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# Rural District of Whitchurch, Hants

Area, 30,609 Acres; Population, 5822 (1901).

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## Annual Report

**For the Year ended December 31, 1910.**

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GENTLEMEN,—

The Rural District of Whitchurch, Hants, is situated in the valley of the Test, and consists of three divisions, viz. :— Whitchurch, Overton, and St. Mary Bourne, each with some adjoining parishes. The occupation of the inhabitants is mainly agricultural, but a certain number are employed in a Paper Mill, a Jam Factory, and Slop-work (Clothing), also a few in a small Silk Mill.

The soil is chiefly chalk, and in some parts gravel.

### REGISTERED BIRTHS.

Whitchurch Division	..	..	..	..	71
Overton	„	..	..	..	53
St. Mary Bourne	„	..	..	..	23
					—
Total	..	..	..	..	147.
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**DEATHS.**

Whitchurch Division	..	..	..	..	29
Overton	„	..	..	..	15
St. Mary Bourne	„	..	..	..	9
					—
Total	..	..	..	..	53
					—

**DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.**

Whitchurch Division	..	..	..	..	3
Overton	„	..	..	..	4
St. Mary Bourne	„	..	..	..	1
					—
Total	..	..	..	..	8
					—

**DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.**

Whitchurch Workhouse	..	..	..	..	3
Isolation Hospital	..	..	..	..	1
					—
Total	..	..	..	..	4
					—

Comparing with the previous year, we have—

<b>BIRTHS.</b>		1909.	1910.
Whitchurch Division	..	72	71
Overton	„	43	53
St. Mary Bourne	„	24	23
		—	—
Total	..	139	147
		—	—

<b>DEATHS.</b>		1909.	1910.
Whitchurch Division	..	34	29
Overton	„	19	15
St. Mary Bourne	„	15	9
		—	—
Total	..	68	53
		—	—

### DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	1909.	1910.
Whitchurch Division .. .. .	7	3
Overton ,, .. .. .	2	4
St. Mary Bourne ,, .. .. .	1	1
	—	—
Total .. .. .	10	8
	—	—

### DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

	1909.	1910.
Whitchurch Workhouse .. .. .	8	3
Isolation Hospital .. .. .	3	1
	—	—
Total .. .. .	11	4
	—	—

### DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS BEYOND THE DISTRICT

1909.	1910.
3	11

### DEATH RATES FOR THE WHOLE DISTRICT

	1909.	1910.
General (Nett) .. .. .	11.6	10.9
Infant .. .. .	71.9	61.2

### BIRTH RATE PER 1000 OF POPULATION

1909.	1910.
23.8	25.2

On comparing the Statistics on Tables I. and II. it will be seen that the Births in the whole District number 147 or a rate of 25.2, a slight increase on the average of the past ten years, which was 146.1, or a rate of 25.1, and that the deaths, which averaged 69.6, or a rate of 11.9, are for this year 64, or a rate of 10.9.

The Deaths of Infants under one year of age, which for the past ten years averaged 12.7, or a rate of 86.3, have fallen to 9, or a rate of 61.2.

The Infant Mortality Table V. shows that of the 9 children under one year of age, 3 lived less than one month. There were 6 illegitimate Births with no Death among them.

The discrepancy in the Tables I., II. and V. with regard to the Deaths of Infants is accounted for by the death of an Infant five months old in a Public Institution beyond the District.

The Notification of Infectious Diseases Act, adopted February, 1890, shows the following results :—

**WHITCHURCH DIVISION.**

Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Enteric	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
							—
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
							—

**OVERTON DIVISION.**

Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sacrlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
							—
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
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**ST. MARY BOURNE DIVISION.**

Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Puerperal Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
							—
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
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**TOTAL IN RURAL DISTRICT .. 34.**

**DEATHS FROM NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES .. 2**

The following is the return of new cases of sickness attended as Paupers by the Medical Officer of each District during the year :—

Whitchurch	..	..	..	..	..	..	129
Overton	..	..	..	..	..	..	136
St. Mary Bourne	..	..	..	..	..	..	53

about which there is nothing special to be recorded.

