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THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Together with the Vital Statistics for the Year 1927.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE STOURBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for the year 1927, being my Third Annual Report.

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, this Report is curtailed, and the details are those which the Ministry suggest should be included.

General Statistics.

Area of the District	...	...	...	1920 acres.
Population according to figures supplied after the Census in 1921	...	Crude 18023 ;	Corrected 18016	
Population, figures supplied by Registrar-General (1927)	...	...	...	18860
Number of inhabited houses (1921)	...	...	...	4251
Number of inhabited houses (1927)	...	...	...	4688
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)	...	...	...	4608 approx.
Number of families or separate occupiers (1927)	...	...	...	5081 approx.
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£80,680
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	£321

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year.

	M.	F.	Total.
Births—Legitimate	177	125	302
Illegitimate	8	2	10
		Total	312
Birth Rate	...	...	16.54
Birth Rate for England and Wales	...	...	16.7
Deaths—Males	...	...	112
Females	...	...	110
		Total	222

Death Rate 11.76

Death Rate for England and Wales 12.3

Four women died in consequence of childbirth, one being from Sepsis and three from other causes,

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	1926		1927	
	M	F	M	F
Enteric Fever	—	1	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—
Measles	1	—	1	2
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	1	—	—
Diphtheria	1	—	1	—
Influenza	2	2	7	16
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	—	—	—
Meningococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	6	5	6	4
Other Tuberculous Diseases	1	1	2	2
Cancer, Malignant Disease	10	15	10	20
Rheumatic Fever	1	—	—	—
Diabetes	1	1	5	—
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	11	10	7	7
Heart Disease	13	28	15	24
Arterio-Sclerosis	2	1	4	1
Bronchitis	5	7	7	7
Pneumonia (all forms)	5	6	9	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	2	1	—
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	2	—	1	—
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	1	—	1	—
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	1	—	2	—
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	1	—	—
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	2	1	3	1
Puerperal Sepsis	—	3	—	1
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	—	3	—	3
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth	8	1	7	1
Suicide	1	1	1	1
Other Deaths from Violence	4	—	3	—
Other Defined Diseases	16	27	19	18
Causes ill-defined or unknown	1	—	—	—
TOTAL	98	117	112	110

The Births, Deaths of Infants under one year, and the Total Deaths for the past five years, were as follows :—

Year.		Births.	No. of Deaths of Infants under one year.		Total Deaths.
1922	...	361	...	30	238
1923	...	383	...	25	219
1924	...	363	...	23	194
1925	...	338	...	28	230
1926	...	305	...	19	215
Average of five years		350		25	219
1927	...	312	...	24	222

Street List showing Number of Births, Infantile Deaths and Total Deaths.

STREET.			Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
Albert Street	...	...	3		
Angel Street	...	...	3	1	3
Bagley Street	...	...	2		
Bank Street	...	...	
Bath Road	...	...	
Baylie Street	...	...	2		1
Beale Street	...	...	
Beech Road	...	...	1		
Bell Street	...	...	
Birmingham Street	...	...	11	3	10
Bowling Green Road	...	...	1		2
Borough Crescent	...	...	2		
Bridgnorth Road	...	...	11	1	6
Bridle Road	...	...	4	1	2
Bright Street	...	...	
Brook Road	...	...	
Brook Street	...	...	4		5
Cecil Street	...	...	3		5
Charles Road	...	...	2		
Cathcart Road	...	...	1		1
Chapel Street	...	...	1		1
Chawnhill	...	...	3	1	2
Cherry Street	...	...	3		
Church Street	...	...	3	1	3
Church Road	...	...	
Clark Street	...	...	1		
Cleveland Street	...	...	1		1
Cliff, The	...	...	3		5

Street List showing Number of Births, Infantile Deaths and Total Deaths.
—Continued.

STREET	Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
Clifton Street	1		
Cobden Street	6	1	3
Corser Street	4		2
Court Street	1		2
Coventry Street	3		
Craufurd Street			1
Cross Street	1		
Duke Street	2		2
Duncombe Street	5		2
Eggington Road			
Enville Street	7		3
Farlands Road			
Field Lane	5		1
Fir Grove	1		
Firmstone Street	2		2
Foster Street			1
Forge Hill	1		
Grange Road	9		
Greyhound Lane	2	1	1
Gig Mill			
Giles Hill	2		
Gladstone Road			
Glasshouse Hill	2		
Glebe Lane			
Greenfield Avenue			
Green Street	8		4
Hadcroft Road	7		
Hagley Road (Stourbridge)	9		2
Hagley Road (Upper Swinford)	3	2	6
Hanbury Hill			1
Hanbury Passage	1		
Hall Street	2		1
Ham Lane			2
Hatfield Road	6		
Heath Street			4
Heath Lane	3		3
Hemplands Road	3	1	2
High Street (Stourbridge)	9	1	7
High Street (Wollaston)	3	1	8
High Park Avenue	4	1	2
Hill Street	4		1
Hungary Hill	2		
Junction Road			

Street List showing Number of Births, Infantile Deaths and Total Deaths.

—Continued.

STREET.	Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
Jobs Lane			
King Street	4		3
Laburnam Street			1
Lawn Avenue	2		1
Lawn Street			
Lawrence Street			2
Lion Street	1		1
Lion Passage			
Love Lane	1	1	5
Lower Swinford			
Mamble Road	4		1
Market Street	1		1
Meriden Avenue			
Mill Street	1	1	2
Mount Street	10		1
Mount Road			
New Street	3		2
New Road			2
New Wood	1		
Norton Road and Norton	8		6
Osmaston Road			2
Pargeter Street			
Parkfield Road			
Parkfield Terrace			
Park Street			2
Pedmore Road	6		2
Park Road	1		
Prescot Road	2		1
Pool Street			1
Prospect Hill			
Queen Street	1		
Randle Road			
Rectory Road			
Red Hill (Stourbridge)			
Red Hill (Upper Swinford)			
Ridge Street	3		2
Rufford Road	2		2
School Street			
Short Street	1		
South Avenue			1
South Road	7		4
Stamber Mill	1		
Stanley Road			

Street List showing Number of Births, Infantile Deaths and Total Diseases.
—(continued).

