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HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Composed of the whole of the Members of the Council.

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Medical Officer of Health :

JOHN R. GRAHAM, M.B., Ch. B., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector :

H. NUTTALL, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

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under Shops Acts ; Cleansing Superintendent).

Clerk :

ERNEST ALLISON.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith present the Annual Report on the health of the Urban District for 1945.

The change over from a nation engaged in total war to peace time has not brought the rapid improvement in living conditions which many optimists foretold. The year has been one of preparation and planning.

While the vital statistics are not so good as the previous year in which the death rates and infantile mortality rates showed a very marked decrease from 1943, the figures for 1945 are, I consider, quite satisfactory.

They show an improvement on 1943 and previous years, tending to be more in keeping with the gradual decrease over the last ten years, while 1944 figures showed a sudden drop.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN R. GRAHAM,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The area of the District is 6,497 acres.

Population: 16,700

The Rateable Value of the District is £78,193.

The sum represented by a penny rate is £300.

According to the rate books there were 4,465 inhabited houses in the District.

The **Chief Industries** in the area are coal mining and The Staveley Coal & Iron Company's Iron and Chemical Works.

Live Births—	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	290	163	127
Illegitimate	33	14	19
	323	177	146

Birth Rate.—19.34 per 1,000 of the Estimated Resident Population.

Still Births—	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	9	4	5
Illegitimate	2	2	—
	11	6	5

Still Birth Rate.—32.93 per 1,000 total (Live and Still) births.

Deaths—	Total	Male	Female
	145	86	59

Death Rate.—8.68 per 1,000 of the Estimated Resident Population.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes—

Puerperal Sepsis	Nil.
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	58.82
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	55.17
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	90.90
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	18
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	5

SOCIAL CONDITIONS, ETC.

The housing position at the end of the year showed no change. No census has been taken of cases of overcrowding as the position of many families is so quickly changing, sons being demobbed and arriving with wife and family, daughters leaving to join husbands, etc., present an ever changing picture.

Water Supplies.

There is no change in the position from the previous year of 4,465 premises, all but six have a piped supply from the North East Derbyshire Joint Water Committee.

Samples are taken regularly throughout the district and the suppliers take samples at the source. Copies of the reports of the analysis are exchanged between the two authorities.

Below is a resume of the analysis of samples taken.

Samples taken in U.D.C. ... ..	...	...	...	22
Satisfactory ... ..	...	...	...	17
Unsatisfactory ... ..	...	...	...	5
Doubtful ... ..	...	...	...	Nil
Samples taken by N.E.D.J.W.C. ... ..	...	...	...	324
Satisfactory ... ..	...	...	...	246
Unsatisfactory ... ..	...	...	...	78
Doubtful ... ..	...	...	...	Nil

TREATMENT CENTRE, POOLSBROOK.

No. of Cases, 2,268.

Scabies.	Adults	5-15 yrs.	Under 5	Total
Chesterfield R.D.C. ...	564	347	148	1059
Clay Cross U.D.C. ...	68	28	11	107
Clowne R.D.C. ...	146	66	37	249
Dronfield U.D.C. ...	19	13	7	39
Staveley U.D.C. ...	176	87	37	300
	973	541	240	1754

Head Lice.

	Adults.	(5-15)	under 5	Total.
Chesterfield R.D.C.	10(9)	128(121)	22(21)	160(151)
Clay Cross U.D.C.	3(2)	7(7)	—	10(9)
Clowne R.D.C. ...	6(6)	44(40)	5(3)	55(49)
Dronfield U.D.C. ...	—	1(1)	—	1(1)
Staveley U.D.C. ...	7(6)	84(78)	17(16)	108(100)
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	26(23)	264(247)	44(40)	334(310)
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Scabies with Verminous Heads.

Chesterfield R.D.C.	27(27)	86(74)	18(11)	131(112)
Clay Cross U.D.C.	—	2(2)	—	2(2)
Clowne R.D.C. ...	3(3)	18(15)	5(4)	26(22)
Dronfield U.D.C. ...	2(2)	2(2)	—	4(4)
Staveley U.D.C. ...	3(2)	18(15)	6(4)	27(21)
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	35(34)	126(108)	29(19)	190(161)
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ADD 113 Cases Diagnosis **not** confirmed.

62 „ Miscellaneous.

4 „ Ped. Corporis (2 Chesterfield. 2 Dron-
field—add Adults)

1 „ „ Pubis (Chesterfield Adult).

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TREATMENT CENTRE, POOLSBROOK.

