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OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1903,

AND

The Report of the Victoria Hospital,

AND

THE REPORT

OF

THE INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

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Medical Officer of Health

For 1903.

To the Urban District Council of the City of Winchester.

GENTLEMEN,

The following is my Annual Report for the year 1903.

The Population of the District which was last year estimated at 21,132* is believed to have further increased to 21,491 by the addition of new houses chiefly in the West and Eastern Groups and by a greater average strength at the Barracks.

The total Deaths were 266, being slightly in excess of last year giving the very satisfactory Death Rate of 12·3 per 1000.

* The decrease at the Barracks which was not excluded in 1902 has this year been deducted.

The Deaths occurred at the following ages :—

Total Deaths, 266.

Deaths under 1 year	48	} 62	} 266
„ over „ and under 5	...	...	...	14
„ „ 5 years „ 15	...	...	...	3
„ „ 15 „ „ 25	...	...	...	5
„ „ 25 „ „ 65	...	...	...	100
„ „ 65 „ „	...	...	...	96

These figures show a decrease of deaths among young children, while the deaths of aged persons have somewhat increased ; of these 33 died at 80 years and upwards and 3 were over 90.

Four Tables are appended as requested by the Local Government Board.

The same grouping of Parishes is adopted as in former years.

The figures in the following Table are of special interest :—

LOCALITY.	The Whole District.	West *	East †	Central ‡	Barracks
Persons to an acre	11	...	...	...	...
Deaths per 1000	12·3	11	14·4	13·4	70·4
Percentage of Deaths of Children under 5 years	23·3	7·5	6·7	8·2	0·7
Births per 1000	21·5	15·5	31·3	11·3	28·1
Percentage of Deaths of Children under 1 year to Births	10·5	9·02	11·2	10·5	12·5
Deaths from 7 Principal Zymotic Diseases	11	7	...	2	...
Deaths per 1000 from Zymotic Diseases	0·5	...	...	...	...

* West—St. Thomas, St. Faith, and Weeke.

† East—St. Peter Cheesehill, Milland, St. John, Winnall, and Chilcombe.

‡ Central—St. Maurice, St. Mary Kalendar, St. Michael, St. Lawrence, St. Bartholomew Hyde, St. Peter Colebrook, and St. Swithun.

There were fewer cases of Infectious Diseases than in the year 1902, and of them 114 were notified.

The following details relate to separate diseases :—

SMALL-POX.—One fatal case occurred in H.M. Prison. The victim was a man from Aldershot. Fortunately the disease did not spread.

DIPHTHERIA.—31 cases were notified, 3 of these were kept at their own homes, 3 were properly isolated by their friends, and in 2 instances it is doubtful whether the disease really existed. The remaining 23 were taken to the Victoria Hospital. One of these died, the others made good recoveries, except one who left in a very feeble condition and soon afterwards died of pneumonia at its own home.

ERYSIPELAS.—12 notified.

SCARLET FEVER.—54 cases notified as against 57 in 1902. This disease existed all through the year, but cases were more frequent in the earlier months, it appeared to have nearly died out by the end of December. Nearly all the cases were among young people, 21 being under 5 years of age. With two or three exceptions the type of the disease was very mild. 46 were removed to the Victoria Hospital, two being cases of Scarlet Fever from the County Hospital received during the alterations then in progress, of the remainder 5 were properly isolated and 3 were more or less isolated in private houses. The capability of isolating and properly treating persons suffering from this disease is regarded as a great boon by the citizens generally, enabling as it does many to continue their usual occupations who would otherwise be in enforced idleness.

ENTERIC FEVER.—13 cases notified. 2 fatal cases belonged to the series of those mentioned in last year's report as probably attributable to eating oysters. 2 were brought to the County Hospital for treatment from other Districts. 9 of these cases were associated with defective drains in the houses where they resided. In 3 instances no cause could be suggested. 5 of the cases were treated at the Victoria Hospital and 4 in the County Hospital.