STREET	Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
Summer Street	11	2	4
Swan Street	1		2
Swinford Road			
St. Mary's Lane	2		1
The Heath	1		
Theatre Road	1		
Talbot Street			
Union Passage	2		
Union Street	2		4
Unwin Passage			
Unwin Crescent	1		1
Valley Road	1		
Vicarage Road	8		1
Victoria Street			
West Street	3		2
Western Road	1		
Wheeler Street	4	2	5
Wheeler's Hill	1		
Witton Street	4		2
Wood Street	1		1
Woodward Place	1		
Wollaston Road			
Worcester Street (Stourbridge) ...	8		5
Worcester Street (Upper Swinford)			
Yardley Street			
Poor Law Institution			16
Corbett Hospital		1	8
County Lunatic Asylum, Bromsgrove			1
Worcester County and City Lunatic Asylum, Powick ...			1
Guest Hospital, Dudley			2
Various Nursing Homes			4
Amblecote			1
General Hospital, Birmingham ...			3
Children's Hospital, Edgbaston ...		1	1
Kidderminster			1
Women's Hospital, Sparkhill ...			1
Births outside the Borough, Parents being Residents ...	16		
	312	24	222

Infantile Deaths.

Total Deaths of Infants under one year, 24 (Males 17, Females 7).

Infantile Death Rate per 1000 births : 76.89.

The Infantile Death Rate for the past five years was 71.42

Infantile Death Rate, England and Wales, 69 per 1000 births.

The causes of deaths were as follows :—

Broncho-Pneumonia, 6 ; Bronchitis, 3 ; Injury at Birth, 3 ; Congenital Heart Disease, 2 ; Influenza 2 ; Debility, 2 ; Convulsions, 2 ; and one each from the following causes : Premature Birth, Measles, Acute Appendicitis, and Tuberculous Meningitis.

The Infantile Death Rate shows a slight increase over the preceding year, being 62.29 in 1926. This increase is mainly due to deaths from Broncho-Pneumonia and Bronchitis, which occurred during the Influenza Epidemic in the first quarter of the year.

Zymotic Diseases.

There were 28 Deaths. Influenza 23, Diarrhoea 1, Measles 3, Diphtheria 1.

The Zymotic Death Rate is 1.49.

The deaths from Measles were children aged between 9 and 20 months. Two occurred in November and one in December.

The Diphtheria case occurred in January. The death from Diarrhoea was a male 71 years of age, and occurred in December. There were no deaths from Diarrhoea in children under two years of age.

There was a considerable increase in the deaths from Zymotic Diseases, 28 being registered as against 11 in 1926, giving a Death Rate of 1.49 as against .58. This increase was due to the prevalence of Influenza during February and March. 23 deaths were due to this cause as against 4 in 1926.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Hospitals Provided or Subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council.

Tuberculosis	...	Hayley Green and Knightwick, both situated outside the Borough and under the control of the County Council.
Maternity	...	None.
Children	...	None.
Fever	...	Stourbridge and Halesowen Infectious Diseases Hospital, Hayley Green, Pedmore, near Stourbridge.
Smallpox	...	Ditto.
Other	...	Corbett Hospital, Amblecote, Staffs., supported by this and surrounding districts. Birmingham Queen's, General and Children's Hospitals, and Dudley (Guest) Hospital are easily accessible.

Sanatorium treatment of Tuberculosis is under the control of the County Council.

The Infectious Diseases Hospital at Hayley Green, as well as a Smallpox Hospital, are provided by the Local Authorities of the Borough of Stourbridge, Urban District Council of Lye and Wollescote, and the Urban District Council of Halesowen.

The Smallpox Hospital is kept in readiness for any case which might occur. Arrangements have been made with the South Staffordshire Joint Smallpox Hospital Board for use of ambulance for removal of patients. (Telephone Sedgley 32).

There is no Institutional Provision for unmarried mothers in the district.

The Corbett General Hospital is situated in the Urban District of Amblecote and is supported by this and the adjoining districts. In March 1928, the number of beds was increased from 32 to 40 by the opening of a new ward for female patients.

Ambulance Facilities :—

- (a) For Infectious Cases a motor ambulance is provided by the Joint Infectious Diseases Hospital.
- (b) For Non-Infectious Cases. A Motor Ambulance, which is kept at the Fire Station, and a Motor Ambulance provided by the British Red Cross and kept at Mr. Weaver's Garage, High Street.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

The Maternity and Infant Welfare Centre at No. 40, New Road, is under the control of a Voluntary Committee and a contribution is made by the Town Council to the funds of this Committee. The Town Council own the premises occupied by the Centre.

The Centre is open on Tuesday and Wednesday in each week from 2 till 5 p.m., and every morning from 9 till 10.

Dr. Lloyd Francis attends at the Centre weekly on Tuesday afternoons.

Ladies of the Committee assist at the Welfare Centre in helping to weigh the babies and giving tea to the mothers.

Milk and other foods are given in necessitous cases or supplied at a low cost.

Dental and Orthopaedic Clinics, under the auspices of the Worcestershire County Council, are also held at the Centre. Mr. Naughton Dunn, of Birmingham, attends the Orthopaedic Clinic once every month.

An Ante-natal Clinic was opened in October and is held twice a month. Since its inception it has been well attended and has proved a success.

Health Visitor's Report.