With regard to the health of the District there appears to have been but little general illness during the year.

**INFLUENZA** was somewhat prevalent in the first half of the year, but mainly mild in type. One death of a man aged 30, in Whitchurch, was primarily attributed to it in March, associated with convulsions and heart failure.

**DIPHTHERIA.**—One case of a girl, 9 years of age, was notified in St. Mary Bourne on April 15th, after verification bacteriologically, and was removed to the Isolation Hospital on 17th. This was mild in character, and she was discharged on May 7th. On July 1st the case of a boy, 7 years of age, was notified from Overton, and I subsequently communicated with the County Medical Officer, who came over and procured swabs from the throats of the mother and 4 children, in one of which, a boy 6 years, the bacillus was found to be present. This case was also notified and isolated at home with the other child.

**SCARLET FEVER.**—After being absent from the District since March, 1909, a case in a boy 9 years, at an outlying cottage in Overton, was notified on July 4th, and removed to the Isolation Hospital on the 6th. No source of infection could be traced. On September 14th the case of an infant 15 months was notified in Whitchurch. This patient could not be removed, and being very ill a Nurse was provided under Section 67 of the Public

Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, certain sections of which by an Order of the Local Government Board came into force for this Rural District on May 4th, 1910. There were no other children in the house, and no source of infection could be traced. No other case is known to have occurred in Whitchurch during the year, and there was but one in 1909, in January, evidently imported. On October 31st two children 8 and 4 years of age, of a family in Winchester Street, Overton, were notified and removed to the Hospital on November 1st. The child 8 years had been at school on October 28th. On November 10th a child 8 years of age, residing in the Avenue, Winchester Street, Overton, was notified and removed to the Hospital. It was ascertained that this child was a relative of the others, and had visited them on October 29th, the day the first child sickened. On making inquiries at the school I was informed that a certain little girl had been absent from school for the last three weeks supposed to have measles, this child was subsequently found to be peeling, and notified as Scarlet Fever, a further case being notified on November 13th, an adult in a different part of Overton. I communicated with the County Medical Officer in reference to this outbreak, which seemed likely to extend and he very kindly visited Overton with me on November 15th. On December 22nd a child 2½ years, one of the family, from which the two children were removed to Hospital, on November 1st, was notified and removed to Hospital. Notwithstanding the house had been disinfected after removal of the two cases on November 1st this one occurred rather more than 7 weeks later, and had either of the children returned from the Hospital would have been attributed to that event, being what is termed a "return case," of which fortunately we have as yet had no instance since our hospital has been in use, nearly 14 years. On December 30th another child of 8 years was notified in a fresh place, not removed to Hospital. It being holiday time, I directed that the girls' department of the Elementary School should be disinfected. During the year 9 cases were notified, viz. :—1 in Whitchurch and 8 in Overton, 5 of the latter being admitted to the Hospital.

**ENTERIC FEVER (TYPHOID)**—As a sequel to the outbreak in Whitchurch in the Autumn of 1909 two cases were notified in January, and admitted to the Hospital, Father 41 years and Son 11 years, the former on January 4th, ended fatally on 11th; the latter, January 22nd, made a good recovery and left March 22nd. As a result of these cases an old well, for 4 houses, was closed, and a new tube pump supplied. On July 11th the case of a man 44 years was notified. This patient had many complications, apparently commencing with influenza and cerebral inflammation, and died on August 12th, and having been too ill to be removed a Nurse was provided (Sec. 67). This house was exceptionally clean, and no insanitary conditions were found to account for the illness. On September 15th a boy 14 years, whose illness commenced about September 1st with acute pneumonia, which almost terminated fatally, was notified as suffering from Typhoid Fever, and being too ill to be moved Sec. 67 was again called into requisition, and a Nurse provided, but here the accommodation in the cottage was too limited for nursing, and a suitable lodging could not be obtained, so as the Isolation Hospital was empty at the time I arranged that the Nurse should take night duty at the cottage and sleep and meal at the Hospital in the day, and so save the expense of the lodging. This arrangement to hold good till the boy should be able to be removed, which event by the aid of the good nursing he received at a critical time, was brought about by the 19th, on which day he was safely removed from his stuffy and inconvenient room to the purer air of the Hospital, where he made a good recovery. In all 4 cases were notified from Whitchurch—3 of which were removed to the Hospital.