MEASLES.—At no time prevalent, 1 young child died.

WHOOPIING COUGH.—2 deaths recorded, at no time prevalent.

PUERPERAL FEVER.—2 cases at the Barracks, both recovered.

DIARRHŒA.—3 deaths registered. There were a good many cases in the early part of the year. It was not prevalent in the autumn months.

INFLUENZA.—A few cases early in the year. 6 deaths are attributed to this cause, 4 being those of aged persons.

CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS.—In April a case of this uncommon disease caused the death of a young soldier at the Barracks.

PHTHISIS.—25 deaths are directly attributed to this disease. It is much to be regretted that little interest appears to be taken in this District to promote efforts to diminish this terrible scourge. A Committee is trying to fix on a site where a small sanatorium could be erected for appropriate treatment of early cases, and when a matured plan has been prepared, it is to be hoped that it may receive general support.

On the whole, the year 1903 may be regarded as a healthy year. Sickness was not general and the rate of mortality was low. The Zymotic Death Rate was .5. An increased amount of sickness and death from diseases of the Respiratory Organs was probably due to the chilly damp weather which prevailed during the greater part of the year.

Arrangements were made with the Barracks to receive cases of Infectious Disease into the Victoria Hospital; a female case was admitted but it was afterwards ascertained that she did not belong to the strength of her husband's regiment.

In September I was specially empowered to take the necessary steps for the disinfection of bedding under Section 6 of the Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act of 1890.

The Disinfecting Apparatus was a good deal used during the year. Articles were brought from 55 different houses, amounting to 78 van loads. 56 houses were fumigated, including some large establishments.

The expenses of this disinfecting were as follows :—

			£	s	d
Horse Hire for Van	28	19	7
Labour	13	19	4
Superintendent	10	0	0
Coal	11	5	11
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			64	2	10
Amount repaid	15	8	0
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			£48	14	10
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WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

All the known Workshops and Homes of the Outworkers have been inspected, some of them several times, and the Inspector has made up and corrected the Register. Some difficulty was occasioned by a want of accuracy in the lists furnished by some employers respecting the addresses of out-workers employed by them; but as the routine to be complied with becomes better understood this difficulty will probably be minimised.

Two of the establishments visited which were last year classed as Workshops have one wholly and the other partially become Factories by the introduction of Electric Power. This labour-saving agency will probably be more generally resorted to in the future.

We visited altogether 136 establishments containing 204 Workshops and Workrooms. At these, employment was provided for 727 persons. 97 places

were found to be satisfactory and at 39 defects were discovered, making them more or less insanitary. It is pleasing to be able to record that relatively to their increased number their condition showed a great improvement on last year. The Bakehouses had the largest proportion of defects; of the 2 underground ones mentioned last year, 1 is being replaced by a new one on the surface, the other cannot continue to be used as it is most unfit. The occupiers of the various premises have been called on to remove the several causes of complaint and in most cases they have satisfactorily done so.

OUTWORKERS.—These resided at 52 homes; all have been inspected. 41 were found satisfactory, and steps have been taken to remove various defects at the others.

Although for the most part these Outworkers are employed under better sanitary conditions than exist at their employers' workshops, yet the making of clothing in the bedrooms and other living-rooms in cottages cannot fail to promote the spread of Infectious Diseases where they exist, in spite of all precautions taken to prevent it.