Notifications of Births received from the County Medical Officer January 1st to December 31st, 1927 :—

Males	...	...	170
Females	...	...	114
Still Births	...	...	11
			<hr/> 295
Number of Primary visits paid to homes	...		277
Re-visits to children under one year of age	...		2438
Re-visits to children over one year of age	...		2100

Attendances at Infant Consultation Centre :—

Number of Children in attendance at the Centre during	
1927	440
Total number of attendances	4003

The Ante-Natal Clinic was opened at the Centre on October 21st, 1927, by Dr. Emily Paterson, Assistant County Medical Officer.

Previous to opening the Clinic, a meeting of local Midwives was held at the Centre, and addresses given by Dr. Paterson and Dr. Geoffrey Dudley.

The Clinic is open, with the Doctor in attendance on the third Friday in each month, and the alternate fortnight with Nurse in attendance.

The number of expectant mothers attending the Clinic at the end of December, was 21.

Number of first visits paid to expectant mothers	...	60
Total visits	...	126

The Public Health Staff.

The Staff consists of a part-time Medical Officer of Health a whole-time Sanitary Inspector, and an Additional Sanitary Inspector. One half of the salaries of these Officers is contributed by Exchequer grants.

The Sanitary Inspector has the certificates of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Sanitary Inspector and Inspector of Meat and other Foods. The Sanitary Inspector also acts as Inspector under the Petroleum Acts

and Shops Acts. One Additional Sanitary Inspector resigned on 10th of September and another was appointed who commenced duties on 10th October.

There is also a lady Clerk.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

The Stourbridge District Nursing Association, which is a voluntary organisation, employs three Nurses, whose services are available for residents in the whole of the Borough and of Pedmore (in Bromsgrove Rural).

There is no provision for professional nursing of cases of Infectious Diseases treated at home.

Midwives.

The Midwives Act is administered by the County Council. At the end of the year there were five Midwives practising in the district.

Adoptive Acts, Byelaws, Etc.

The following are the Adoptive Acts, Byelaws and Local Regulations relating to Public Health, in force in the District, with the date of adoption :—

Stourbridge Improvement Act	...	...	1866
Stourbridge Improvement Commissioners Act	...	...	1891
Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890	...	...	1891
Public Health Act Amendment Act, 1890	...	...	26 Nov. 1901
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907	...	...	April, 1910
Housing of Working Classes Act, 1890, Part III.	...	...	Dec. 1901
Public Health Act, 1925, (except Secs. 21, 22 and 44)	...	...	30 Aug. 1927

Byelaws :—

New Streets and Buildings	...	...	7th Apl., 1927
Nuisances	...	...	20th Oct., 1911
Offensive Trades	...	...	15th Sep., 1890
Slaughterhouses	...	...	15th Sep., 1890
Tents, Vans, Sheds and Similar Structures	...	...	10th Jan., 1917
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	15th Sep., 1890
Houses Let in Lodgings	...	...	10th Jan., 1917
Cleansing of Footpaths and Pavements and Cleansing of Earthclosets and Cesspools	...	...	10th Jan., 1917

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Water.

There is no alteration in the Water Supply. The following is the result of analysis supplied by the Water Board.

					(Grains per gallon)
Solids in suspension	...	...	...	...	none.
Solids in solution dried at 100°C.	...	...	...	...	38.08
Phosphates	...	...	...	...	none.
Chlorine calculated as common salt	...	...	...	...	4.41
Free and saline ammonia	...	...	...	...	.00
Albuminoid ammonia	...	...	...	...	.0017
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours	...	...	...	...	.004
Nitrogen in nitrates	...	...	...	...	.84
Appearance	...	...	...	...	clear
Colour through 2 feet	...	...	none	practically	colourless
Hardness: Permanent	...	...	...	...	12.00°
Temporary	...	...	...	...	8.12°
Total					20.12°

Rivers and Streams.

On 2nd June, 1926, a Meeting of representatives of Local Authorities in this locality was held at Stourbridge, and was called by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for the purpose of considering a report made on the pollution of the River Stour.

There were no alterations respecting Closet accommodation and Scavenging.

Sanitary Inspection of District.

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector follows mine and gives a detailed account of the inspection of the district.

The Sanitary Inspector has furnished me with the following statement

Number and nature of inspections made during the year :—

Inspections of houses and premises	...	...	786
Inspections under Housing Act	...	...	52
Visits <i>re</i> Infectious Disease	...	...	32
Visits <i>re</i> Tuberculosis	...	...	24
Re-Inspections and Re-visits	...	...	1672
Slaughter-houses	...	...	1540
Cowsheds	...	...	135
Workshops	...	...	36
Vans	...	...	32
Bakehouses	...	...	34
Offensive Trade Premises	...	...	33
Food Stores	...	...	50
Houses let in Lodgings	...	...	1
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	20
Rag Dealers	...	...	12
Preliminary Notices served	...	...	265
Preliminary Notices complied with	...	...	220
Statutory Notices served	...	...	50
Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	41

Premises and Occupations which can be Controlled by Byelaws and Regulations.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report gives particulars relating to these premises and occupations.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report gives details of Inspections of Food.

SCHOOLS.

The following Schools were closed during the Year.

1927				
28th Jan.				
4th Feb. (inclusive)	All Departments, Enville Street Schools	...	Influenza	
3rd Feb.				
11th Feb. (inclusive)	Boys Department, Hill Street School	...	Influenza	
4th Feb.	Girls and Infants Departments, Hill Street			
11th Feb.. (inclusive)	School ... ..	...	Influenza	
7th Feb.				
11th Feb. (inclusive)	Infants Department, St. John's School	...	Influenza	
7th Feb.				
11th Feb. (inclusive)	All Departments, Wollaston St. James' School		Influenza	
8th Feb.				
15th Feb. (inclusive)	All Departments, Roman Catholic School	...	Influenza	
9th Feb.	Boys and Girls Department (Mixed), St. John's			
16th Feb. (inclusive)	School ... ..	...	Influenza	
10th Feb.	All Departments, Old Swinford School	...	Influenza	
18th Feb. (inclusive)				
10th Feb.				
18th Feb. (inclusive)	All Departments, Brook Street	...	Influenza	

Decrease of Attendance below 60 per cent.

