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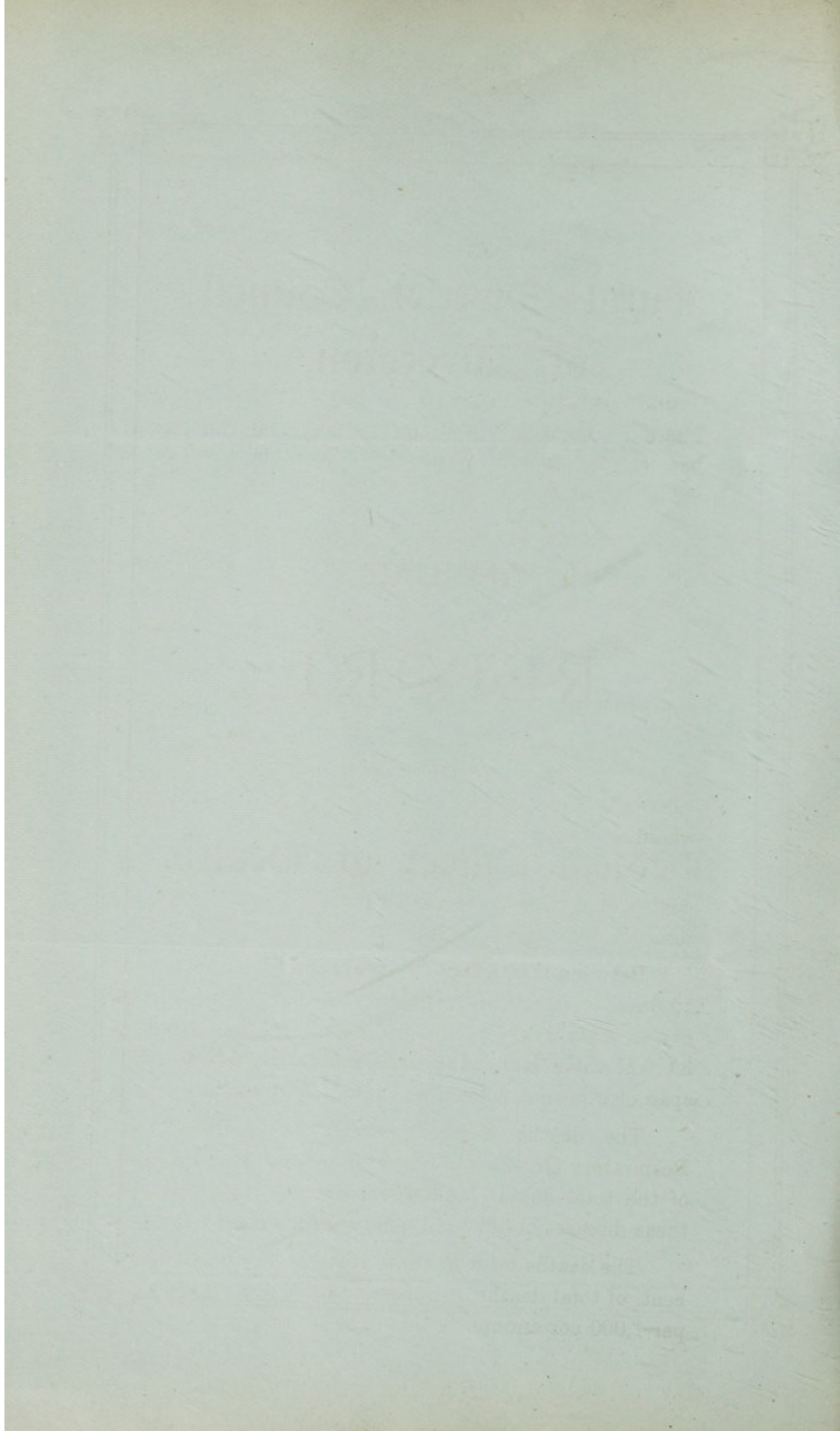
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Rural District Council
of Ulverston.

ANNUAL
REPORT
OF
Medical Officer of Health.

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1896.

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LIGHTBURNE,

ULVERSTON.

JANUARY 13TH, 1897.

GENTLEMEN,

Another year has passed away, and I am gratified at being able to present a satisfactory Report as to the sanitary condition of your district for the year 1896. There is no reason to assume that any material change has occurred in the population, therefore the calculations are again based on a population of 19,000.