The result of the inspections is set down in tabular form:—

Trade	Number of Establishments	Number of Workshops	Number of Persons Employed				Number found Satisfactory	Number of defects found				
			Male	Female	Young Persons			Drainage and Structural	Overcrowding	Want of Cleanliness	Insufficient Ventilation	
					Male	Female						
Ironmongers	6	12	35	...	6	...	4	2	...	1	...	
Coachmakers	4	18	52	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...
Tailors	14	23	88	3	5	...	13	...	...	1	...
Bakers	32	32	53	1	7	...	15	6	...	14	...	
Carpenters and Joiners	8	9	28	...	...	...	6	1	...	1	...
Wood Carvers	2	2	12	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Wheelwrights	2	3	9	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Confectioners	2	2	2	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	
Picture Framers	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Harness Makers	5	6	18	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...
Scale and Cycle Makers	4	5	11	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...
Shoemakers	12	12	25	...	2	...	8	...	1	3	...	
Laundresses	12	25	...	59	...	...	6	3	...	4	...
Monumental Mason	1	2	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Upholsterers	5	14	25	7	3	...	5	...	...	...	...
Corset Makers	1	1	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Dressmakers & Milliners	20	29	...	213	...	26	17	...	2	1	...	
Painters and Plumbers	2	5	12	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Golf Club Maker	1	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Basket Maker	1	1	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Umbrella Maker	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Totals	186	204	383	287	30	27	97	15	3	27	...	

OUT-WORKERS.

Trade	Number of Homes	Places where work was done		Number of Persons Employed			Number found satisfactory	Number of defects found	
		Work-room	Living or Sleeping room	Male	Female	Young Persons		Want of Cleanliness	Drainage and Structural
Shoemakers ...	7	4	3	7	...	2	3	3	1
Shirt Makers ...	2	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	1
Tailors ...	43	25	18	52	9	2	37	5	1
Totals ...	52	29	23	59	11	4	41	8	3

COWSHEDS.—Most of the Cowsheds have been much improved and some new sheds have been erected. At one, the keeping of cows has been discontinued as it was not considered desirable to put up new buildings on so unsatisfactory a site. At one large Cowshed structural alterations are now in progress to promote improved cleanliness and efficiency.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.—Complaints having been made of great nuisance caused by one of the ancient Slaughter houses in the district, application was made to the Magistrates who gave the occupier 3 months to carry out such improvements as were necessary. This case suggests what has frequently been urged that a public Abattoir is required for the district.

In the early part of the year disease existed among some horses in the City and neighbourhood. It was suspected that the disease was Glanders. Some horses were slaughtered and others died. In connection with this outbreak the Inspector of Nuisances carried out extensive disinfection which cost the City £7 : 2 : 0.

A large number of inspections were made all through the year by the Inspector and myself, and some small amount of systematic inspection was also made. In the tables of the Inspector appended to this Report are included the many insanitary conditions which were discovered.

The new outfall sewer mentioned in last year's Report has accomplished the object for which it was constructed.

The sewerage of the Added Area has been satisfactorily carried out. Some connections have already been made and others are contemplated or are actually in progress.

The system of ventilation applied to certain sewers having been found satisfactory, is now being extended to other parts of the district.

Although many new and improved houses have been built, there is still a demand for those let at the lowest rentals.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACTS.

Two houses for which closing orders were obtained in February, 1899, not having been made fit for habitation and being certified as dangerous and injurious to the health of the public and the inhabitants of the neighbouring dwelling houses, an order was made that they be pulled down, which was readily complied with by the owner.

Four old houses in Water Lane which had been closed by order of the Magistrates having been put in tenantable repair, the withdrawal of this order was assented to by your authority.

An uninhabitable house in Middle Brook Street which had been ordered to be closed has since been sold, pulled down, and a new house erected on its site.

One house in St. John's Street having been certified as unfit for habitation has been closed by the owner.

Six cottages situated in one block near the river in Water Lane were also certified as unfit for habitation. The owner carried out certain repairs and improvements which not being considered satisfactory, a closing order was applied for. Evidence having been heard on both sides, one was closed, the order being refused as regards the remaining five. It seems almost impossible to understand how anyone could consider such worn out old cottages fit to live in.

Some new houses having been built without a water supply, application has been made to the Local Government Board to have the same powers as those given to the Rural Authorities prohibiting the erection of new houses without a water supply.