Week ending 9th Dec., 1927	Infants Department, Enville Street School	...	...	...	Measles
Week ending 19th Dec., 1927.	Infants Department, Hill Street, School	...	...	...	Measles

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Diseases.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is supplied free of charge to the Medical Practitioners for the use of patients resident in the Borough.

Infectious Diseases Generally.

Chickenpox was again prevalent especially in the early part of the year; there were, however, only 64 cases reported against 131 in 1926. There were 5 cases of Diphtheria against 11 in 1926. One patient died. There was a slight increase in Scarlet Fever, the number of cases reported being 21 against 17 in 1926. One case of Enteric Fever occurred, the patient having contracted the disease outside the Borough. There was a considerable increase in the number of Pneumonia cases, viz., 66 against 40 in 1926; 4 cases of Puerperal Pyrexia and 3 of Puerperal Fever, were notified, against one and five respectively in 1926. One patient died from Puerperal Pyrexia. Influenza was very prevalent at the beginning of the year. Measles assumed an epidemic form at the end of the year; as usual, young children were mainly affected. In consequence the Infants Departments of two schools were closed.

Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia.

New Regulations for notification of these conditions came into force on 1st October 1926. Notification has now to be carried out for both of these conditions. Puerperal Pyrexia means any febrile condition (other than Puerperal Fever) occurring in a woman within 21 days after childbirth or miscarriage in which a temperature of 100.4° F. (38°C.) or more has been sustained during a period of 24 hours or has recurred during that period.

In addition to notification, adequate facilities for examination and treatment of patients suffering from these conditions is provided by the County Council. Patients requiring Hospital treatment are treated at the Women's Hospital, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

These regulations have been introduced with the hope that the mortality among women following childbirth will be reduced.

OTHER DISEASES.

Influenza.

During the first quarter of the year, Influenza was very prevalent in the Borough, people of all ages were attacked, in many cases whole families being ill at the same time. Children seemed particularly susceptible. All the Elementary Schools in the Borough were closed at some time during the epidemic. Twenty-three deaths occurred from the disease. A considerable number of cases of Influenzal Pneumonia were notified. Although the epidemic was very considerable in extent, the disease itself was not so severe as in some former epidemics, for instance as in 1918.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1927.

Disease.	Ages.												Total No. of Cases.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 to 15 years.	15 to 20 years.	20 to 35 years.	35 to 45 years.	45 to 65 years.	65 and upwards.			
Small Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	2	1
Scarlet Fever	—	—	3	1	4	7	6	—	—	—	—	—	21	15	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Puerperal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	4	1	1
Pneumonia	7	5	2	2	2	1	4	2	11	6	15	9	66	—	11
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	1	6	—	—
Chicken Pox	4	5	5	6	9	28	6	1	—	—	—	—	64	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	—	—
Totals ...	11	10	10	9	15	40	16	6	18	10	15	10	170	—	13

One patient was at Rhyl when she developed Scarlet Fever. She was notified at Rhyl and was brought home in a closed motor car. Her brother developed the disease after they arrived home. The girl is not included in the above list.

One case of Diphtheria occurred at Old Swinford Hospital, the remaining four occurred in four different houses, one being at a house from where a patient suffering from Scarlet Fever had been removed to Hospital two months previously.

The 21 cases of Scarlet Fever occurred in 16 houses, four of them being in a house with three bedrooms and six occupiers, two cases in each of two houses with two bedrooms and five and six occupiers respectively. The remaining occurred as follows:—In houses with three bedrooms and three occupiers, 3 cases; 4—I case; 6—I case; 7—I case, 10—I case, this being a Council House. In houses with two bedrooms—three occupiers, 2 cases; 4—I case; 5—2 cases; 6—2 cases. One occurred in a house with four bedrooms and four occupiers, the remaining one being a house with 13 bedrooms and 17 occupiers.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES.			Vision Unim- paired.	Vision Im- paired.	Total Blind- ness.	Deaths
NOTIFIED	TREATED					
	At Home.	In Hospital.				
Mar. 23	Home	—	Yes	—	—	—
Mar. 28	Home	—	—	—	—	14th Day Pneumonia
April 20	Home	—	—	—	—	12th Day Bronchitis
July 21	Home	—	Yes	—	—	—
Nov. 2	Home	—	Yes	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS.

AGE. PERIODS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year ...	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
1—5 years ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
5—10 „ ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
10—15 „ ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20 „ ...	2	1	—	1	—	2	1	—
20—25 „ ...	2	1	—	2	—	1	—	—
25—35 „ ...	4	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
35—45 „ ...	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55 „ ...	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	1
55—65 „ ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS ...	14	5	4	3	6	4	2	2

Notification of Tuberculosis in the Borough is efficient. There was no occasion for the taking of any action or proceedings for refusal to notify.

One of the deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis was a patient who had been notified as "Non-Pulmonary," and one death from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, was classified as "Other Tuberculosis Diseases," by the Registrar General, but the patient had not been notified.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

Public Health Act, 1925—Sec. 62.

No action was necessary.

Mortuary.

