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*To the Urban Sanitary Authority of the City of Winchester.*

## Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1895.

GENTLEMEN,

The following is my Annual Report for the year 1895, and I submit it with the greater satisfaction as it gives a most favourable record of the health of the District.

Appended to it is a report of the proceedings and expenditure at the Victoria Hospital, and there is also a statement of the work done in Mr. Piper's department.

The Population of the District which in 1894 was estimated at 18,952 is considered to have diminished for 1895 to 18,216. This decrease is partly accounted for by a known reduction of the average strength at the Barracks, and by a decrease in the population in the surrounding parishes estimated to have taken place, from a careful comparison of the birth and death rate of 1895 with those of previous years.

Tables A. and B. are appended and are similar to those of previous years.

The deaths in 1895 amount to 270. Of these deaths 2 were at the Barracks and 37 at the Union Workhouse. 15 of the latter belong to the Urban, and 22 to other Districts. During the year 11 occurred at the County Hospital, and 2 at the Victoria Hospital, of persons belonging to the District, which are not included in the Tables: both these Institutions being situated within the area of the Rural Sanitary District.

Taking the grouping of Table A, the deaths in the District occurred at the following ages:—

|                              |     |     |     |       |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Deaths under 1 year of age   | ... | ... | 49  | } 62  |
| „ over „ „ and under 5 years | ... | ... | 13  |       |
| „ „ 5 „ „ 15 „               | ... | ... | 8   | } 208 |
| „ „ 15 „ „ 25 „              | ... | ... | 10  |       |
| „ „ 25 „ „ 65 „              | ... | ... | 87  |       |
| „ „ 65 „                     | ... | ... | 103 |       |

It is of interest to note that 17 deaths took place between 80 and 85 years of age, 9 between 85 and 90, 2 at 92 and 2 at 93.

The Registered Births were 444, being 46 below those of the previous year.

The following Table shows how the Births and Death, and Deaths from Zymotic Diseases were distributed in 1895.

| LOCALITY.                                   | GROUP.<br>I.* | GROUP<br>II.† | GROUP<br>III.‡ | BARRACKS. | WORK-<br>HOUSE.         | The Whole<br>District. |      |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------|------|
| Area in Acres                               | ...           | ...           | ...            | ...       | ...                     | A. 1043                | R. 2 |
| Population, Census, 1891                    | 5850          | 6888          | 5619           | 1216      | Included in<br>Group I. | 19073                  |      |
| „ Estimated for 1895                        | 5710          | 6493          | 5659           | 854       | „                       | 18216                  |      |
| Persons to Acre                             | ...           | ...           | ...            | ...       | ...                     | 17.44                  |      |
| Total Deaths                                | 70            | 90            | 71             | 2         | 37                      | 270                    |      |
| Deaths from 7 principal<br>Zymotic Diseases | 2             | 6             | 2              | ...       | 1                       | 11                     |      |
| Total Births                                | 127           | 171           | 132            | 14        | Included in<br>Group I. | 444                    |      |

\* GROUP I.—The Parishes of St. Thomas, Weeke, and part of Chilcomb.

† GROUP II.—The Parishes of St. Bartholomew Hyde, St. Peter Cheesehill, Milland, St. Faith, St. John and Winnall.

‡ GROUP III.—The Parishes of St. Maurice, St. Mary Kalendre, St. Lawrence, St. Swithun, St. Michael, and St. Peter Colebrook.

The following Table shows the comparative mortality of the whole District, and as divided into three almost equal groups of Parishes, of the Barracks, and also of the component parishes in Group II. together with the Birth Rate in these localities.