The proposed revision of the Bye-Laws has not been carried out and it is hoped that such regulations as those for the trapping of sinks and regulations for houses let in lodgings will not long be delayed.

In conclusion, I must congratulate you on the efficient condition of the district and tender my thanks for the support uniformly accorded me with a continuance of which still further improvement may be effected.

WINCHESTER URBAN DISTRICT.—TABLE I.
Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1903 and Previous Years.

YEAR.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births.		Total Deaths Registered in the District.				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.	Nett Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District.	
		Number.	Rate.*	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.					Number.	Rate.*
				Number.	Rate per 1000 Births Registered	Number.	Rate.*					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1901	20,919	438	20·9	46	105	330	15·7	102	50	...	280	13·3
1902	21,132	439	20·6	49	111	291	13·7	75	37	3	257	12·1
1903	21,491	464	21·5	49	105	292	13·5	81	34	8	266	12·3

* Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

NOTE.—The deaths to be included in Column 7 of this table are the whole of those registered during the year as having actually occurred within the district or division. The deaths to be included in Column 12 are the number in Column 7 corrected by the subtraction of the number in Column 10 and the addition of the number in Column 11.

By the term "Non-Residents" is meant persons brought into the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and dying in public institutions there; and by the term "Residents" is meant persons who have been taken out of the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and have died in public institutions elsewhere.

The "Public institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables are those into which persons are habitually received on account of sickness or infirmity, such as hospitals, workhouses and lunatic asylums. A list of the Institutions in respect of the deaths in which corrections have been made is given below.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water)	...	1911·864
Total population at all ages (at Census of 1901)	...	20,919
Number of inhabited houses	..	4,015
Average number of persons per house	..	5·2

I.	II.	III.
Institutions within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District.	Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District.	Other Institutions, the deaths in which have been distributed among the several localities in the District.
1 Union Workhouse 2 Royal Hants County Hospital	1 Victoria Hospital 2 County Asylum	... ..... ..

WINCHESTER URBAN DISTRICT.—TABLE II.
 VITAL STATISTICS OF SEPARATE LOCALITIES IN 1903 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Names of Localities.	THE WHOLE DISTRICT.				WEST.				EAST.				CENTRAL.				BARRACKS.			
	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.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
1901	20,919	488	280	89	9037	152	100	10	3875	104	65	13	7491	173	111	15	516	9	4	1
1902	21,132	489	257	49	9142	162	94	15	3875	108	58	14	7686	161	94	19	429	8	11	1
1903	21,491	464	266	48	9262	144	102	13	3955	124	57	14	7706	180	103	19	568	16	4	2

NOTES—(a) Deaths of Residents occurring in Public Institutions beyond the District are included in sub-columns (c) of this table, and those of non-residents are excluded.

(b) Deaths of Residents occurring in Public Institutions are allotted to the respective localities according to the addresses of the deceased.

WINCHESTER URBAN DISTRICT—TABLE III.
CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1903.

Notifiable Diseases.	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					1 West W.	2 East	3 Central	4 Barracks	1 West	2 East	3 Central	4 Barracks
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 65									65 and upwards
Small-pox	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria	31	8	17	5	1	...	18	8	10	...	5	8	...	
Membranous Croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	12	1	1	1	8	1	5	1	6	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	54	21	25	7	1	...	28	7	19	...	7	19	...	
Typhus Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever	13	1	3	7	2	...	6	2	5	...	...	4	...
Relapsing Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Continued Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Plague	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	113	81	46	21	14	1	53	18	40	2	12	81	...	

(W) The Locality in which the Workhouse is situated. Isolation Hospital—The Victoria Hospital in the Parish of Chilcombe.

WINCHESTER URBAN DISTRICT—TABLE IV.
CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING YEAR 1903.