**ERYSIPELAS**—Of the 16 cases notified there is nothing special to relate.

**PUERPERAL FEVER**—The 2 cases notified were professionally attended and associated with great difficulty in delivery. In each case the Nurse, who is a Midwife, had assisted and I gave notice to the Inspector of Midwives. Disinfection was resorted to in each case.

**PHTHISIS** —Under the Public Health Tuberculosis Regulations Order, 1908, 4 cases have been notified during the year, viz. :—3 in Whitchurch and 1 in Overton ; this latter in a girl of 12 years was an acute case and rapidly fatal. Five other deaths belong to the Whitchurch Division, though one of them occurred in a Public Institution beyond the District.—Disinfection was carried out after the death of all cases occurring within the district. There is no Hospital provision for cases of Pulmonary tuberculosis in this Rural District.

**CANCER** caused 5 deaths, viz. :—2 in Whitchurch, 2 in Overton, and 1 in St. Mary Bourne. In these cases disinfection was resorted to after death.

**WHOOPIING COUGH** was prevalent in parts of the District in April and May, but chiefly amongst the children attending the Infant School in Whitchurch, which school, after consultation with the County Medical Officer, who visited, was closed by his order from April 18th till May 2nd, the closure being subsequently extended till May 16th, when the holiday commenced.

**CHICKEN POX** was slightly prevalent in Whitchurch at times ; in one instance it was introduced by a boy who returned from a school, where it existed, he himself developing it and causing the infection of other members of his family who were severely affected.

**During the year** 9 Patients were admitted to the Isolation Hospital, viz. :—1 Diphtheria, 5 Scarlet Fever, and 3 Enteric Fever. Three of the Scarlet Fever cases have been severe, and accompanied with many serious complications requiring much medical attendance for many weeks, and making great demands on the services of the two good Nurses we were fortunate in obtaining, and by whose efforts their convalescence is being gradually established. The Hospital is provided by the District Council, and its accommodation is sufficient ; it was

opened for the reception of Patients in February, 1897, it being contemplated that Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria would be the only diseases treated there, but, like other things, its benefits have extended with the demand, and it is interesting to note that in the 14 years, approximately, no less than 252 Patients have been admitted, viz. :—Scarlet Fever 184, Diphtheria 44, Typhoid 23, Puerperal Fever 1, many of whom would, in all probability, have died if left in their homes without proper nourishment and nursing, and all would have been a danger as sources of infection. This should surely lead to a more real appreciation of the benefits conferred by this Hospital not only on the individual but on the parents and the public in general. The new Ambulance provided by your Council has been a great comfort with increased safety in the removal of patients critically ill.

Disinfection of premises, bedding, and clothing, where infectious diseases occurred, and in other cases as recommended, has been carefully carried out by your Inspector of Nuisances, and disinfectants have been supplied as required. The arrangement made by your Council that the Inspector of Nuisances should undertake these duties has proved satisfactory. The new Lingner disinfecting apparatus as recommended by the County Medical Officer does its work well, and is used for special cases, but frequently one or two Formalin lamps are sufficient, especially when young children are in the house.

**AS REGARDS DRAINAGE** there is no regular system of Sewerage, but in the more populous places in Whitchurch and Overton through which the river Test flows, drains and gutters have been laid for the conveyance of surface water, usually to the river ; into these a good deal of foul matter finds its way, and also slop water from sinks and back premises, but in no instance is any closet known to connect with these drains. The plan for flushing certain drains in Whitchurch, by means of an inlet from the river, still works well, and the springs which flow into the drain in a part of its course aid in keeping it clean with the help of the Scavenger, who sweeps the gutters daily.

As a result of a visit to Whitchurch from the County Medical Officer the drainage in front of the houses in the Square and Great Lane was much improved ; and later improvement was made under the supervision of the Inspector of Nuisances to the drainage of the houses in Test Road, where there had been frequent trouble ; this appears to have remedied the nuisance, and, if still satisfactory, other houses in Winchester Street should be treated in a similar way.

