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To the Chairman and Members of the Walsoken Urban
District Council.

GENTLEMEN:-

I again have the honour of submitting to you my
Annual Report for the year ending December 31st 1906, to-
gether with a review of the Zymotic diseases and measures
we have taken to prevent the spread of such illnesses.

It is again a pleasure to be able to report that
the district throughout the year has been remarkably free
from diseases of an Infectious and Contagious nature, and
no great anxiety has arisen in consequence. Of the small
number of cases that have occurred the great majority have
been exceptionally mild in character, and no difficulty has
been experienced in dealing with them, whilst only two deaths
were recorded as caused by any of the so-called Zymotic
diseases.

During the year there have been reported to me 11
cases of Diphtheria, which disease appears to have been the
most serious infectious illness which we have had to deal
with: some of the cases were mild in character but in others
the affection was much more severe, and quickly proved fatal.

Scarlet Fever this year has been particularly free
from the district, only three cases were notified, which, com-
pared with the two previous years when 29 and 34 cases of
this disease were recorded respectively, shows marked impro-
vement.

Erysipelas, again, has only been notified in two cases.

Measles, which was prevalent in both the previous years
this year has been very free from the district, and it is
particularly gratifying to find that there has not been a case
of Typhoid fever notified.

In every case of infectious illness which has been
notified, a very liberal supply of disinfectants has been
supplied, isolation carefully attended to, and, in the maj-
ority of cases, the Sanitary Inspector has himself carried

to the Council and members of the National Board

Medical Council.

Summary:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
annual report for the year ending December 31st 1906, and
to refer to it with a view of the various diseases and conditions
we have to prevent the spread of such diseases.

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supplied, isolation carefully attended to, and, in the
only of cases, the sanitary inspector has himself carried

out thorough disinfection of the premises after recovery.

During the year I have frequently visited the various parts of the district, and found that much greater care is now taken to keep the various Yards, Slaughter houses, Cow sheds and other buildings in a much cleaner condition. Complaints of nuisances have been exceptionally few and have been removed as quickly as possible when made. The Sanitary condition of the Printing Factory, which continues employing a large number of hands, has been well looked after, and when I have periodically visited these works I have found that the health of the workers continues good.

The working of the small drains and larger sewers continues satisfactory, and have given but little trouble: I am glad to find that the erection of ventilators is being carried out, which will undoubtedly ^{considerably} improve the condition of the sewers where the escape of sewer gas has been objectionable: I regret however that steps have not yet been taken with a view of extending the system of sewerage to the Old Walsoken district.

During the year several new houses have again been erected, the greater majority of which are supplied by the ~~M~~ Marham water which now is practically the water supply of the district, the quality and quantity of which is all that can be desired.

The number of Births during the year was 111 compared with 103 last year, of these 64 were males and 47 females, giving a birth-rate of 31.8 per 1000, which is again a very large birth-rate for such a district.

The number of deaths occurring from all causes, was 54 compared with 60 last year, giving a death-rate of 15.4 per 1000, such a low death-rate shewing the very healthy condition of the inhabitants. Of these deaths 13 were in children under the age of 1 year, giving an Infantile death-rate of 4 per 1000. The deaths from diseases of the Respiratory Organs were from Pneumonia 3, Phthisis 6, and Bronchitis 8, whilst Heart disease caused 3 and cancerous diseases 1 death.

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Herewith I beg to hand you very full tabular statements of Births, Mortality and Sickness for this period, together with records of previous years for comparison.

I remain Gentlemen,

Very faithfully yours,

(signed) HARRY GROOM

Medical Officer of Health.

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