| LOCALITY.                                                                                              | GROUP I. | GROUP II. | GROUP III. | BARRACKS. | The Whole District. | Component Parishes of Group II. |                                   |           |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
|                                                                                                        |          |           |            |           |                     | St. Bartholomew Hyde.           | St. Peter Cheesehill and Milland. | St. Faith | St. John and Winnall. |
| Deaths per 1000 ...                                                                                    | 12       | 13.8      | 12         | ...       | 14.8                | 9                               | 18                                | 15        | 12                    |
| Deaths per 1000 including Deaths in County and Victoria Hospitals of persons belonging to the District | ...      | ...       | ...        | ...       | 15.5                | ...                             | ...                               | ...       | ...                   |
| Percentage of Deaths of children under 5 years                                                         | 18       | 33        | 26         | ...       | 22                  | 18                              | 66                                | 9         | 47                    |
| Births per 1000 ...                                                                                    | 21       | 26        | 23         | ...       | 24                  | 25                              | 32                                | 15        | 35                    |
| Percentage of Deaths of Children under 1 year to Births                                                | 8        | 14        | 11         | ...       | 11                  | 6                               | 32                                | 9         | 10                    |
| Deaths per 1000 from Zymotic Diseases                                                                  | ...      | ...       | ...        | ...       | 6                   | ...                             | ...                               | ...       | ...                   |

\* The numbers in this column are affected by the Population, and the Births at the Workhouse situated within the area of Group I. being included. The Deaths in the Workhouse are omitted from this column.

A comparison of the above figures with those of 1894 shows a further improvement in the health of the District and in the length of life as evidenced by the Tables of Mortality, the percentage of Deaths of children under 5 years being 22 against 31, and of persons over 65 years of age 34 against 38 in the previous year.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.—This class of illness did not very seriously affect the District during the year.

SMALL-POX.—No case notified.

SCARLATINA.—Cases of this disease were met with all through the year, becoming less frequent in the second half. Thirty-five cases were notified—fifteen were males and twenty females, four were adults, and the rest children. These cases occurred in twenty-one different houses. The suggestion that the infection might have been conveyed from one to another seemed probable in some instances. There can be no doubt that in three houses and perhaps in more the disease was introduced by the infection having been brought from a distance. In one house where the disease existed in May and minute precautions were taken to get rid of the infection another case occurred in November. A child who had had Scarlatina during the summer holidays returned home deemed to be free from infection in both person and clothing. Five weeks afterwards a case of this disease made its appearance and was sent to Hospital and three weeks afterwards another appeared.

The number of cases in each month was:—

| Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|------|------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| 6    | ...  | 3     | 3     | 4   | 4    | 4    | 2    | 3     | 2    | 3    | 1    |

All the cases were promptly visited after the Notification was received and the usual precautions taken and such special advice offered as the circumstances of each case suggested. Twenty-six were removed to the Victoria Hospital. The disease was mild in type, there was only one death.

DIPHTHERIA.—One case was notified in March and one in April, but this disease occasioned considerable anxiety in August and continued throughout the rest of the year.

The number of cases in each month was :—

| August | September | October | November | December |
|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 2      | 6         | 5       | 8        | 5        |

Nine persons were taken to the Victoria Hospital, one an infant admitted almost in a dying state, lived only ten hours, the others speedily recovered. The effective isolation of these cases and of others at their own homes probably saved the City from a more extensive epidemic. It should be more widely known that convalescents from this disease are capable of infecting others for some time after they appear to be well. Some more or less serious sanitary defects were discovered at the houses where these cases occurred and were rectified, but the most effectual method of arresting the spread of this disease and of saving life, is to remove each case to the Victoria Hospital, which from its exceptional dryness and light and breezy situation, offers peculiar advantages to such patients.

Cases of sore Throat were numerous during the later months of the year : those which came under my observation were characterized by their sudden onset, the short duration of the illness, and the absence of prolonged subsequent weakness and depression.

ENTERIC FEVER.—There were two non-fatal cases : defects in the sewer ventilation discovered at the residence of one of these.

MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH.—Neither were prevalent during the year.

DIARRHŒA.—Less prevalent than in many previous years.

PUERPERAL FEVER.—No case notified.

ERYSIPELAS.—A great many cases of this disease were reported, some of a very trivial nature, magnified into undue importance by the Notification Act. One Infant died at a house where the atmosphere was polluted by a defective sewer ; arrangements are being made to have this entirely re-laid.

INFLUENZA.—This Disease was prevalent in the early part of the year, and cases were occasionally met with afterwards. As on former occasions, besides instances of shattered health and prolonged weakness, Deaths amounting to thirteen were attributed to this disease, five being among aged persons at the Workhouse.