During the year there were registered 427 births (male, 226 ; female, 201) giving a birth rate of 21·4 per 1,000 per annum.

Births.

The Registrars' returns for the same period show that the number of deaths were 228, representing a still improving death rate of 12 per 1,000 per annum.

Deaths.

Of this total, 31 deaths occurred amongst children under one year, giving an infant mortality of 1·63 per 1,000 per annum ; and constituting 7·3 per cent. of the whole mortality.

Between the ages of one year and five there were 18 deaths, and these added to the infant deaths make the total for " under five years " 49.

Between the ages of five years and fifteen there were 10 deaths ; from fifteen to twenty-five, 7 ; from twenty-five to sixty-five, 79 ; and from sixty-five and upwards, 83 ; of which latter number 68 had attained the allotted span of three score years and ten, and upwards.

The deaths from Diseases of the Heart and Respiratory Organs numbered 69 ; being 30·3 per cent. of the total deaths, and representing a death rate from these diseases of 3·6 per 1,000 per annum.

Diseases of
Heart and
Respiratory
Organs.

The deaths from Phthisis number 21, or 10·85 per cent. of total deaths, or representing a death rate of 1·1 per 1,000 per annum.

Zymotic
Diseases.

The deaths from Zymotic Diseases have again kept at a very low level, consisting of,—Scarlet Fever, 1; Measles, 2; Diphtheria, 3; Whooping Cough, 4; Enteric Fever, 1; Diarrhœa, 1; making 12 in all. Giving a Zymotic death rate of .63 per 1,000.

The very slight increase on last year's figures being due to an increased infant mortality from Whooping Cough and its sequels, and as these cases are not notified it is impossible to give a percentage of mortality in the cases which have occurred.

On the other hand, the fact of only one fatal case of Enteric Fever occurring, out of 13 notified, is a matter for congratulation.

As usual, I submit a Table showing the Birth rate, Death rate, and the proportion of deaths from Zymotic Diseases, and Diseases of the Heart and Respiratory Organs, and would draw your attention to the fact that the death rate for 1896 is lower than it has been since the year 1874.

Year.	Total Births.	Per 1,000 Per Annum.	Total Deaths.	Per 1,000 Per Annum.	Total Deaths from Zymotic Diseases	Per 1,000 Per Annum.	Deaths from Diseases of Heart and Respiratory Organs.	Per 1,000 Per Annum.
1884	661	33.05	269	14.95	14	.7	90	4.5
1885	573	28.65	320	16.	27	1.35	118	5.9
1886	553	27.65	303	15.15	45	2.25	92	4.6
1887	561	28.05	301	15.05	27	1.35	102	5.1
1888	546	27.3	280	14.	27	1.35	105	5.25
1889	512	25.6	295	14.7	40	2.	106	5.3
1890	490	24.5	293	14.65	21	1.05	101	5.05
1891	539	26.9	288	14.4	21	1.05	109	5.45
1892	450	23.7	279	14.68	16	.84	87	4.6
1893	493	25.94	260	13.68	11	.58	85	4.47
1894	425	22.36	254	13.36	14	.73	73	3.84
1895	435	22.89	229	12.05	10	.52	64	3.36
1896	427	21.4	228	12	12	.63	69	3.6

There were 92 notifications of Infectious Diseases in 1896, viz.:—Scarlet Fever, 55; Enteric Fever, 13; Diphtheria, 15; Erysipelas, 8; Puerperal Fever, 1.

In consequence of an outbreak of Scarlet Fever at Broughton, in the early part of January, the School was kept closed. In June, Scarlet Fever broke out in Urswick, and the Schools were closed from July 10th to 27th. A case of Scarlet Fever at Baycliff was distinctly traced to having been imported; there were then two at Gleaston, and the disease extended to Scales, and became epidemic; I then advised that the Schools should be closed from November 5th to November 16th. A case also occurred at Gleaston, in October, but the girl was infected when she came back from a visit in Yorkshire. Scarlet Fever.

In May there were three cases in Broughton-in-Furness, and after thoroughly investigating the matter and consulting with the Surveyor, I advised that ventilating shafts should be erected along the course of the main sewer; which is being done. Enteric Fever.

There was a case in Broughton-in-Furness, in a good-class and thoroughly sanitary dwelling, attributed to some old tan pits in an adjoining yard.