Causes of Death.	Deaths in or belonging to whole District at subjoined Ages							Deaths in or belonging to Localities (at all Ages)				Total Deaths in Public Institu- tions 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 up- wards	West	East	Central	Ba r- racks	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Small-pox	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Measles	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping-cough	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria and Mem- branous Croup	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Croup ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fever { Typhus ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
{ Enteric	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	2
{ Other continued ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Epidemic Influenza	6	...	...	...	...	1	5	2	...	4	...	...
Cholera ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plague ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diarrhœa (<i>see notes</i>)	3	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	1
Enteritis (<i>see notes</i>)	7	2	3	...	...	2	...	4	1	2	...	...
Puerperal Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Septic Diseases ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phthisis	25	1	...	...	3	19	2	7	10	8	...	2
Other Tubercular Di- seases	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...
Cancer, Malignant Di- sease	17	...	...	...	...	7	10	7	2	8	...	8
Bronchitis	23	4	1	...	...	5	13	8	6	9	...	8
Pneumonia	20	2	5	1	1	7	4	7	6	6	1	6
Pleurisy ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Diseases of Res- piratory Organs	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...
Alcoholism, Cirrhosis of Liver	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
Venereal Diseases ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Premature Birth	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	4	...	...
Diseases and Accidents of Parturition ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Heart Diseases	25	...	...	1	...	16	8	14	5	6	...	9
Accidents	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	3
Suicides ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
All Other Causes	116	27	2	...	1	35	51	42	24	48	2	41
All Causes	266	48	14	3	5	100	96	102	57	103	4	81

NOTES.—(a) In this Table all deaths of "Residents" occurring in public institutions, whether within or without the district are included with the other deaths in the columns for the several age groups (columns 2-8). They are also in columns 9-15 included among the deaths in their respective "Localities" according to the previous addresses of the deceased as given by the Registrars. Deaths of "Non-residents" occurring in public institutions in the district are in like manner excluded from columns 2-8 and 9-15 of this Table.

(b) See notes on Table I. as to the meaning of "Residents" and "Non-residents," and as to the "Public Institutions" taken into account for the purposes of these Tables. The "Localities" are the same as those in Tables II. and III.

(c) All deaths occurring in public institutions situated within the district, whether of "Residents" or of "Non-residents," are, in addition to being dealt with as in note (a) entered in the last column of this Table. The total number in this column equals the figures for the year in column 9, Table I.

(d) The total deaths in the several "Localities" in columns 9-15 of this Table equal those for the year in the same localities in Table II., sub-columns c. The total deaths at all ages in column 2 of this Table equal the gross total of columns 9-15, and the figures for the year in column 12 of Table I.

(e) Under the heading of "Diarrhœa" are included deaths certified as from Diarrhœa alone or in combination with some other cause of ill-defined nature; and also deaths certified as from

Epidemic enteritis;
Zymotic enteritis;
Epidemic diarrhœa. Summer diarrhœa;
Dysentery and dysenteric diarrhœa;
Choleraic diarrhœa, cholera, cholera nostras (in the absence of Asiatic cholera).

Under the heading of "Enteritis" are included those certified as from Gastro-enteritis, Muco-enteritis, and Gastric catarrh.

Deaths from Diarrhœa secondary to some other well-defined disease are included under the latter.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables I., II., III., and IV., attention has been given to the notes on the Tables.

THOS. C. LANGDON,

Medical Officer of Health.

February, 1904,

VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

REPORT of the MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

FOR THE YEAR 1903.

During the year, 74 new Patients were admitted, 3 remaining on January 1st. Of these, 2 Patients died, one from Enteric Fever and the other from Diphtheria, 72 were discharged, leaving 3 on December 31st.

During the year, the Hospital was frequently occupied by Patients suffering from different diseases. This greatly increased the expense of administration which was further augmented by 3 Nurses acting in the Wards themselves contracting Scarlet Fever.

Of the 46 cases of Scarlet Fever, most of them were of the usual mild type, but there were 3 cases in which the disease was attended by some of its severest complications, but fortunately all recovered. Those who had to do with the disinfection previous to their discharge are to be congratulated that last year there were no "Return Cases."