**THE WATER SUPPLY** of the District is by Wells and Tube Pumps, of which many more have been adopted of late years, with an increased number this year. Many samples of water have been examined as occasion required, and some analysed and reported on by the County Analyst. All water for the supply of new houses has been tested, or an analysis obtained before a certificate is granted. There being a difficulty in carrying out your resolution that Owners applying for a certificate should obtain an analysis and report to be submitted to the Medical Officer of Health, at the desire of your Council I consented to return to my former plan of testing the water submitted by the Inspector of Nuisances, with the understanding that if I was not satisfied with the result I was authorised to obtain an analysis and report from the County Analyst at the expense of the Council, a procedure I have adopted in some instances. I still, however, think that if a person can afford to build a house and the law requires that he must have a certificate he is the proper person to bear the expense, especially if the Council by taking a sample through their Inspector of Nuisances give him the benefit of the contract price of the County Analyst.

**THE DISPOSAL OF EXCREMENT** in the District is mainly on the pail system or cemented vaults, and the contents are ordered to be emptied at regular intervals by the Scavenger of the localities of Whitchurch and Overton and carted away to the tip, St. Mary Bourne locality not requiring a Scavenger. All old privy pits are as much as possible done away with, and it is hoped will entirely disappear. The cemented pits were

originally intended to be supplied with dry earth, but this is found impracticable in the majority of cases, so that they really become a nuisance and insanitary, especially when adjoining houses ; they are also disgusting to empty and add vastly to the labour of the Scavenger ; it is very desirable they should be done away with and the pail substituted. Under Section 46 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, we now have power to cause the alteration of these and other objectionable pits, and, in fact, many have already been so altered by the recommendation of your Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances without recourse to further pressure, though in some instances both in Whitchurch and Overton there was a certain amount of difficulty to be contended with and considerable delay in getting the work carried out. Owners should be more careful in the construction of closets ; many of them appear to think anything will do however dark and ill contrived. The closet pails are ordered to be emptied regularly twice a week by the Scavengers in Whitchurch and Overton, who are also instructed to report the existence of any defective pails to the Inspector of Nuisances.

**HOUSE REFUSE AND RUBBISH** is ordered to be removed by the Scavengers in Whitchurch and Overton at least once a week and oftener if required. The receptacles for ashes and refuse are as a rule unsatisfactory, small pails and boxes being used instead of sanitary dustbins, so that the contents are blown about by every wind ; this is specially objectionable when standing in the streets awaiting collection by the Scavenger. The use of sanitary dustbins is and should be encouraged, the question is who should provide them ; the cottagers cannot, and the landlords, with a few exceptions, appear to be unwilling to do so ; the difficulty will probably be gradually overcome as people more fully realise the importance of attention to what appear even minor details in relation to the Public Health. Among other matters relating to the removal of refuse it appears to me, and I may say to others, that the Council should provide more suitable carts for the purpose, the present ones allowing the contents to be blown about in all directions.

**PIGGERIES** near dwellings have given but little trouble this year ; in fact, there are very few to be found at present.

**THE KEEPING** of Animals and Poultry in cramped and confined places close to houses is objectionable, and should be dealt with as a nuisance when necessary.

**THE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES**, of which there are 4 in the Rural District, viz. :—2 in Whitchurch and 2 in Overton, have been inspected and cleansed and whitewashed as required. No arrangements are made by the Council for the inspection of meat in the district.

**THE DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS**, of which 32 are registered, have been inspected under the Model Regulations of the Local Government Board adopted in January, 1905, and found fairly satisfactory. Whitewashing has been attended to, and the yards as a rule kept in a more cleanly state.

On October 12 a letter from the Medical Officer of Health of the London County Council was received by your Clerk enclosing a copy of a certificate from one of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council, stating that in his opinion a dark Jersey cow, "Darkie," on a particular farm specified was suffering from Tubercular Disease of the Udder, and wishing to know what action this Authority may be able to take in the matter. On receiving information from the Clerk I requested the Inspector of Nuisances to visit the premises which he did on the 13th, and ascertained that the cow had been disposed of at Basingstoke, but to whom he was unable to discover.

