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Annual Report for Year 1894.

Urban Sanitary District Sandwich.

Gentlemen.

I now hand you the Annual Report of the Public Health of the Urban Sanitary District of Sandwich for the year ending 31st December, 1894. The area of the District is 756 acres and the population given in the census of 1891 was 2794 — distributed over the four Parishes as shewn in form B accompanying this Report.

The number of deaths from all causes during the year was 50 — this included one case of suicide and one death by accident, the corrected total 48 gives a death rate from disease of 17.1 per thousand. As regards time 23 deaths were reported during the first quarter of the year 11 in the second 9 in the third and 7 in the last — the excessive mortality therefore occurred in the first quarter.

Numbers of deaths during past five years.

1890	-	43.
1891	-	42.
1892	-	45.
1893	-	40.
1894	-	50.

The number of births during the year was 80
(39 female 41 male) which gives a birth rate
rather over $28\frac{1}{2}$ per thousand.

Births during the last five years

1890	-	71.
1891	-	65.
1892	-	78.
1893	-	73.
1894	-	80.

The Registrars Report gives the death of ten infants under twelve months - the causes were as follows —— 1. Bronchitis 1. Erysipelas 1. Jaundice 1. Prematurity 1. Pressure of birth 2. Atrophy (one of these being the subject of a coroners enquiry) 1. Ticks. 1. Marasmus. 1. Heart Disease. This number is somewhat excessive and compares unfavourably with the year when the number was 5.

Two deaths were due to Phthisis and one to General Tuberculosis, six were due to other Respiratory diseases chiefly Bronchitis.

The number dying from Heart disease this year was five as compared with two of last year. Exactly half the number of deaths occurred in those under twelve months of age or over 65 years - as was the case last year.

6 died between 80 and 90 years (oldest being 87)

5 died between 70 and 80

further details are given in form A.

The number of deaths from Zymotic diseases is three - one from effects of Continued Fever contracted abroad, one from Erysipelas (in a child a few months old,) and one of Typhoid - a man whose illness occurred while working away from the Town - he alone suffered - the inmates being then quite healthy and remaining so. No defective drainage, suspicious water, or other insanitary condition was found on inspecting the dwelling house and premises.

The number of cases of notifiable diseases during the year was twenty three, eleven occurring the first quarter, five in the second, two in the third and five in the last.

During the year arrangements were made with the East Kent Joint Committee for interchange of notification of outbreak of infectious disease and of removal of infected persons from one district to another. The Infectious Diseases Hospital question is still under the consideration of the Authority and the arrangements for the use of the isolation wards in East Kent Union Infirmary still exists. No epidemic of any kind occurred during the year but influenza appeared more or less especially in the first quarter (greatly modified and apparently of a more gastric form). Two deaths were primarily attributed to this disease in the Registrars Report one in a child of eighteen months and the other in a woman of eighty two.

The following is a Summary of the Registrars
list of deaths during 1894.

Intestinal Obstruction	1
Bronchitis	6
Blood Poisoning	1
Acute Meningitis	1
Hemiplegia	1
Pressure on child from tedious labour	1
Softening of the Brain	3
Erysipelas	1
Pleurisy	1
Tuberculosis	2
Cancer of the Breast	1
Prolonged Nervous Debility	1
Jaundice	2
Paralysis	1
Influenza	2
Heart Disease.	5
Suicide	1
Apoplexy	1
Accidents.	1

Brought Forward 33.

Intussusception.	1
Athrophy.	1
Convulsions.	1
Immaturity etc	3
Chronic Hydrocephalus	1
Marsomus.	1
Typhoid	1
Continued Fever	1
Cancer of Uterus	1
Tubes Mesenterica	2
Senile Decay	1
Varicose Ulceration	1
Gastric Catarrh	1
General Tuberculosis	1
	50.

The Slaughter houses, Piggeries, Dairies and Lodging Houses have undergone the customary inspections and the insanitary conditions found to be present were remedied on being pointed out by the Inspector. It was found necessary last year to summon and fine the owner of one Slaughterhouse for repeated

uncleanliness of his premises - this year no
complaint of nuisance has been made.
The improved water supply is now I am
glad to report an accomplished fact 110 houses
are already notified as being connected, in
a further number of 83 the communication
pipes are already laid during the next few
months it will I hope become of general use.

Yours Obd^r Servt.
W. Harrison