Nurse Ellis who had been at the Hospital for more than two years has left for work elsewhere and has been succeeded by Nurse Barker who has received her training at the Greenwich Infirmary. Nurse Stewart left at the end of the year for which she was engaged, and Nurse Hurst has, after trial, been engaged for 1 year as a Probationer-Nurse and the arrangement seems satisfactory.

The Nurses' House has had its furnishing completed at a cost of £100, and greatly adds to the comfort of the Nurses.

The planting and laying out of the grounds has still further progressed.

The following Table shows the admission during the last and previous years :—

	Small Pox	Scarlatina	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Erysipelas	No. of days in which the Hospital 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
1896	6	117	8	1	...	...	...	355
1897	...	15	26	...	...	...	...	310
1898	...	18	16	...	1	...	...	309
1899	...	48	9	2	...	...	1	327
1900	...	32	13	...	1	...	...	347
1901	...	162	4	1	...	...	...	347
1902	2	46	17	...	...	...	...	All the year
1903	...	46	23	5	...	...	...	All the year

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1903.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.							
	£	s	d	ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES.						
Pd. by Patients	8	1	0		£	s	d	£	s	d
Balance of Petty				Fees for Medical Attendance						
Cash from				and Salaries to Matron,						
1902	...	2	16	Nurses, Laundresses and	...	468	10	3		
Overpaid for				other Servants ...						
Petty Cash		4	2	Repairs :—Builder, Iron-						
By Sale of Hay	1	10	0	monger, Plumber, and						
				replacing and repairing						
				Household Articles ...	18	8	6			
				Sweeping Chimneys ...	1	13	0			
				Nurses' Uniforms...	5	3	0			
				Labourer ...	11	14	0			
				Stamps and Carriage of						
				Parcels ...		14	0			
				Sundries ...		6	5			
								506	9	2
				PATIENTS EXPENSES.						
				Horse Hire for Ambulance						
				and Cabs ...	13	7	0			
				Repairing Ambulance ...	14	6	0			
				Grocer ...	102	18	10			
				Butcher ...	106	5	5			
				Baker ...	19	0	8			
				Milk ...	30	10	0			
				Ale and Brandy ...	3	5	6			
				Potatoes ...	1	16	0			
				Coal ...	35	17	3			
				Petroleum ...		2	0			
				Electric Light and Power	22	13	1			
				Garden Seeds ...		19	0			
				For Hauling Manure ...	1	5	0			
				Drugs ...	9	16	10			
				Charts ...		6	0			
								362	9	5
Balance out										
of Rates	856	6	8							
	£868	18	7					£868	18	7

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

Medical Superintendent.

GUILDHALL, WINCHESTER,

February, 1904.

ANNUAL REPORT of the INSPECTOR of NUISANCES for the year 1903.

To the Winchester Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the following upon the work carried out during the past year. It is the second report prepared by me, but deals with the first complete year of my work.

In the tables appended it will be seen that a large amount of work has been carried out during the year in endeavouring to obtain the abatement of nuisances of various classes. The work of house to house inspection has been carried out in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health. Ninety-five houses have been inspected in this connection and where sanitary defects have been revealed attention has been called to them with a view to remedying the same.

There have been 214 drains discovered requiring reconstruction, properly connecting to main sewer, trapping or ventilating, which have all been attended to. Defects in connection with sink pipes, yard drains, cellar drains, eave and fall spouts, urinals, baths, defective roofs and water closets have been attended to in 269 instances, whilst 15 waste pipes and 4 fall pipes have been disconnected from the sewer thereby tending to check the escape of sewer gas into the houses by this means. Nuisances from want of drainage altogether, cesspools, stagnant water, defective yard surfaces, black smoke, and the keeping of animals under improper conditions have been attended to to the number of 131 cases. Sink stones have been provided to 12 houses, 5 stables have been paved and 3 manure receptacles provided.