**THE BAKEHOUSES**—10 in number—have been inspected ; whitewashing and sanitation attended to as required. In one case a want of cleanliness was observed, which after notice from the Inspector of Nuisances was remedied. There is no underground bakehouse in the district.

**Several old Cottages** have been whitewashed and repaired, and overcrowding has been abated in 4 cases, in one of which after repeated warnings, prosecution was found necessary, and the Magistrates made an order for the abatement of the nuisance. In the cottages and smaller houses more suitable places for the keeping of food is much to be desired, dark and ill-ventilated places being anything but satisfactory. It seems strange that in a system of model bye-laws for new houses no allusion should be made to the provision of a suitable place for the storage and keeping of food in small houses.

**INSPECTIONS** have been made under the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901 ; attention given to cleanliness and sanitary conditions and to dwellings of home workers, especially with regard to infectious illness, of which there has again been none amongst them during the year. The sanitary conveniences are suitable and sufficient.

**When Infectious Illness** has occurred in a house the children have been excluded from school by notice to the Teachers.

**THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**, of which there are 6 in the District, counting the Infant School at Overton, which is a separate building, as one, appear to be in a good sanitary condition, though in the case of the latter the Managers were requested, in November, to provide a water supply, by means of a tube and pump on the premises, the existing arrangement not being deemed satisfactory either by myself or the County Medical Officer, who visited with me ; this will, no doubt, be attended to when the usual formalities have been gone through. At the same visit it was observed that a heap of cinders and ashes was lying in the playground at the Infants School and in the yard at the Boys School. The same thing I have seen to be the case at the Whitchurch School, where much paper might be seen lying about, so we decided to ask your Council to request the Managers of all the Elementary Schools to provide suitable sanitary bins for ashes, dust and

refuse, and fitted with a sifter so as to prevent waste of fuel. Arrangements for the medical inspection of school children have been made by the County Medical Officer.

In May the entrance to the closets in the Girls Department of the St. Mary Bourne School was found to be wet and dirty, and it was recommended that the small yard outside should be paved and drained, which was done.

**Many Inspections of the District** have been made both systematic and otherwise, and reports made to your Council, which have been attended to in due course. The scavenging in Whitchurch and Overton has been generally well attended to. The dust nuisance on the roads owing to the increasing traffic and the frequent passage of motor cars, and the military, has been great, and necessitated much watering of the streets in Whitchurch and Overton, the frequency of which should be maintained. Several inspections were made by the Inspector of Nuisances and myself in connection with fruit supplied to a Jam Factory, and on one occasion fruit which had not arrived from abroad in good condition was dealt with and destroyed, and by the action of the Proprietor a further consignment was stopped by cable.

**THE HOUSE TO HOUSE INSPECTION** of Whitchurch by an additional Sanitary Inspector, as recommended by the County Medical Officer, was commenced October 26th, 1909, and completed February 19th, 1910, after which his services were retained for the inspection of Overton, the next most populous part of the District, which was completed by April 4th, 1910. At Whitchurch 476 premises were inspected, and at Overton 293. Then followed many visits by your Inspector of Nuisances separately, and in conjunction with your Medical Officer of Health, for the purpose of inspecting defects reported, and with a view to getting them remedied by a little kindly representation without recourse to the powers of your Council,

with the result, it is gratifying to acknowledge, that the majority of the persons concerned readily carried out our wishes as far as circumstances permitted, but of course, as was to be expected, there were some who gave trouble and necessitated your powers to be used, the result being that in both places many defects have been remedied, as will be seen by the Table VI. with summary of the work in your Inspector of Nuisance's department, which, it must be acknowledged, has been great. At the time of the inspections the weather was bad, so that nothing was seen at its best, and since then it has been such as often greatly to delay the execution of the work.