During the year a total of 2,088 cases were treated at the centre. This shows a decrease of 613 cases over the year. The decrease is entirely due to the number of cases coming for scabies treatment, 2,378 being treated in 1944 as against 1,754 in 1945. With regard to the cases sent with verminous heads 334 were sent in 1945 compared with 333 in 1944.

The proportion of persons sent as scabies and found to be infested is comparable to the proportions in the previous year.

The figures indicate that while scabies has markedly decreased there is no sign that infestation of heads is decreasing, rather the reverse as the number of cases treated in 1943 (the first complete year of working) was only 185.

During the year several inquiries were undertaken.

D.D.T. which is now very well known to the general public, has been tried for verminous head infestations at the Centre. The results were not satisfactory.

Two inquiries have been conducted for Professor Kenneth Mellanby of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Both of these were concerned with an alternative method of treatment for scabies. In neither case was there any advantage over the present method.

The results of the investigations of louse populations in cases with verminous heads have now been published. An article in the "Medical Officer" for 10th June, 1945, gave full details. The most important findings were that: over 90% of those with nits also have live lice. Over half of those infested have a louse population of more than ten, and 10% have more than 100 lice each. The age-groups showing the heaviest infestation also have the largest number of lice. One interesting conclusion was that the lighter the nit infestation and the greater the ratio between immature stages of lice and adults. It is not to be assumed because there are "only a few nits" that no lice are present; a small infestation is merely the forerunner of a much heavier infestation. The importance is stressed of the earliest treatment once nits are found.

INCIDENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diphtheria—Five cases were notified in the year as against four in the previous year. No deaths resulted.

Diphtheria Immunisation—Age under 5 years, 83. Age 5 years and over but under 15, 87.

Scarlet Fever—Forty-three cases were notified in the year as against Forty-two in the preceding year. No deaths resulted.

Measles—Two hundred and ninety-six were notified as compared with three cases in the previous year. There was one death.

Whooping Cough—Forty-four cases were notified in the year as against forty-nine in the preceding year. There were no deaths.

Erysipelas—Three cases were notified.

Cerebro Spinal Fever—One case was notified.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(1) Nursing in the Home.

No nursing in the home is undertaken by the Urban District Council.

(2) Midwives.

Are under the supervision of the Derbyshire County Council.

(3) Laboratory Facilities.

All bacteriological work is done at the Bacteriological Department of the County Council at Derby. Chemical analysis is done by the County Analyst at Derby.

(4) Hospitals General.

Chesterfield Royal Hospital:
Public Assistance Hospital, Chesterfield.

Ambulance Facilities.

(a) **Infectious Diseases.**—Dronfield, Langwith, Mastin Moor, Morton, Penmore and Spital Hospitals have motor ambulances.

(b) **Non-Infectious Diseases.**—Motor ambulances are maintained by G. Rimmington, Staveley, and Bolsover Urban District Council.

Clinic and Treatment Centres.

County Clinic, Brimington, Chesterfield.— Tuberculosis School Clinics for minor ailments, and a Dental Clinic are carried on in this building. Infant Welfare and Pre-Natal Clinics are held at Barrow Hill and Staveley.

The County Council provide treatment for venereal disease at the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield.

GENERAL.

Schools.

The schools in the district have again been visited and inspected during the year.

Bacteriological Examinations.

Table showing the number of specimens sent from the Urban District and examined at the County Laboratory, Derby.

TABLE 1.

Enterica.

Bacteriological Examination, 1945.

	Pos.	Neg.
Typhoid, Para-typhoid, A and B	—	—
Gaertner, Dysentry, etc.	—	—
Diphtheria	2	7
Phthisis	2	15
*Water	—	—
Milk:—		
T.B. Inoculation. Sent from Ministry of Agriculture	—	—
T.B. Inoculation Routine Samples	—	—
*Methylene Blue Test Routine Samples	—	—
*Bacillus Coli Routine Samples	—	—
*Bacterial County Routine Samples	—	—
Miscellaneous	4	8
Totals	8	30

* Pos.—Unsatisfactory.

Neg.—Satisfactory.

TABLE 2.—OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Notified	Cases Treated		Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
	At home	In Hospital				
—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE 3.—INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Total No. Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	43	43	—
Diphtheria	5	5	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever... ..	1	1	—
Pneumonia	13	—	4
Erysipelas	3	3	—
Polio-Myelitis	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—
Undulant Fever	—	—	—
Measles	296	—	1
Whooping Cough	44	—	—

TABLE 4.—TUBERCULOSIS RETURN FOR 1945.