Inspections of various parts of the District have been made systematically in certain instances and as occasion has required in others, and the details of the insanitary conditions which have been met with are set out in the Report of the Inspector, together with those which he has discovered himself.

One House belonging to your Authority has been pulled down, after a report from me that it was unfit for habitation. One other House has been closed by the Justices on my certificate, and remained so for many months until the owner had made the required improvements. These consisted of a thorough cleansing of the premises and the renewal of the soil in the cellar which had been polluted by sewage and by the surface drainage of the yard in the rear. The sewer of the house had also to be re-laid and ventilated, and a trap inserted between the house and the street sewer.

In order more effectually to prevent defects dangerous to health in new buildings all plans are now examined by me before they are laid before the Sanitary Committee. With the same object a great advance has been made by requiring all new sewers to be tested with water by the Surveyor before they are covered up, and the result reported to the Sanitary Committee.

The Steam Disinfecting Apparatus has been found to work satisfactorily, and has been used twenty-five times.

All the principal Workshops have been inspected, and where defects have been discovered orders have been made for their removal. The question of over-crowding can now be easily dealt with, as the New Factory and Workshop Act lays down the minimum air space which is to be considered sufficient.

Twenty years having elapsed since the passing of the Public Health Act, 1875, it has seemed to me worth while to take the trouble to ascertain whether the efforts which have been made to carry out its provisions, and those of the other Sanitary Acts which you have considered it expedient to adopt, and the various Sanitary improvements which have been effected, have produced any changes in the length of life, and mortality at various ages.

I submit the following figures which I think you will peruse with interest:—

| Periods of five years . . . . .                                                                   | 1876-80 | 1881-85 | 1886-90 | 1891-95 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Average length of life in each period . . .                                                       | 35·8    | 37·9    | 38·5    | 41·2    |
| Percentage of Deaths of Children under 5 years                                                    | 34      | 32      | 32      | 27      |
| Percentage of Deaths of Persons over 70 years }<br>to Deaths of Persons at 25 years and upwards } | 29      | 36      | 36      | 41      |
| Number of Deaths from the 7 principal Zymotic }<br>Diseases }                                     | 228     | 152     | 133     | 111     |
| Percentage of Deaths to Registered Births ...                                                     | 63      | 60      | 62      | 66      |

In conclusion I most gratefully acknowledge the cordial support which you have at all times accorded to me, and hope that our united efforts may be followed by still further improvement in the Sanitary condition of the District.

THOS. C. LANGDON, F.R.C.S.,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Feb. 14th, 1896.

[A] TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1895 in the Urban Sanitary District of Winchester, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

[B] TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1895, in the Urban Sanitary District of Winchester, classified according to Diseases, Ages and Localities.