I formed the conclusion that in Overton the houses as a rule were in better condition than many in Whitchurch, and generally with more open space and garden ground, but several have no outlet, so that everything requiring removal has to be brought through the house. The water supply was improved in several instances, and the drainage of houses also improved, and several old pit closets converted for pails. There are still a certain number of pit closets remaining, but so situated as apparently not dangerous at present, though they may require to be dealt with in the future. There were many old accumulations of rubbish to be removed.

In Whitchurch similar improvements to those at Overton have been carried out. New tube pumps, wells cleaned out, drainage to houses improved, closets improved and converted for the pail with cement floor, houses whitewashed and repaired, but in a few instances more is required to be done, and notably to a house in the Fairclose, to which the work has only been partially carried out, and where, there being no water supply, a pump with deep tube is required, the windows also are broken, and much dilapidated, and there is no drainage; in addition to which the house is occupied by a very indifferent Tenant, whom nothing will induce to keep her house and premises clean and tidy.

In May I received, through the County Medical Officer, 48 Enamelled Iron Tablets previously ordered by your Council, as notices against the dangerous habit of spitting in relation to Consumption, and feeling somewhat doubtful as to how they would be received I personally took one to several Hotels and Public Houses in Whitchurch, and found they were so gladly welcomed that I had no further hesitation in asking the Inspector of Nuisances to supply one or more to each Public House in the District ; one was also sent to the Post Office and Railway Stations in Whitchurch.

A parcel of Cartoons illustrating certain educational matters connected with Consumption was also sent by the County Medical Officer, some of which were sent to the Teachers at each of the Elementary Schools.

An Order of the Local Government Board was received declaring certain sections of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be in force in this Rural District from May 4th 1910. Already Section 46 and 67 have been acted on, and found of much advantage. A committee was appointed to go into the matter of the Model Bye-Laws, for which, after several alterations had been suggested, application was made to the Local Government Board, but at present no final decision has been arrived at.

It should also be noted that the Anti-toxin Order of the Local Government Board came into force on August, 1910, and arrangements were made with your Council whereby your Medical Officer of Health would arrange for the supply of serum to Medical Practitioners in this Rural District for use among their poorer patients, as in fact had been previously done, but it must be remembered that certain other provisions of the Order require consideration, as also of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909, in due course.

It should also be noted that Circulars were received from the Local Government Board and County Medical Officer, concerning the Plague and its connection with Rats, and urging the desirability of taking active measures for the destruction of Rats, which have without doubt been excessively numerous in this Rural District, as well as elsewhere, for some years now. In the absence of any united action in the matter all persons should use their efforts to exterminate them, and not encourage them by allowing refuse to be stored or thrown about near dwellings ; Pig Keepers, Poultry Keepers, Slaughterers, and all Store Keepers should specially take steps in this direction

In my opinion it would be an advantage to the Public Health work if the meetings of the District Council could be dissociated from the meetings of the Board of Guardians, from which after a long sitting the Councillors are naturally tired and anxious to depart.

And I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

**HENRY HEMSTED,**

Medical Officer of Health,

R.D. Whitchurch, Hants.

To the Rural District Council of Whitchurch, Hants,

January 26, 1911.

**TABLE I.—Vital Statistics of whole District during 1910 and Previous Years.**  
**WHITCHURCH (HANTS) RURAL DISTRICT.**

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.						NETT DEATHS AT ALL AGES BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.				
		BIRTHS.		Under 1 Year of Age		At all Ages.		Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	Rate.*	
		Number.	Rate.*	Number.	Rate per 1000 Births registered.	Number.	Rate.*				Number.	Rate.*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1900	5658	151	26·6	16	105·9	78	13·7	6			78	13·7
1901	5822	152	26·1	17	111·8	77	13·2	8			77	13·2
1902	5822	148	25·4	16	108·0	60	10·3	3			60	10·3
1903	5822	146	25·0	20	136·9	82	14·0	8			82	14·0
1904	5822	156	26·7	13	83·3	63	10·8	7			63	10·8
1905	5822	135	23·1	7	51·8	61	10·4	5			61	10·4
1906	5822	137	23·5	10	72·5	74	12·7	9			74	12·7
1907	5822	150	25·7	12	80·0	56	9·6	7			56	9·6
1908	5822	147	25·2	6	40·8	72	12·3	10	0	5	77	13·2
1909	5822	139	23·8	10	71·9	65	11·1	11	0	3	68	11·6
Averages for years 1900-1909.	5805·6	146·1	25·1	12·7	86·3	68·8	11·8	7·4			69·6	11·9
1910	5822	147	25·2	8	54·4	53	9·1	4	0	11	64	10·9

\* Rates in Columns 4, 8 and 13 calculated per 1000 of estimated gross population.

