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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Southowram
Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Report for 1895, I have to record a quiet year, though one of considerable sanitary progress. Though the death-rate is somewhat above the average of the past twenty-one years, this is largely due to the number of deaths occurring in persons who had almost reached or even exceeded the allotted span of human life; and as the amount of infectious disease has been small, we are entitled to consider the year as upon the whole a fairly healthy one.

The resolution passed by the Council during the year fixing the maximum number of houses whose inmates shall use one closet, has done much to mitigate one of our worst sanitary evils, and doubtless the bye-laws, which are now under revision, will, in their new form, be better adapted to the sanitary requirements of the district.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

B. E. I. EDWARDS, M.B. & C.M.

Fellow of the British Institute of Public Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The mean estimated population for the year is 2922.

Births.—The births during the year have numbered 74, consisting of 35 males and 39 females, being equivalent to a rate of 25·3 per thousand of the population.

Deaths.—The deaths have numbered 62, consisting of 32 males and 30 females, being equivalent to a rate of 21·2 per thousand, as compared last year with a death rate of 19·2, and an average for the past 21 years of 17·5.

Table D. gives among other information the death-rates for each month of the year. It will be seen that during six months the rate was above the average and in the remaining six below the average. It will also be seen that 35 per cent. of the deaths occurred in persons over 60 years of age ; and 16 per cent. in infants under one year.

Respiratory diseases account for 30 per cent., and phthisis for 9 per cent., while 3 deaths are attributed to infectious disease, viz., one each from enteric fever, influenza and whooping cough.

The infant mortality was 121.

Seven cases were reported to the Coroner, two being cases of suicide, one of these was a non-resident, and is therefore left out of the calculations.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Four cases of infectious disease were notified during the year. One of erysipelas, one of scarlatina, and two of typhoid fever. One of these cases of typhoid fever ended in death.

The potentialities of evil that lie in a defective closet supply are illustrated by these cases of typhoid. In one case the closet was used by 8 families, and in the other by 12 or 13 people. In each case the sufferer had been unwell for a fortnight before being confined to bed, and during all that time when the excreta presumably contained the contagion, they had used the same closet as the healthy. In both these houses also an untrapped drain was found. Fortunately no extension of the disease took place.

DRAINAGE.

One row of houses has been connected with the drainage system, and 52 houses have had their already existing drains trapped. Other outlying groups of houses are being dealt with as occasion arises.

WATER SUPPLY.

Mains have been laid by the Halifax Corporation from St. Anne's to Brookfoot, and 13 houses have been connected to them. There still remain several cottages on the route of these mains which depend for their water supply on wells, situated either in the house, or on the roadside, but in both cases liable to pollution.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

A house-to-house inspection, undertaken by the sanitary inspector, having emphasised the fact of the insufficient privy accommodation, the Council resolved that no privy should be used by more than 3 houses, and notices having been issued a number of new ones are in course of erection, besides 29 that have already been built.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

In response to the request of the County Council for samples of milk, one such has been taken by the Sanitary Inspector, and favourably reported on by the county analyst.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT.

The factories and workshops in the district coming under the above act have been inspected and found to be in good sanitary condition.

REGULATED BUILDINGS, &c.

The only registered slaughter house in the district has been discontinued.

Month.	Births.			Deaths.			Ages of the Dying.													CAUSES OF DEATH.													Per cent of the Deaths.	Death Rate per 1,000 on the Monthly Estimated Population 244	Mean Estimated Population for the year—2922
	Deaths			Infectious Diseases.													Other Prev. Dis.					Violent Death.													
	Male	Female	Total	0-1 years	2-5 years	6-15 years	16-20 years	21-30 years	31-40 years	41-60 years	61-80 years	81 and upwards	Age unknown	Smallpox	Scarlatina	Enteric Fever	Diphtheria & Croup	Typhus	Erysipelas	Puerperal Fever	Whooping Cough	Influenza	Other Infec. Dis.	Phthisis	Pneumonia	Other Resp. Dis.	Diarrhoea	All other Diseases	Accident	Suicide	Homicide				
January ..	1	3	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	82	2	
February ..	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	205	2	
March ..	4	5	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	327	1	
April ..	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	450	1	
May ..	3	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	164	1	
June ..	2	4	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	246	1	
July ..	3	4	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	82	1	
August ..	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	164	1	
September ..	4	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	123	1	
October ..	1	4	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	327	1	
November ..	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	123	1	
December ..	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	246	2	
Totals ..	35	39	74	32	30	62	10	5	4	3	4	4	10	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	512	6	
	253 per mille.			212 per mille.																															

A.—TABLE OF DEATHS during the year 1895, in the Southowram Urban Sanitary District,
classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

Mortality from all Causes at Subjoined Ages.							Mortality from Subjoined Causes.														
At all Ages.	Under 1 Year.	1 and Under 5	5 and Under 15	15 and Under 25	25 and Under 65	65 and upwards.	Under 5	5 Upwards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
62	19	5	4	5	20	18			Smallpox.	Scarlatina	Enteric or Typhoid Fever.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhœa and Dysentery	Phthisis.	Bronchitis Pneumonia Pleurisy.	Heart Disease	Influenza.	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	Total
									..	..	1	..	1	..	..	3	5	1	..	10	15
									..	..	1	..	..	..	6	16	5	1	..	18	47

B.—Table of Population, Births, and of New Cases of Infectious Sickness, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1895, in the Southowram Urban Sanitary District; classified according to Diseases, Ages and Localities.

Population at all Ages.		Registered Births.	Under 5. 5 upwds.	New Cases of Sickness in each Locality.						No. taken to Isolation Hos.			
Census 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1895.			Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever.	Continued Fever.	Erysipelas.	Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever.	
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SOUTHOWRAM SANITARY DISTRICT.

Inspector's Report of Sanitary Work, &c., completed
in the year ending December 31st, 1895.

Number of complaints received during the year ...	...	53
Number of inspections made	" "	241

RESULTS OF INSPECTION.

Orders issued for sanitary amendments of houses & premises	3
Houses disinfected after infectious disease	3
Houses, premises, &c., cleansed	2

HOUSE DRAINS.

Repaired, cleansed, &c.,	...	...	...	...	...	22
Trapped or ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	52

PRIVIES AND WATER CLOSETS.

Repaired, cleansed, &c.,	...	...	...	...	...	1
New provided	...	...	...	...	...	20

ASH PITS.

New provided	8
Repaired, covered	4

WATER SUPPLY.

Houses supplied with water	29
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STREETS DRAINED.

Names and number, South View Terrace connected to						
new drainage						I

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. of lodginghouses registered under 35 clause of Sanitary Act, 1866	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>
Removal of accumulation of dung, stagnant water, animal and other refuse	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Removal of animals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of licensed slaughterhouses regularly inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>
Other proceedings, e.g., legal proceedings...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>
Number of nuisances left unabated, ending 1894	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
" " abated, during 1895	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
" " left unabated, ending 1895	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

(Signed) R. NICHOLL,

Nuisance Inspector to Southowram Urban District Council.