| POPULATION AT ALL AGES.                                                                                         |       |             |                              | NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY, COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH. |                         |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            | NUMBERS OF SUCH CASES REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SEVERAL LOCALITIES FOR TREATMENT IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL. |          |             |   |    |   |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|---|----|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-------------|
| NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for these Statistics: Public Institutions below being shown as separate Localities. |       | Census 1891 | Estimated to middle of 1894. | Registered Births                                                                                 | Aged under 5 or over 5. | Smallpox. | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria. | Membranous Group. | Fever.  |                     |            |            |                                                                                                               | Fever.   |             |   |    |   | Smallpox. | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria. | Membranous Group. | Typhus. | Enteric or Typhoid. | Continued. | Relapsing. | Puerperal. | Cholera. | Krysipelas. |
| (a)                                                                                                             | (b)   | (c)         | (d)                          | (e)                                                                                               |                         |           |             |             |                   | Typhus. | Enteric or Typhoid. | Continued. | Relapsing. | Puerperal.                                                                                                    | Cholera. | Krysipelas. |   |    |   |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
| GROUP I.                                                                                                        | 5850  | 5710        | 127                          | Under 5                                                                                           | 1                       | 3         | 2           |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |                                                                                                               |          | 11          | 1 | 3  | 1 |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
|                                                                                                                 |       |             |                              | 5 Upwds.                                                                                          |                         | 18        | 3           |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |                                                                                                               |          | 12          |   | 14 | 1 |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
| GROUP II.                                                                                                       | 6388  | 6493        | 171                          | Under 5                                                                                           |                         | 1         | 2           |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |                                                                                                               |          | 2           |   | 1  | 1 |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
|                                                                                                                 |       |             |                              | 5 Upwds.                                                                                          |                         | 4         | 6           |             |                   |         | 1                   |            |            |                                                                                                               |          | 11          |   | 2  | 4 |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
| GROUP III.                                                                                                      | 5619  | 5659        | 192                          | Under 5                                                                                           |                         | 2         | 1           |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |                                                                                                               |          |             |   | 1  |   |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
|                                                                                                                 |       |             |                              | 5 Upwds.                                                                                          |                         | 7         | 8*          |             |                   |         | 1                   |            |            |                                                                                                               |          | 9           |   | 5  | 2 |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
| BARRACKS                                                                                                        | 1216  | 354         | 14                           | Under 5                                                                                           |                         |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |                                                                                                               |          |             |   |    |   |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
|                                                                                                                 |       |             |                              | 5 Upwds.                                                                                          |                         |           | 1           |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |                                                                                                               |          |             |   |    |   |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
| WORKHOUSE                                                                                                       |       |             |                              | Under 5                                                                                           |                         |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |                                                                                                               |          | 1           |   |    |   |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
|                                                                                                                 |       |             |                              | 5 Upwds.                                                                                          |                         |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |                                                                                                               |          |             |   |    |   |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
| TOTALS                                                                                                          | 19073 | 18216       | 444                          | Under 5                                                                                           |                         | 6         | 5           |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |                                                                                                               |          | 2           |   | 5  | 2 |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |
|                                                                                                                 |       |             |                              | 5 Upwds.                                                                                          |                         | 29        | 18          |             |                   |         | 2                   |            |            |                                                                                                               |          | 83          |   | 21 | 7 |           |             |             |                   |         |                     |            |            |            |          |             |

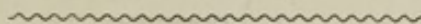
Notification of Infectious Diseases became compulsory on February 1st, 1890.

No Diseases other than those included in the "Infectious Diseases Notification Act" are notifiable in the District.

The Isolation Hospital belongs to the Sanitary Authority, and is situated on high ground surrounded by breezy downs in the Rural Sanitary District of Winchester over a mile from the City. Cases of Infectious Sickness at the Barracks are treated in their own Hospital, situated in the area of Group I.

# VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

## Report of the MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT for the year 1895.



The Hospital was in constant use all through the year, except in March when it was empty for two days.

Three Patients remained in the Hospital on January 1st, and thirty-five fresh cases were admitted, three remained at the close of the year.

The following Table shows the number of Persons with their Diseases who have been admitted since the Hospital has been opened, together with the number of days in each year on which it has been in use.

|      | Small-Pox | Scarlatina | Diphtheria | Enteric<br>Fever | Measles | Whooping<br>Cough | Erysipelas | No. of days<br>in which<br>the<br>Hospital<br>was in use |
|------|-----------|------------|------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1887 | ...       | 2          | ...        | ...              | 1       | ...               | ...        | ...                                                      |
| 1888 | ...       | 1          | 5          | 1                | 2       | ...               | ...        | 144                                                      |
| 1889 | ...       | 6          | 5          | 3                | 1       | 1                 | ...        | 240                                                      |
| 1890 | 1         | 2          | 3          | 1                | 2       | ...               | ...        | 158                                                      |
| 1891 | ...       | 6          | 3          | ...              | ...     | ...               | ...        | 165                                                      |
| 1892 | ...       | 10         | 3          | ...              | 1       | ...               | ...        | 297                                                      |
| 1893 | 17        | 118        | 2          | 3                | 2       | ...               | ...        | 327                                                      |
| 1894 | ...       | 45         | ...        | ...              | ...     | ...               | 1          | 320                                                      |
| 1895 | ...       | 26         | 9          | ...              | ...     | ...               | ...        | 363                                                      |

There were two Deaths during the year, one an Infant brought in an almost dying condition, suffering from Diphtheria ; the other a Child suffering from Scarlatina.