The bodies of eleven persons were taken to the Mortuary during the year, viz. :—

<i>Month.</i>	<i>Sex.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
February ...	M. ...	68 ...	Heart failure.
March ...	M. ...	58 ...	Killed on Railway
" ...	F. ...	62 ...	Suffocation.
May ...	M. ...	20 ...	Motor Cycle Accident.
" ...	M. ...	24 ...	Ditto
" ...	M. ...	25 ...	Ditto
June ...	F. ...	36 ...	Gas Poisoning.
" ...	F. ...	69 ...	Heart failure.
November ...	M. ...	64 ...	Ditto
" ...	F. ...	47 ...	Ditto
" ...	F. ...	59 ...	Ditto

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEOFFREY DUDLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1927.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b)) ... 211

(b) With State Assistance under Housing Acts :—

i. By Local Authorities ... 168

ii. By other Bodies or Persons ... 23

1.—Unfit Dwelling Houses. Inspection :—

(1) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 83

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 ... 52

(3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 0

(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 ... 109

2.—Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices :—

Number of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 36

3.—Action under Statutory Powers :—

A.—Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 ...

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs ... 2

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices :—

(a) By Owners ... 0

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... 0

(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close ... 0

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 24

- (2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices :—

(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	21
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	...	0

C.—Proceedings under the Housing Act 1925 :—

(1) Number of Representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	...	...	...	...	...	0
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	0
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the Dwelling Houses having been rendered fit	...	...	...	...	...	2
(4) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	2
(5) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	0



ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901, IN CONNECTION WITH FACTORIES WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1.—INSPECTION.

INSPECTIONS MADE BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers prosecuted. (4)
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	4	2	—
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	66	—	—
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises)	—	—	—
Total ...	70	2	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—*</i>				
Want of cleanliness	1	1	—	—
Want of ventilation	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors	—	—	—	—
Other nuisances	—	—	—	—
<i>Sanitary Accommodation :—</i>				
Insufficient	2	1	—	—
Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	—
Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bake-house (s. 101)	—	—	—	—
Other offences	—	—	—	—
(Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921).				
Total	5	4	—	—

*Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year 1927.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE
STOURBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you a Report of the work done in my Department during the year 1927, being my Twenty-seventh Annual Report. The additional Sanitary Inspector (Mr. G. E. Curtis) left on the 10th September, and was succeeded by Mr. W. S. Makin, who commenced duties on 10th October.

Complaints.

126 Complaints were received relating to various insanitary conditions as compared with 124 in the previous year.

Inspection of District.

The number of inspections and re-inspections made during the year was 4459. These were as follows:—General inspection of houses and premises, 736; Inspection under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 52; Infectious Diseases, 32; Tuberculosis Cases 24; re-inspection and re-visits, 1672; Slaughter-houses, 1540; Dairies and Cowsheds, 135; Workshops, 36; Vans, 32; Bakehouses, 34; Premises where Offensive Trades carried on, 33; Food Stores, 50; Houses Let in Lodgings, 1; Common Lodging Houses, 20; Rag Dealers, 12.

In making these inspections, 1468 sanitary defects, nuisances or contraventions of your Bye-laws were found. There were 2154 defects not remedied at the end of 1926, these, together with 1468 defects met during the year 1927, make a total of 3622 insanitary conditions. 1139 defects were remedied during the year, thus leaving 2483 insanitary conditions unabated.

Notices.

243 Preliminary intimation Notices were sent during the year, most of them being in the form of a letter. They were as follows:—General Defects of houses, 48 Notices relating to 87 houses. Insufficient and Defective Sanitary Conveniences, 10 Notices, 19 houses. Defective Rain-water Spouting and Cisterns, 11 Notices, 17 houses. Drain Defects, 5 Notices, 9 houses. Obstructed Drains, 17 Notices, 61 houses. Defective

Ashpits and Ashbins, 15 Notices, 51 houses. Cleansing Rooms after Tuberculosis, 1 Notice. Also the following Notices :—Petroleum Acts, 48; Accumulations and deposits, 8; Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 16; Outworkers Lists, 3; Workshops and Factories, 1; Milk and Dairies Order, 21; Miscellaneous, 4; Reminders of Expirations of Slaughter-house Licences, 25; Pigkeeping, 5; Dirty House, 1; Vans, 2; Tripe Boiler, 1; Shops Acts, 1.

In addition to the above, 9 matters were referred to the Borough Surveyor and 3 cases of waste of water reported to the Engineer of the Water Board.

220 Preliminary Notices had been complied with at the end of the year, work in connection with 12 was in progress at the end of the year. Nothing has been done in respect of 11 notices.

The Statutory Notices served, were as follows :—

Public Health Act, 1875.				
Sec. 94 (Abatement of Nuisances) ...	...	...	...	24
Sec. 36 (and Sec. 11, P.H.A. 1890) Provision of Ashbins			...	9
Sec. 49 (Removal of Manure) ...	...	...	...	2
Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1907.				
Sec. 35 (Rain-water Spouting) ...	...	...	...	1
Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847.				
Sec. 74 (Defective Rain-water Spouting) ...	...	...	...	6
Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909				
Sec. 17 (Closing Orders Rescinded) ...	...	...	...	2
Housing Act, 1925.				
Sec. 127 (Notices of Inspection) ...	...	...	...	2
Sec. 3 (For repairs to houses) ...	...	...	...	2
				<hr/> 48

Also two Notices under Sec. 5 of the Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890.

At the end of the year 41 Notices had been complied with, and work in respect of 6 was in progress at the end of the year.

Total number of letters written, 1315.

Prosecutions.

Legal proceedings were taken against the owner of No. 2, New Street, for not complying with a Notice requiring the abatement of a Nuisance. The case was taken before the Magistrates and, after several adjournments, was withdrawn on payment of costs, when the work had been completed.

No other case was taken, but in May you decided to take legal proceedings against the Occupier of a house for refusing to permit the Owner to carry out work necessary to comply with a Notice served upon him. The Occupier, when informed of this decision, permitted the Owner to enter the premises and do the work. A summons was not issued.