PERIODS.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 and over	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
5 and over	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
10 and over	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
15 and over	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 and over	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 and over	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—
35 and over	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
45 and over	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
55 and over	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	11	5	4	5	4	—	—	—

TABLE 5.
CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE STAVELEY URBAN
DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1945.

	Male	Female
Typhoid and Parat. Fevers	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	4	—
Other Tuberculosis Diseases	—	—
Syphilitic Diseases	—	—
Influenza	—	—
Measles	1	—
Ac. polio-myel and polio enceph.	—	—
Ac. inf. enceph.	—	—
Cancer of buc. cav. and œsoph.	2	1
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	2
Cancer of breast	—	1
Cancer of all other sites	8	2
Diabetes	1	1
Intra cranial vascular lesions	8	8
Heart Disease	24	20
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	2
Bronchitis	6	4
Pneumonia (all forms)	2	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	—
Ulcer of Stomach or duodenum	1	—
Appendicitis	1	—
Diarrhœa under 2 years	3	2
Other Digestive Diseases	1	1
Nephritis	2	2
Puerperal and post-obort. sepsis	—	—
Other Maternal Causes	—	—
Premature Birth	4	—
Con. mal. birth inj. infant. dis.	3	2
Suicide	1	—
Road Traffic Act	1	—
Other Violence	3	2
All other Causes	5	7

	Male.	Female.	Per 1,000 Births.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year including illegitimate	10	9	58.82
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants.	1	2	90.90

	Male.	Female.	Per 1,000 living.
Births :—			
Total	177	146	19.34
Legitimate	163	127	17.36
Illegitimate	14	19	1.99

WATER SAMPLES

The undermentioned water samples have been taken during the year.

TABLE 7.—WATER SAMPLES.

Ward.	No. of Samples.	Satis- factory.	Unsatis- factory.	Total.
Barrow Hill	1	—	1	1
Hollingwood	2	1	1	2
Middlecroft	6	5	1	6
Markham	1	1	—	1
Lowgates	8	7	1	8
Woodthorpe	2	2	—	2
Mastin Moor	2	1	1	2
	22	17	5	22

In addition to the sampling in this district the Water Engineer takes weekly samples at the source of supply.

Owing to this measure quite an improvement has been made in respect to certain supplies, and the Council have the satisfaction of knowing that there is little chance of any permanent cause of contamination likely to go undetected.

HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

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| 1. | (a) Total number of Dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health of Housing Act) | 135 |
| | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 240 |
| 2. | (a) Number of Dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) (above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 | — |
| | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | — |
| 3. | Number of Dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 1 |

4. Number of Dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	47
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Remedy of defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	39
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	12
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
(a) By Owners	12
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	88
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By Owners	54
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

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|---|---|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... | 1 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... | 1 |

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

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| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | 1 |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... | 1 |

Housing Act, 1936, Part IV.—Overcrowding.

It has not been possible to keep the cases under observation as one would have wished owing to other duties, but six cases have been notified and inspected.

REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR YEAR 1945.

	Number of Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector	Number of Notices served		No. of Nuisances abated with or without Notice.
		Informal	Legal	
Closets and Ashpits :—				
Defective Privies, Pail Closets and Ashpits ...	—	—	—	—
Conversion of Privies into W.C.'s ...	6	2	—	2
Conversion of Pail Closets into W.C.'s ...	—	—	—	—
Conversion of Privies into Pail Closets ...	—	—	—	—
Defective Water Closets ...	—	—	—	—
Provision of Additional Water Closets ...	10	2	—	2
Provision of Portable Ashbins ...	69	30	—	84
Dirty Closets ...	Nil	—	—	—
Drainage—				
No disconnection of waste pipe ...	Nil	—	—	—
Defective Waste Pipe, Traps, Inlets, and Drains	22	10	—	14
Drains obstructed ...	12	6	—	6
Other Defects—				
Paving of Courts and Yards	14	3	—	Nil
Roofs, Eaves-spouts and Down Spouts ...	30	26	7	26
Sinks ...	16	5	—	5
Insufficient Ventilation ...	22	20	—	Nil
Windows ...	36	20	7	10
Dampness ...	27	9	7	9
Water in Cellars ...	6	2	1	Nil
Water Supply ...	24	—	—	24
Overcrowding ...	12	—	—	—
Foul Condition of Houses ...	16	2	—	2
Offensive Accumulations ...	—	—	—	—
Animals improperly kept ...	—	—	—	—
Pigsties ...	—	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances ...	—	—	—	—
Urinals ...	42	—	—	—
Nuisances not specified above	146	18	—	94
TOTAL ...	510	155	22	278

	Number on Register	Inspections made	Notices served	Nuisances abated with or without Notice
Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops	50	47	—	—
Bakehouses	8	42	2	2
Slaughterhouses	3	96	—	—
Offensive Trades	1	4	—	—
Common Lodging Houses ...	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	62	189	2	2

Dairies and Cowsheds.