In the fatal case of Diphtheria and in one other *Antitoxin Serum* was injected but with no very marked result. The cases admitted with this disease were more numerous than in any other year since the Hospital has been opened. Apart from the advantages derived from isolation of this disease, it ought to be more generally known that residence in the dry pure air on these elevated Downs has a most marked effect in checking the progress of this disease and promoting rapid convalescence.

If this Hospital is efficiently to supply the wants of the District when several Infectious Diseases require isolation at the same time, it will become necessary to erect some additional buildings.

# Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1895.

| RECEIPTS.                  |      |    |   | PAYMENTS.                                                                                                                         |     |      |      |
|----------------------------|------|----|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|------|
|                            | £    | s  | d |                                                                                                                                   | £   | s    | d    |
| Received from Patients ... | 14   | 19 | 6 | STRUCTURAL EXPENSES.                                                                                                              |     |      |      |
| Sale of Garden Produce ... | 3    | 19 | 0 | Building Shed and Paving Yard                                                                                                     | 55  | 4    | 5    |
|                            |      |    |   | New Furniture ...                                                                                                                 | 4   | 15   | 0    |
|                            |      |    |   |                                                                                                                                   |     | 59   | 15 5 |
|                            |      |    |   | ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES.                                                                                                           |     |      |      |
|                            |      |    |   | Salaries to Medical Superintendent, and for Medical Attendance; to Matron and Porter, to Nurses, Laundress and other Servants ... | 215 | 10   | 7    |
|                            |      |    |   | Cost of the late Mrs. Dyer at Convalescent Home ...                                                                               | 1   | 7    | 3    |
|                            |      |    |   | Repairs ...                                                                                                                       | 40  | 12   | 9    |
|                            |      |    |   | Cleaning Filters ...                                                                                                              | 2   | 8    | 2    |
|                            |      |    |   | Rates, Taxes, and Insurance                                                                                                       | 4   | 1    | 6    |
|                            |      |    |   |                                                                                                                                   |     | 264  | 0 8  |
|                            |      |    |   | PATIENTS' EXPENSES.                                                                                                               |     |      |      |
|                            |      |    |   | Horse-hire for Ambulance ...                                                                                                      | 2   | 8    | 0    |
|                            |      |    |   | Grocer ...                                                                                                                        | 29  | 12   | 2    |
|                            |      |    |   | Butcher ...                                                                                                                       | 14  | 6    | 11   |
|                            |      |    |   | Baker ...                                                                                                                         | 8   | 3    | 3    |
|                            |      |    |   | Milk ...                                                                                                                          | 9   | 8    | 8    |
|                            |      |    |   | Ale ...                                                                                                                           | 5   | 17   | 0    |
|                            |      |    |   | Wine ...                                                                                                                          | 12  | 0    |      |
|                            |      |    |   | Coals and Firewood ...                                                                                                            | 32  | 7    | 6    |
|                            |      |    |   | Petroleum ...                                                                                                                     | 1   | 11   | 3    |
|                            |      |    |   | Drugs and Disinfectants ...                                                                                                       | 1   | 0    | 10   |
|                            |      |    |   | Sweeping Chimneys ...                                                                                                             | 12  | 0    |      |
|                            |      |    |   | Plants and Seeds ...                                                                                                              | 3   | 0    |      |
|                            |      |    |   | Manure ...                                                                                                                        | 17  | 0    |      |
|                            |      |    |   | Cord for Laundry ...                                                                                                              | 12  | 0    |      |
|                            |      |    |   | Haberdashery ...                                                                                                                  | 5   | 8    |      |
|                            |      |    |   | Ward Charts ...                                                                                                                   | 8   | 3    |      |
|                            |      |    |   | Syringe and Antitoxin ...                                                                                                         | 19  | 3    |      |
|                            |      |    |   | Sundries ...                                                                                                                      | 8   | 3    |      |
| Cost to Ratepayers ...     | 414  | 14 | 2 |                                                                                                                                   |     | 109  | 18 0 |
|                            | £438 | 12 | 8 |                                                                                                                                   |     | £438 | 12 8 |

The amount, £435, included in the Estimates for maintenance and structural expenses during the year has therefore not been exceeded.

A great misfortune has befallen the Hospital in the loss of its Matron and Porter, who have so efficiently discharged those duties since it was first opened in 1887. Mrs. Dyer died in August last after a very painful illness from a disease which although she was unaware of it must have long existed. Her husband left on account of changes consequent on her death.