In May, I gave evidence at the Police Court on the condition of a house occupied by the plaintiff in the case, who was endeavouring to secure possession of a house which he owned.

Offensive Trades.

Two new businesses were commenced during the year, one as a Fish Fryer, the other a Tripe Boiler.

In March 1924, you gave permission for a fish-frying business to be commenced, at No. 26, Union Street, on the understanding that the frying would be done in a disused bakehouse. The business changed ownership during the year, and the new Owner, in July, applied for permission to transfer the frying apparatus into the shop. Your Sanitary Committee did not accede to this request.

Applications to establish Fish Frying businesses in Pedmore Road, Grange Road, and High Street, Stourbridge, were not granted.

The trades carried on in the district are : Fish Frying, 11 ; Tripe Boiling, 7 ; Hide and Skin Dealer and Leather Dresser, one each.

Bakehouses.

There are 17 Bakehouses, four being Factories. One notice was received from H.M. Inspector of Factories relating to limewashing. This was attended to.

Factory and Workshop Act.

There are 196 Workshops on the Register as follows :—

Bag Making	...	1	Horse Shoeing	...	2
Baking	...	17	Jewellery and Watch	...	
Basket Making	...	1	Repairing	...	8
Boot Repairing	...	22	Joinery	...	10
Brewing	...	4	Malting	...	2
Bucket Handle Making	...	1	Millinery	...	10
Cabinet Making and	...		Motor Repairs	...	13
Upholstering	...	6	Nail Making	...	2
Carriage Building and	...		Plumbing, etc.	...	8
Wheelwrights	...	4	Picture Framing	...	1
Cycle Repairs	...	2	Rug Clipping and	...	
Chamois Leather	...		Dressing	...	6
Dressing	...	2	Saddlery	...	3
Dressmaking	...	38	Smithy (General)	...	2
Electrical Engineering	...	2	Stone Masonry	...	2
Food Preparing	...	2	Tailoring	...	18
Frost Cog Making	...	3	Tin and Whitesmithy	...	2
Horse Shoe Making	...	2			

Five Notices were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories as follows :—

- (1) Unsuitable Sanitary Convenience. Two W.C.'s were provided.
- (2) Dirty Sanitary Convenience. Cleansed and repaired.
- (3) No Sanitary Convenience at Factory.
- (4) Defective and Unsuitable Sanitary Convenience. This was cleansed.
- (5) Bakehouse requiring Limewashing. This was done.

Outworkers.

34 Lists were received containing names of 54 Outworkers, 30 of whom resided outside this district. One name was received from another district.

Common Lodging Houses.

The following are the returns of the number of lodgers at the three Common Lodging Houses. (The figures represent the number of times the beds were occupied).

Adult Lodgers.		Lodgers above 10 and under 21.		Lodgers under 10 years of age.		Total.
Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
8768	2029	72	75	233	93	11270

Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations.

Number of Houses inspected, 52.

Two Notices, under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925, were served, and the Owner gave notice of closing in respect of one. This Notice being received in 1928. Instructions were given to serve similar Notices in respect of six other houses, but these were not served as the work was commenced at three of the houses, and the Owner of the other three asked me to get out a plan and specification with a view of having extensive alterations done.

Nos. 1, 3 and 5, Heath Street, were converted into two houses and the Closing Orders rescinded.

In December, instructions were given to me to proceed with the demolition of Nos. 1 and 2, Unwin Passage. At the end of the year negotiations were in progress for the sale of these houses, the prospective purchaser intending to convert them into one house, and put the premises in a thorough state of repair.

Four houses were demolished, viz. :—An old house next No. 23, Pedmore Road, and three in New Road.

An application for rescission of the Closing Orders made in respect of Nos. 62, 64 and 66, Birmingham Street, was adjourned until certain alterations and repairs had been done.

In May 1920, an Inquiry was held in respect of an Appeal against Closing Orders made by the Town Council relating to Nos. 13, 15 and 17, and Nos. 1 and 2, at rear of Nos. 13 and 15, Green Street. In May 1921, the Ministry of Health sent to the Owner an abridged Specification of necessary repairs. On 11th November, 1924, the Ministry was informed that the work had been completed, and were reminded of an undertaking given by the Owner to the effect that upon any one of the back-to-back houses becoming vacant it should be converted into a through house with the house at front or rear as the case may be. Up to the present none of the houses has become vacant.

Further progress has been made in the provision of Sculleries and W.C.'s, to houses in place of jointly used Wash-houses and W.C.'s. Nine were erected during the year, and one washhouse was converted into two, one side being furnished with a W.C. The work in connection with four others was in progress at the end of the year.

Slaughterhouses.

One new Licence for the joint use of premises as a Slaughterhouse was issued during the year. There are 13 Slaughterhouses, all of which are annually licensed, four being subject to undertakings not to claim for compensation should the renewal of the licences be refused in the event of a Public Abattoir being provided.

1,540 Visits to Slaughterhouses were made during the year, against 1,069 visits in 1926.

Two butchers give three months' notice of slaughtering on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in each week, all the others give the necessary notice as required by the Meat Regulations. There have been no flagrant cases of neglect or evasion.

Notices of Slaughter in respect of 804 Oxen, 1472 Pigs, 3,435 Sheep and 119 Calves, were received. The following were inspected:—733 oxen, 1,463 pigs, 2,454 sheep and 105 calves. 20 of the Pigs were slaughtered on private premises.

The percentage of inspections being : Oxen 91, Pigs 99, Sheep 71, and Calves 88, or a total of 87.

Meat and other Foods seized or surrendered and destroyed :—

The entire carcase including offals of a heifer, (affected with Tuberculosis and Hydraemia) was seized and condemned by a Magistrate and destroyed.

