	

*Deaths.*—The deaths during the year numbered 56, composed of 30 males and 26 females, being equivalent to an annual rate of 19·2 per mille. Of these 4 were due to Zymotic Disease, namely, one to Whooping Cough, two to Diarrhœa, and one to Puerperal Fever. Four were due to injuries, and 6 to Phthisis, and 9 were reported to the Coroner. The appended tables A and B exhibit the ages at which these deaths occurred, and the number due to certain specified diseases. It will be noted that 28 of the deaths, or nearly  $\frac{4}{5}$ ths of the total deaths, are in children under one year or aged persons of 60 and upwards.

Eighteen deaths were due to respiratory diseases, being at the rate of 13 per mille per annum, and 7 of these are due to Phthisis.

The infant mortality was 166.

*Infectious Diseases.*—Only 5 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year, 3 of Scarlatina, 1 of Erysipelas, and 1 of Puerperal Fever. The Scarlatina was contracted in Huddersfield, was of a mild type, and only spread to one child living in the next house. All the houses were duly disinfected.

*Sewage and Refuse Disposal.*—The physical contour of the district of Southowram prevents the adoption of a complete system of drainage. It has therefore to be done in separate sections. One such section, with its

settling tanks and filtration area, has been completed during the year. This will provide drainage accommodation for 120 houses, all of which were formerly dependent on cesspools or privies.

In a considerable portion of the district, however, the privy-midden is the sole means of refuse disposal, and a house-to-house visitation, undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector, shews that in the more thickly populated areas there is very inefficient provision, in some cases even 30 persons using the same closet. A good many of these are of antiquated construction, and the middens are uncovered. The tenants also find considerable difficulty in having them regularly cleansed.

*Workshops and Factories.*—Five workshops and factories coming under the Act have been inspected, and their sanitary arrangements found fairly satisfactory.





**A.**—TABLES of Deaths during the year 1894, in the Urban Council District of Southowram, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

SOUTHOWRAM DISTRICT.		Population.	Deaths.
		2918	56
Smallpox.	:	:	:
Measles.	:	:	:
Scarlatina.	:	:	:
Diphtheria.	:	:	:
Croup.	:	:	:
Whooping Cough.	1	:	1
Typhus	:	:	:
Enteric.	:	:	:
Other Fevers.	:	:	:
Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	:	2	2
Cholera.	:	:	:
Rheumatic Fever.	:	1	1
Erysipelas.	:	:	:
Pyæmia.	:	:	:
Puerperal Fever.	:	1	1
Ague.	:	:	:
Phthisis.	1	6	7
Bronchitis Pneumonia.	5	6	11
Heart	:	4	4
Injuries.	:	4	4
Other Diseases.	11	14	25
Under 5.			
5 Upwards			
Totals.			

Mortality from all Causes at Subjoined Ages.					
At all Ages.	Under 1 Year.	1 and Under 5.	5 and Under 15.	15 and Under 25.	25 and Under 65.
56	10	8	1	5	14
					16

TABLE B.

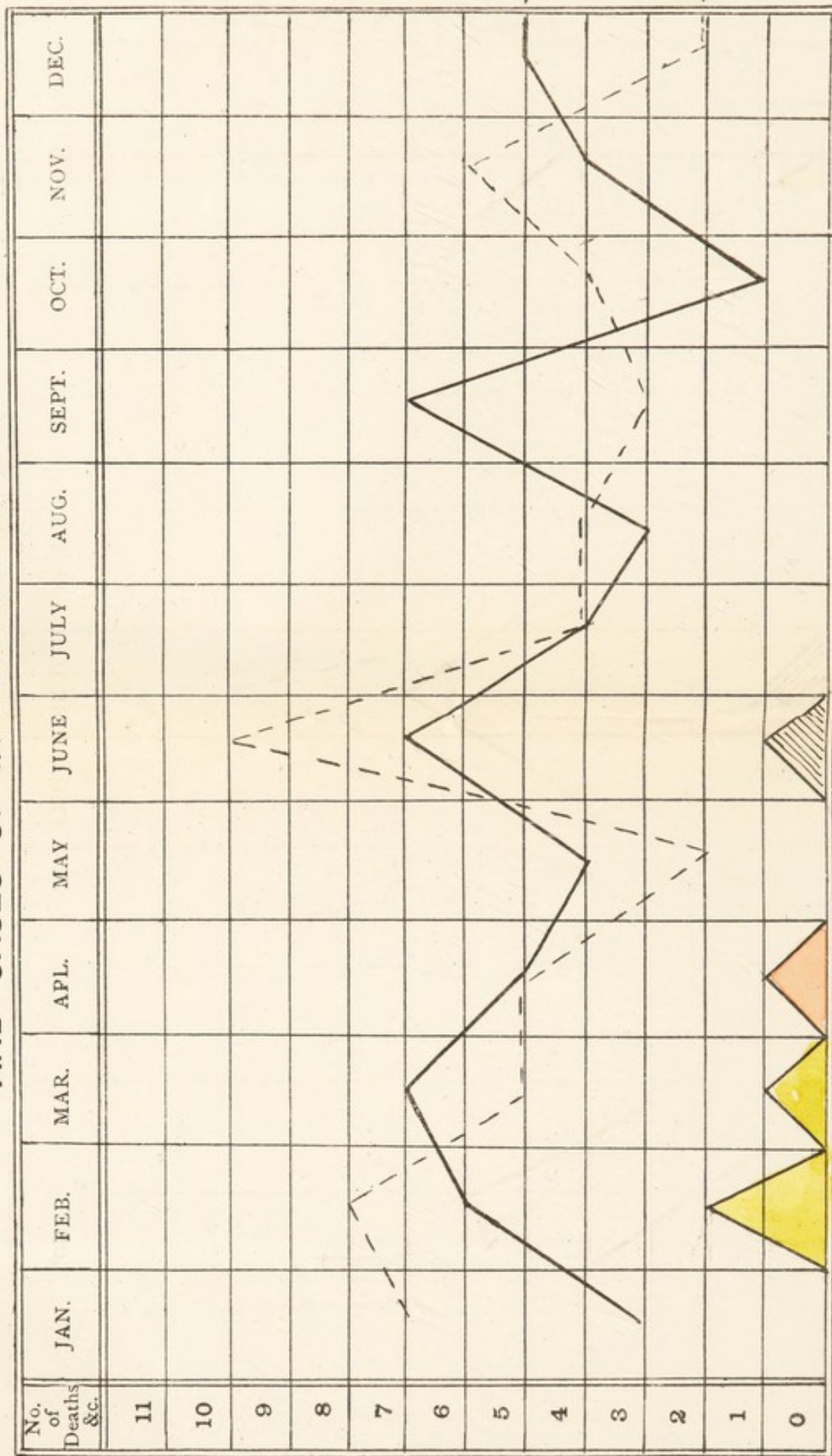
Population, Births, and New Cases of Infectious Sickness during the year 1894.



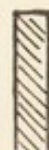
Population at all ages.		Registered Births.	Scarlatina.	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Fever.	No. taken to Isolation Hospital.
Census 1891	Estimated to middle of 1894.	2890	3	1	1	0
2918						



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## GRAPHIC TABLE, SHEWING MONTHLY TOTALS OF BIRTHS & DEATHS AND CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.



 Erysipelas  
 Scarlatina  
 Puerperal Fever