Notices have been issued in respect to overcrowding of persons in 7 houses, and 25 houses have been cleansed.

Twenty-nine visits have been paid to the 5 registered Common Lodging Houses, and the cleansing and limewashing has been carried out where necessary. During the year several meetings have been held to enquire as to Lodging House accommodation within the City, which resulted in 3 more houses being added to the register. One house has been closed as unfit for the purpose, and 1 struck off the list as being no longer used as a Common Lodging House. There are a large number of houses which are let off in separate rooms, and several cases of overcrowding have occurred in such houses. The Bye-laws as to "Houses Let in Lodgings" are in contemplation and when these are adopted I shall have more power to deal with this class of houses.

COWSHEDS, DAIRIES, AND MILKSHOPS.

I have during the year made 41 inspections of the above which generally speaking are now in a satisfactory condition, with the exception of 2 large cowsheds which are now under notice for structural alterations. One large shed has been discontinued and 2 Model Cowsheds have been erected.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Thirty-four visits have been paid to the 11 Slaughter Houses and the animals in process of preparation for sale examined. Notices have been served where necessary to remove manure, and to cleanse and limewash. One Slaughter House is now under notice for structural alterations.

Frequent observations have been kept upon the Butchers, Poulterers, Fish Shops and Street Stalls, and in no case was it found necessary to take proceedings under the Act.

WORKSHOPS.

149 Workshops, 54 Outworkers, 13 Laundries, and 33 Bakehouses have been inspected, in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health. Eleven Workshops and 10 Bakehouses were found in a dirty condition, and 1 workshop insufficiently ventilated and 2 overcrowded. Notices were served in each case which have all been complied with.

The number of complaints reported during the year have been 119 and every case was visited and prompt action taken where necessary.

2933 premises have been inspected, and on 670 of these nuisances were found.

186 owners or their representatives were seen personally, respecting various sanitary requirements, and 68 letters have been written. 105 preliminary notices were sent to owners and it was found necessary to issue 9 legal notices for the abatement or abolition of nuisances.

42 visits have been paid under the Food and Drugs Acts, and 51 samples purchased, which were all returned as genuine.

131 old drains have been tested, of which 113 were found to be defective, and were accordingly required to be made good.

During the year considerable attention has been paid to the streams running through the City, and 6 sources of pollution have been taken from the stream.

I must again tender my best thanks to the Members of the Council of this Borough, and the various Officials for their kindness and courtesy and the assistance they have given me in carrying out my duties.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN LORD, ASSOC. SAN. INST.,
Inspector of Nuisances.

FOOD INSPECTION.

Food and Drugs Act, 1875-1899.

During the year 51 samples have been purchased, which is 9 below the number required by the Board of Agriculture. It is very gratifying to find that all the samples submitted for analysis have been returned as genuine, showing what an excellent Food Supply we have in the City.

The following is a summary of the work accomplished under these Acts.

Name of Article.	Number Analysed.	Result of Analysis.
New Milk	21	Genuine
Butter	13	"
Flour	2	"
Vinegar	2	"
Lard	3	"
Pepper	1	"
Coffee	2	"
Margarine	1	"
Bread	3	"
Cheese	2	"
Skim Milk	1	"

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

SUMMARY.