The meat surrendered was as follows :—

Tuberculosis. 1 ox (whole), and 5 whole pigs (and offals in each case) ; 37 pigs' heads ; 15 ox heads ; 11 ox lungs ; 1 ox liver ; 1 ox offal ; 1 pig's fry ; 3 pigs' mesenteries.

Distomum Hepaticum. 5 ox livers ; 6 sheep livers.

Cirrhosis. 13 whole ox livers and 4 halves.

Abscess. 5 ox livers ; 2 sheep livers ; 1 set of ox lungs.

Pneumonia. 1 pig ; 3 sets pigs' lungs.

Echinococcus. 4 sets ox lungs ; 2 ox livers.

Cyst. Tenuicollis. 2 sheep livers.

Swine Fever. 4 pigs.

Urticaria. 1 pig.

Angiomatosis. 5 ox livers.

Bacterial Necrosis. 4 ox livers.

Swine Erysipelas. 6 whole pigs.

Extensive Inflammation. 1 pig.

Bruising. 1 whole sheep ; 12 lbs. pork ; fore shin of ox.

Congestion (Sturdy). 1 sheep's head and pluck.

Congestion. 1 pig's lungs.

The total weight being, approximately, 32 cwts. compared with 21½ cwts. in 1926, and 7½ cwts. in 1925.

The condemned meat, etc., was buried at the Refuse Tip.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

At the end of 1927 there were 50 registered retailers of Milk in the Borough, one being a Wholesale and Retail Dealer, and 30 being Retailers of bottled sterilized milk only. Ten retailers are also cowkeepers. One cowkeeper sells by wholesale. In addition to these there are 17 retailers and 2 wholesalers who reside outside the Borough, but are registered here. The two wholesale dealers sell bottled sterilized milk only.

There were 80 milking cows in the Borough at the end of the year.

I made thirteen dirt tests of milk during the year. In each case where the milk showed excessive dirt, I warned the cowkeeper ; it was afterwards found that the cows were kept cleaner.

The following samples of milk were submitted to the County Analyst :

- 2 For Bacteriological Analyses and Bacterial Counts.
- 1 For Bacteriological Analysis and under Food and Drugs Acts.
- 1 Under Food and Drugs Acts.
- 1 For Bacterial Count.

Those subjected to Bacteriological Analyses proved to be free from Tubercle. The two for Bacterial Counts showed Coli-form Bacilli present in 1/100 c.c. In one of these cases the retailer was informed and he took the matter up with his supplier. In the other case I reported to the Sanitary Inspector of the District where the milk was produced.

The other samples proved to be up to the food standard.

The following matters were dealt with at various cowsheds :—3 cases of accumulations of manure ; 1 pig-keeping near cowshed ; 2 dirty floors ; 3 dirty cows flanks ; 2 defective lighting ; 1 insufficient ventilation.

At one dairy a large shed was erected for the milk cooling apparatus.

In January, one firm was licensed to bottle Grade A, Tuberculin Tested Milk. One cowkeeper made all arrangements to commence business on 1st January, 1928, as a Producer of Certified Milk.

In September I attended a "Clean Milk" Course arranged by the Worcestershire County Council in conjunction with Bristol University.

Disinfection.

56 Houses and approximately 450 articles of bedding and clothing were disinfected. The rooms at three houses, which had been occupied by patients who had suffered from Tuberculosis, were stripped of wall paper, sprayed and thoroughly disinfected.

Houses Let in Lodgings.

In September 1926, I reported to your Sanitary Committee on a number of houses let in lodgings in the Borough to which your present Byelaws did not apply, and suggested the adoption of Byelaws under Sec. 6 of the Housing Act, 1925. During the year a meeting was held to consider this matter, but at the end of the year nothing further had been done.

Smoke Nuisances.

Several observations of emission of black smoke were made, but no case was reported to your Sanitary Committee.

Waterclosets.

Twelve additional W.C.'s were provided. Twenty-four slop W.C.'s were converted into fresh water flushing W.C.'s.

The following are the numbers of conversions, additions and alterations since 1901.

W.C.'s in place of privies	...	...	...	...	1065
Additional W.C.'s provided	...	...	...	...	241
Slop W.C.'s Converted into fresh water W.C.'s	...	...	...	...	96

Ten houses have use of privies, these being situated in localities not sewered. Two have earth closets. Most houses have separate sanitary conveniences, but there are still many cases where the conveniences are used in common for several houses. There were 450 slop W.C.'s in use at the end of the year.

788	Houses had joint use of 445 W.C.'s.
395	Houses had use of slop W.C.'s only.
103	Houses had joint use of 60 slop W.C.'s.
292	Houses had 1 slop W.C. per house, and 79 houses each had a slop W.C. and fresh water W.C.

General Summary of Sanitary Work carried out and Insanitary Conditions Remedied.