Area of District in Acres (exclusive of area covered by water)—30,609. Total population at all ages (at Census of 1901)—5822.  
 Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District:—Hants County Asylum, Hants County Hospital.  
 Other Institutions, the deaths in which have been distributed among the several localities in the District:—Froedenheim Hospital.

**TABLE II.—Vital Statistics of separate Localities in 1910 and previous years.**  
**WHITCHURCH (HANTS) RURAL DISTRICT.**

NAMES OF LOCALITIES	1. WHOLE DISTRICT.				2. WHITCHURCH DIVISION AND WORKHOUSE.				3. OVERTON DIVISION.				4. ST. MARY BOURNE DIVISION.			
	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
1900	5658	151	78	16	2958	72	42	7	1668	47	21	9	1032	32	15	0
1901	5822	152	77	17	2974	69	43	9	1671	57	19	5	1177	26	15	3
1902	5822	148	60	16	2974	69	30	9	1671	44	15	3	1177	35	15	4
1903	5822	146	82	20	2974	72	45	12	1671	49	22	7	1177	25	15	1
1904	5822	156	63	13	2974	65	35	7	1671	55	13	5	1177	36	15	1
1905	5822	135	61	7	2974	74	33	4	1671	38	17	2	1177	23	11	1
1906	5822	137	74	10	2974	68	39	4	1671	42	19	4	1177	27	16	2
1907	5822	150	56	12	2974	82	28	6	1671	47	17	3	1177	21	11	3
1908	5822	147	77	6	2974	75	39	2	1671	47	21	3	1177	25	17	1
1909	5822	139	68	10	2974	72	34	7	1671	43	19	2	1177	24	15	1
Averages of Years 1900 to 1909 ...	5805.6	146.1	69.6	12.7	2972.4	71.8	36.8	6.7	1670.7	46.9	18.3	4.3	1162.5	27.4	14.5	1.7
1910	5822	147	64	9	2974	71	38	4	1671	53	17	4	1177	23	9	1

**TABLE III.—Cases of Infectious Disease Notified during the Year 1910.**  
**WHITCHURCH (HANTS) RURAL DISTRICT.**

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.							TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.			NO. OF CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL, FROM EACH LOCALITY.			
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.						Whitchurch Division W. & H.	Overton Division.	St. Mary Bourne Division.	Whitchurch Division W. & H.	Overton Division.	St. Mary Bourne Division.	Total Cases removed to Hospital.
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.	65 and upwards.							
Diphtheria (Including Membranous Group)	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	1	
Erysipelas ...	16	...	1	...	7	7	...	12	2	...	...	...	...	
Scarlet Fever...	9	...	2	6	1	1	...	1	8	...	...	5	5	
Enteric Fever...	4	...	...	2	...	2	4	...	...	...	3	...	3	
Puerperal Fever	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	
Totals ...	34	...	3	11	2	11	17	12	5	3	5	1	9	

Isolation Hospital: Whitchurch (Hants), provided by Rural District Council.  
 Total available beds ... 12. Number of Diseases that can be concurrently treated ... 2.