During the year some complaints have been received as to the keeping quality of the milk. These were investigated at the producers' premises and advice given as to the keeping clean of utensils and the cooling and storage of milk.

34 persons are registered as Producer Retailers, and 13 persons registered as retailers of milk, only 9 of these have their premises outside the Council area.

47 inspections have been made during the year and defects were found, 5 cases were abated satisfactorily.

Meat Inspection.

There are three registered Slaughterhouses in the area, but these are not being used owing to the meat being supplied by the Ministry of Food, through the Chesterfield abattoir.

The following quantities of unsound foodstuffs have been surrendered and destroyed during the year:—

Milk	Tins.
Beans	52
Apples	5
Sardines	4
Peas	30
Hot Meals	7
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				lbs.
Chopped Ham	37
Bacon	168
Frozen Fish	140
Butter	8
Icing Sugar	35
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				388
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Factories and Workshops.

27 visits have been made during the year and Notices have been sent to the Staveley Coal & Iron Company Ltd., for improvement of the existing sanitary arrangements. The necessary alterations have been put in hand.

Bakehouses.

10 visits have been made and all were found to be satisfactory.

Infectious Diseases.

Enquiries in all cases were made and defects and nuisances noted.

During the year 48 visits have been made and 18 rooms fumigated.

Shops.

105 visits have been made during the year, and no cases of breach of regulations were found and no action was found necessary.

Smoke Observations at Colliery Tips.

No observations have been taken during the year, as the works are mostly steel and iron works. Visits have been made to burning colliery tips. The district has suffered from atmospheric impurities from these tips.

Bed Bugs.

Few complaints have been received, but tenants in 2 Council houses and 1 private house were fumigated during the year with Thermo-tox Fumigators, and were satisfactory on re-visits.

Closet Accommodation.

5 conversions from earth closets to W.C's. have been carried out during the year. New W.C's have been erected.

The following are the approximate number of closets, ashpits and ashbins of each type in use at the end of the year 1945.

Number of Water Closets	...	...	4227
„ „ Pail Closets	...	...	4
„ „ Privies	...	...	21
„ „ Ashbins	...	...	4604
„ „ Dry Closets	...	...	5
„ „ Wet Ashpits	...	...	49

Storage of Petroleum.

The number of licences granted was 16 and the quantity to be stored was 185,650 gallons.

Four licences were granted to store 5,336 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium.

The whole of the licences granted covered for storage in bulk in special tanks.

Cesspools.

There are still a number of cesspools in the area, in respect of which two complaints were received during the year. The owners being responsible for cleansing.

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

There are 5 Vans in the area, these are in a satisfactory condition and no complaints have been received.

Rats and Mice Destruction Act.

During the year, six complaints were received, and visits were made. Squils and Liverpool Virus were laid.

During the year local rat catchers have regularly visited the Council refuse tips and farm buildings in the area.

The number of rats caught and reported was 540.

**FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901, AND THE
FACTORIES ACT, 1937.**

1. **Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (4)
Factories with mechanical power ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
Factories without mechanical power	35	Nil	Nil
Other Premises under the Act (in- cluding works of building and engineering construction but not including outworker's premises)...	13	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	48	Nil	Nil

2. **Defects found.**

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			No. of defects in respect of which Pros- ecutions were instituted. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) ...	2	2	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)...	2	2	Nil	Nil
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):				
Insufficient, unsuitable or defective	36	—	Nil	Nil
Not separate for Sexes ...	—	—	—	—
Other Offences	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	40	4	Nil	Nil

PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

The cleansing and maintaining of the Public Conveniences is vested in the Public Health Department.

One new convenience was erected during the year.

The following is a list of conveniences maintained by the department.

Situation.	Accommodation for Females.	Accommodation for Males.
Market Street ...		2 W.C's.
Staveley ...	2 W.C's.	4 Urinal Stalls
Inkersall Road ...		
Staveley ...	Nil.	3 Urinal Stalls
Barrow Hill ...		
Staveley ...	Nil.	4 Urinal Stalls

PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

ARTICLE IV. OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

The Board of Health, created by the Charter of the City of Boston, Chapter 222, Section 1, is authorized to make and enforce such regulations as may be necessary to prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases among the people of the City of Boston.

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