Dwelling Houses.		Windows, new additional put in	
Bathroom, new provided	1	" repaired or renewed	21
Baking ovens removed	3	" larger put in	3
Bedrooms, additional erected	1	Sinks.	
Bedrooms, floors repaired	36	Brick sinks, repaired	8
Bedrooms, angle filletting provided	17	" removed	2
Buildings, dangerous removed	1	New earthenware sinks put in	16
Cleansed, whitewashed and re-papered	64	Sink waste pipes put in	22
Chimneys repaired	10	Water Supply.	
Ceilings, plaster renewed or repaired	44	Old wells filled up	2
Ceilings relathed	14	Water taps put inside houses	17
Cellar lights, new iron gratings provided	12	Drains.	
Cellars lighted	2	Relaid	7
" cleaned out	1	Reconstructed	10
Demolished	1	New chambers put in	3
Door sills, new put in	14	Ventilated	2
Doors, new provided	10	New put in	4
" repaired	4	Gullies removed	6
" weather boards provided	9	Obstructions removed	49
Doorways bricked up	2	Additional gullies put in	22
Floors, repaved or repaired	36	Chamber covers renewed	1
Firegrates renewed	6	Syphons, new put in	1
Firegrates repaired	8	Ashpits.	
Pantries repaved	1	Removed	13
" erected	1	Ashbins provided	43
Rain water cisterns cleansed and repaired	8	Rain Water Spouting.	
Rain water Cisterns provided	2	New spouting at front of premises	20
Rain water cisterns, filled up	1	" " rear	4
Roofs, repaired	31	Spouting repaired at front	6
" renewed	3	" " rear	20
Repaired and made fit for habitation	36	New spouting on washhouses	17
Sculleries, new erected	9	Downpipes, lengthened, renewed or repaired	12
" paved	1	Downpipes, reconstructed	10
Stairs, repaired	4	Water Closets.	
" renewed	6	New erected	12
" handrails provided	12	Re-built	21
Soil against houses removed	2	Additional provided	12
Ventilating airbricks in bedrooms	7	New basins provided for	10
Verandahs erected	2	Flushing apparatus provided	9
Washhouses, repaired	8	" " repaired	23
" taken down	5	Fresh water closets provided in place of Slop W.C.'s	24
" re-built	2	Obstructed cleansed	42
" floors repaired or renewed	7	Soil pipes repaired	6
Washing boilers repaired	7	Roofs repaired	3
" new put in	3	Other Matters.	
Walls, external re-built	1	Accumulations of refuse removed	8
" pointed	7	Overcrowding nuisances abated	3
" cemented inside	6	Pig keeping nuisances abated	2
" dangerous repaired	1	Vans removed	1
" matchboarding removed	4	Urinals reconstructed	2
" plaster renewed	36		
Yards, paving repaired	13		
" re-laid	13		
" paved approaches to out-buildings	4		
Windows, made to open	34		

Drain Defects.

The drains at 12 premises were tested with smoke during the year. In some cases it was found necessary to have the drains reconstructed.

The drain rods and plungers were lent out upon 127 occasions, in many cases to the occupiers of premises to enable them to remove obstructions in the drains at their houses.

Shops Acts.

There are 523 shops on the Register.

Council Houses.

The number of houses in occupation at the end of the year was 428. 131 being at the Heath Estate and 297 at the Grange Estate.

The types are :—

		Heath.	Grange.
Parlour and four bedrooms	...	20	6
Non-Parlour and four bedrooms	...	—	1
Parlour and three bedrooms	...	81	45
Non-Parlour and three bedrooms	...	30	191
Two bedroom type	...	—	54

During the year the tenancies of 20 houses at the Heath and 28 at the Grange were changed, compared with 7 at the Heath and 8 at the Grange in 1926.

These figures are made up as follows :—

NOTICES TO QUIT.

Heath Estate, 9. Grange Estate, 19.

EXCHANGE OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

Heath Estate, 11. Grange Estate, 9.

These exchanges were as follows :—

Five tenants at The Heath exchanged into houses which had become vacated at The Heath. Two tenants at the Heath exchanged houses.

Three tenants at The Heath exchanged into void houses at The Grange, and a tenant at The Heath exchanged houses with a tenant at the Grange.

Two tenants at The Grange exchanged into newly erected houses at The Grange. Two tenants at The Grange exchanged into void houses at The Grange, and 4 tenants at The Grange exchanged houses.

Seventeen tenants were granted permission to sub-let rooms, and 18 to erect sheds, wireless apparatus, etc.

Petroleum Acts.

48 Petroleum Licences were issued, 28 to store Petrol only, 17 to store Petrol and Carbide of Calcium, and 3 to store Carbide of Calcium only. 18 Notices of Storage of Petrol under the Regulations made under the Locomotives on Highways Acts, were received.

The amount of Petrol licensed to be kept being 33,543 gallons, and Carbide of Calcium 1,975 lbs., compared with 29,133 gallons of Petrol and 1687 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium in 1926.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR KENT,

Sanitary Inspector.

Inserted by request of the County Medical Officer.

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Venereal Diseases.

(Syphilis and Gonorrhoea).

It cannot be too widely known that innocent persons often suffer from these Diseases, and that they are spread in other ways besides immorality.

The effects of these diseases upon the individual and upon the race are grave and far-reaching. It has been demonstrated that *prompt and systematic treatment* will enable the patient to avoid these grave consequences.

It is now illegal for any person other than a Medical Practitioner to treat or advise treatment for persons suffering from these Diseases.

Arrangements have been made for

Free Treatment for All.

Persons suffering from these Diseases can have treatment **WITHOUT CHARGE** under conditions of strict **SECRECY** at the following :—

		<i>Days.</i>	<i>Hours.</i>
GENERAL HOSPITAL, STEELHOUSE LANE, BIRMINGHAM	Males	Mondays	5-0 p.m.
		Tuesdays	
		Thursdays	
		Fridays	
	Females	Mondays	10-0 a.m.
		Wednesdays	10-0 a.m.
		Tuesdays	5-0 p.m.
		Fridays	
WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY	Males	Thursdays	3-15 p.m.
		Wednesdays	2-15 p.m.
	Females	Wednesdays	2-15 p.m.
		Saturdays	3-15 p.m.
KIDDERMINSTER AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL	Males	Fridays	5-30 p.m.
	Females	Tuesdays	2-0 p.m.
GUEST HOSPITAL DUDLEY.	Males	Tuesdays and Fridays	7-0 p.m.
	Females	Wednesdays	3 p.m.
CORBETT HOSPITAL STOURBRIDGE.	Males	Thursdays	7-0 p.m.
	Females	Mondays	7-0 p.m.

For further information as to these facilities, applications should be made to the County Medical Officer, 29, Foregate Street, Worcester.

All correspondence in relation to this subject will be treated as strictly confidential, and replies will be sent in plain envelopes.

January, 1928.