**TABLE IV.—Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1910.**  
**WHITCHURCH (HANTS) RURAL DISTRICT.**

CAUSES OF DEATH.	DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES.								Deaths at all ages of "Residents" belonging to localities, whether occurring in or beyond the District.			Total Deaths whether of "Residents" or "Non-residents" in Public Institutions in the District.
	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	Whit-church Division.				
								Whit-church Division.	Overton Division.	St. Mary Bourne Division.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Fever (Enteric) ...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	1	
Epidemic Influenza ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	
Enteritis ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Gastritis ...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ...	6	...	...	1	...	5	...	5	1	...	...	
Other Tuberculous Diseases	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Cancer, malignant disease	5	...	...	...	...	2	3	2	2	1	1	
Bronchitis ...	6	1	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	1	2	
Pneumonia ...	5	1	...	...	...	3	1	2	2	1	...	
Pleurisy ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	
Other diseases of Respiratory Organs	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	
Veneral diseases ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	
Premature Birth ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Heart diseases ...	8	...	...	...	...	2	6	5	3	...	...	
Accidents ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	
Suicides ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	
All other causes...	18	1	1	...	...	8	8	9	5	4	...	
All causes ...	64	9	2	2	...	26	25	38	17	9	4	

**TABLE V.—Infantile Mortality during the Year 1910.**  
**Deaths from stated causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.**  
**WHITCHURCH (HANTS) RURAL DISTRICT.**

CAUSE OF DEATH;	Under 1 week.	1—2 Weeks.	2—3 Weeks.	3—4 Weeks.	Total under 1 month.	1—2 Months.	2—3 Months.	3—4 Months.	4—5 Months.	5—6 Months.	6—7 Months.	7—8 Months.	8—9 Months.	9—10 Months.	10—11 Months.	11—12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
	1	2	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	
<b>ALL CAUSES—</b>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Certified ...	1	2	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	9
Uncertified...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
<i>Diarrhœal Diseases</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Enteritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Muco & Gastro	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gastritis, Gastro-intestinal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Catarrh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
<i>Wasting Diseases</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Premature Birth	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
<i>Tuberculous Diseases:</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tuberculous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Meningitis...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
<i>Other Causes:—</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Syphilis ...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Convulsions...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bronchitis ...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	1	2	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	1	...	9

Births in the Year:—Legitimate, 141; Illegitimate 6. Deaths in the Year:—Legitimate, 9; Illegitimate, 0.  
Deaths from all Causes at all Ages 64. Population (estimated to the middle of 1910), 5822.

**TABLE VI.—Summary of Sanitary Work done in the Inspector of Nuisance's Department during the Year 1910.**

WHITCHURCH (HANTS) RURAL DISTRICT.

	NUMBER OF		ABATEMENT NOTICES.		NUISANCES ABATED AFTER NOTICES BY		NUISANCE REMAINING UNABATED.
	Inspections and Observations made.	Defects found.	Informal by Inspector.	Formal by Authority.	Inspector.	Authority.	
Dwelling-houses and Schools {	39	36	36	...	36	...	...
Foul Condition	161	22	22	1	14	1	7
Structural Defects	8	4	4	1	3	1	...
Over-crowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unfit for Habitation	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lodging-houses	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dairies and Milkshops	128	4	4	...	4	...	...
Cowsheds	36	1	1	...	1	...	...
Bakehouses	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
Slaughter-houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canal Boats	141	53	53	3	48	3	2
Ashpits and Privies	21	18	18	...	18	...	...
Deposits of Refuse and Manure	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Water-closets	31	9	9	...	9	...	...
House } Defective Traps	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Drainage } No Disconnection	74	31	31	2	29	2	...
Other Faults	58	13	12	1	12	...	1
Water Supply	2	1	1	...	1	...	...
Pigsties	3	3	3	...	3	...	...
Animals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smoke Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Nuisances	55	10	10	...	10	...	...
Totals	783	208	208	8	191	7	10

Complaints received, 1.

Samples of water condemned as unfit for use, 3.

Samples of water taken for analysis, 11.

Houses disinfected after infectious disease, 26.

**Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1910 on the Administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces and Homework.**

<p align="center">1.—INSPECTION.</p> <p>Factories (including Factory Laundries) ... 4</p> <p>Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) 6</p> <p>Total ... .. 10</p>	<p align="center">2.—DEFECTS FOUND.</p> <p>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</p> <p>Want of cleanliness, 1 found and remedied.</p>
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3.—OTHER MATTERS.

Homework ... ..	Lists Received 2, Outworkers 38 Women.
Inspections of Outworkers' Premises ... ..	19.
Workshops on the Register at the end of the year ... ..	6.