In response to an advertisement a number of persons applied for the post of Matron, and Miss Annie Bryan was elected to commence her duties on January 1st, 1896. She is a Trained Nurse, and was holding a post at the Beddington Female Orphan Asylum. She had previously gained some experience in the management of an Isolation Hospital, and brings with her most satisfactory recommendations.

THOS. C. LANGDON, F.R.C.S.,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

# *To the Winchester Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the following Report for the year ending December 31st, 1895.

## **Removal of Nuisances.**

|                                                                             |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Notices served to remedy defective w. c. Fittings and Sanitary arrangements | 181 |
| To remedy defective Sink Gullies ... ..                                     | 13  |
| To clear defective Drains ... ..                                            | 41  |
| To repair unsound Ventilating Pipes and Soil Pipes ... ..                   | 25  |
| To remove accumulations of House Refuse ... ..                              | 24  |
| „ „ Manure ... ..                                                           | 14  |
| „ provide ventilation to House Drains ... ..                                | 3   |
| „ cleanse and disinfect Fowl Pens ... ..                                    | 4   |
| „ repair Paving of Yards ... ..                                             | 2   |
| „ discontinue carting Ensilage through the public Streets ... ..            | 1   |
| „ remove Cattle from unfit places ... ..                                    | 1   |
| „ „ Pigs from within the prescribed area ... ..                             | 3   |
| „ abate Smoke Nuisances .. ...                                              | 1   |

A large number of Notices have been served during the year upon Occupiers of Premises to discontinue sending Dirty water, &c., into the public channels and open Streams.

Prosecution was resorted to in the case of eight houses, to enforce orders to reconstruct w.c.'s and other Sanitary arrangements.

In September a serious case of Swine Fever broke out, whereby 57 Pigs were slaughtered by order of the Inspector from the Board of Agriculture, the majority of which were cremated at the Destructors adjoining the Pumping Station; and at the special request of the Inspector I carried out the Disinfecting and Cleansing of the several Premises.

## **Common Lodging Houses.**

There are five Registered Common Lodging Houses, which have been periodically inspected, and where defects have been found the necessary notices have been served to cleanse and limewash, etc.

## **Dairies, Cow Sheds, and Milk Shops.**

The registered Cow Sheds, Dairies, and Milk Shops have been frequently inspected, and generally found in a satisfactory condition. A few notices being given to limewash, &c., when necessary.

## **Slaughter Houses.**

These have from time to time been inspected. Notices have been served to cleanse and lime-wash in some cases, otherwise they have been found satisfactory.

Observations have been kept upon the Butchers, Poulterers, Fish Shops, and Fish Stalls, and in one case a quantity of Fish was destroyed (not exposed for sale.) by consent of the Owners.

## **Factory and Workshops Act.**

Inspections have been as follows :—

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Tailors' Workshops ... ..    | 3 |
| Drapers and Milliners ... .. | 4 |
| Dressmakers ... ..           | 5 |
| Harnessmakers ... ..         | 3 |
| Carriage Builders ... ..     | 1 |

Notice under the Act were served as follows :—

|                                                             |     |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---|
| To reduce the number of Workers, where overcrowding existed | ... | 2 |
| To cleanse and whiten Ceilings, &c.                         | ..  | 5 |
| To cleanse Sanitary arrangements                            | ... | 2 |
| To provide Sanitary accommodation                           | ... | 1 |

### Housing of the Working Classes Act.

1 House having been reported as unfit for habitation has been pulled down by the Owners.

1 House was closed by order from the Magistrates. The Owner, after carrying out certain alterations and improving the Sanitary defects, an application was granted to rescind the order, and the House has since been occupied.

2 Houses found in an unsatisfactory condition were at once thoroughly repaired, cleansed and purified by the Owners.

The Regulations passed by your Sanitary Committee in October for testing House Drains, &c., under water pressure, has had the desired effect of preventing Drains being covered in with leaky or unsound joints. In 47 cases 11 were discovered as unsound, which had to be remedied. A large amount of good work is being done through the enforcement of these Regulations.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBT. J. PIPER,

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.



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