A case at Swarthmoor was attributed to the unsatisfactory drainage and general condition of the yard, both of which were promptly placed in proper sanitary order.

The solitary fatal case occurred in Staveley, but the general sanitary condition of the dwelling was found to be satisfactory, and the cause was obscure.

A case at Newby Bridge could, without hesitation, be put down to an unsatisfactory water closet and other causes, which have since received attention.

A case at Griffin Street, Broughton-in-Furness, was in a house adjoining the filthy yard referred to in another part of my report.

A case at Greenodd occurred; the disease being contracted in another district.

Diphtheria.

There was a fatal case at Beckside, Kirkby; an elder sister had previously suffered from sore throat, which was probably caused by the unsatisfactory state of the drainage of the school which they attended.

There were three cases in Soutergate, Kirkby-in-Furness, in July, which were attributed to unsatisfactory drainage and suspicious water supply.

In September—October there were three cases at Holmground Cottages, (one terminating fatally) an isolated spot on the borders of Westmoreland. I advised that the children living in the row should be kept from school.

There was a case in November, at Baycliff, where infective sore throat had been prevalent, but no special cause could be assigned.

There were two cases in a small damp cottage at Chapples, Kirkby-in-Furness, which were put down to impure water supply.

There were two cases at Satterhow, Sawrey. No special cause could be assigned. There was a case at Sparkbridge in December, the patient having come home from Sawrey, where there had been some cases, as mentioned above.

Small Pox.

Fortunately no case of Small Pox was notified in your district, but an outbreak occurred in an adjoining town, and several cases were brought into the hospital within your district. I therefore advised that vaccination and re-vaccination should be strictly enforced.

The Schools at Coniston were closed, in consequence of an outbreak, from January 14th to February 10th.

Measles.

Staveley Schools were closed from January 14th to February 10th.

Cartmel Schools were closed on May 7th to May 18th.

In April I called your attention to the very insanitary condition of a farm house and buildings at Allithwaite, with the result that the buildings were afterwards demolished.

In July I found a yard in Griffin Street, Broughton-in-Furness, in a most insanitary condition; cows and pigs being kept together, contrary to the Dairies, etc., Order.

I certified a row of cottages at Flookburgh as unfit for human habitation, and notices were served on the owner.

Regulations were made by the late Rural Sanitary Authority, under the Dairies, Cowsheads, and Milk Shops Order, of 1885, and adopted on the 27th August, 1891. These regulations are now in force, and it is required that all persons carrying on the trade of Cow-keepers, Dairy-men, or Purveyors of Milk, within the District of the Council, should be registered; very few people have been registered.

Dairies,
Cowsheads.

Slaughter houses have been inspected, and, being found satisfactory, the certificates were renewed.

Slaughter
Houses.

I again tender my thanks to the Inspectors for their assistance, and append their reports concerning the removal of nuisances.

I remain,

Yours obediently,

A. THOMPSON, M.D.

To the Ulverston Rural District Council.

RURAL DISTRICT OF ULVERSTON.

TABULATED REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR AND ASSISTANT
INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES FOR THE YEAR, 1896.

Inspector— J. Greenwood.	Assistant Inspector— G. A. Booth.	
23	11	Complaints received.
867	2461	Houses and premises inspected.
2	2	Common Lodging Houses inspected.
27	76	Orders issued for sanitary improvements.
48	—	Plans approved.
27	—	Houses and Premises repaired, cleaned, or whitewashed.
2	1	Houses and Schools disinfected after infectious diseases.
14	22	Privy accommodation provided.
3	7	Privies repaired.
11	5	Sewage Tanks cleansed.
263	891	Ashpits or Middensteads emptied or repaired.
4	3	Removal of accumulations of refuse or other offensive matter.
25	10	Drains trapped, ventilated, or repaired.
10	7	Orders issued for protection or improvement of water supply.
8	13	Slaughterhouses inspected.
5	2	Main sewers examined and cleansed where required.
—	3	Defective Pigcotes drained and repaired.

Inspector— J. Greenwood.	Assistant Inspector— G. A. Booth.	
10	—	Orders issued for connection with Main Sewers.
36	9	Inspections of public and private supplies made.
13	13	Public Pumps periodically inspected and kept in repair.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1896,

JOSEPH GREENWOOD,


Inspector of Nuisances.

G. A. BOOTH,

Assistant Inspector.

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