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Totals
No. of Premises where Zymotic Diseases have occurred:—					
" inspected do. do.	18	10	29	17	74
" disinfected do. do.	16	13	20	7	56
" flushed 	5	1	4	..	10
" Public Conveyances disinfected ..	..	2	1	..	3
Total number of revisits to infected houses ..	8	13	5	..	26
" visits to infected houses ..	47	29	58	25	159
Infected articles burnt at Destructor ..	..	1 load	..	..	1
Number of articles of clothing, &c., disinfected by Steam Disinfector ..	531	315	279	225	1350
" books do. do. ..	..	1654	..	..	1654
Number of visits in deaths from Phthisis ..	5	3	3	..	11
Number of Schools visited ..	..	..	11	..	11
Nuisances reported at Sanitary Office ..	34	26	26	33	119
" inspected 	34	26	26	33	119
Inspection of premises where nuisances were found	112	174	165	219	670
" " " no " "	57	75	34	21	187
" " " offensive trades are conducted ..	..	3	..	..	3
" Dwelling houses in house to house visitation ..	14	73	8	..	95
" Common Lodging Houses ..	14	9	2	4	29
" Outworkers ..	..	..	11	43	54
" Workshops ..	4	2	11	132	149
" Laundries ..	..	..	8	5	13
" Schools ..	3	4	14	4	25
" Slaughter Houses ..	11	7	5	11	34
" Dairies and Milkshops ..	6	2	3	6	17
" Cowsheds ..	22	3	3	13	41
" Bakehouses ..	..	1	15	17	33
" Markets and Shops ..	46	55	78	60	239
Revisits to work in progress ..	319	357	129	134	939
Visits to property under notice ..	72	63	50	111	296
Total number of Inspections of premises ..	718	831	561	823	2933
No. of Entries in Report Books ..	42	46	63	64	215
Preliminary Notices to Owners ..	11	23	39	32	105
Letters written ..	22	14	19	13	68
Number of Legal Notices issued for abatement or abolition of nuisances ..	2	..	3	4	9
Owners seen personally ..	64	46	42	34	186
Sections of New Drains tested ..	36	131	57	39	263
" " " and found satisfactory at first test ..	32	74	35	26	167
Smoke observations taken ..	..	1	2	9	12
Number of visits under Food and Drug Acts	6	7	16	13	42
Food and Drugs—samples purchased ..	14	6	19	12	51
" " " adulterated ..	..	1	..	..	1
Fruit (Bananas), seizures made or destroyed ..	..	..	20	..	20
Water samples taken for Analysis ..	..	4	4	..	8
" " polluted ..	..	2	1	..	3
Old drains tested and found defective ..	34	47	29	21	131
" " " sound ..	1	3	7	7	18

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

REMOVAL OF NUISANCES.

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Totals
Drains requiring Re-construction	23	30	14	24	91
" " connecting with main sewer	6	10	2	13	31
" not efficiently trapped	12	16	14	10	52
" requiring Ventilation Shafts	5	16	13	6	40
Defective Sink Pipes and Drains	22	12	18	17	69
" Yard Drains	22	13	9	17	61
" Cellar Drains	1	1	1	1	4
" Eave and Fall Pipes	1	6	1	1	9
" Roofing	1	2	..	2	5
" Urinals	1	1	1	1	4
" Baths	1	..	2	..	3
" Water Closets	27	44	28	15	114
Provide Sink Stones to Houses	1	3	5	3	12
Waste Pipes requiring Disconnecting	4	3	7	1	15
Fall Pipes requiring Disconnecting .. ..	..	..	4	..	4
To provide Eave and Fall Pipes .. ..	..	..	..	1	1
Nuisances from want of Drains	7	7	4	14	32
" Water in Cellar	2	..	..	1	3
" Cess Pools	1	2	3	2	8
" Street Gullies	1	..	..	..	1
" Stagnant Water	9	6	9	19	43
" Defective Surface of Yard	16	6	10	8	40
" " " Stables	3	1	1	..	5
" Smoke .. ..	..	..	..	1	1
" Poultry and Pigeons	1	1	..	..	2
" Animals .. ..	..	..	1	..	1
" from Stream Pollution	1	1	2	2	6
Provide Manure Pit .. ..	..	3	..	..	3
Offensive Accumulations	3	5	14	7	29
" Swill Tubs .. ..	..	1	..	..	1
Closets requiring Lime-washing .. ..	..	2	2	..	4
Slaughter Houses requiring Lime-washing ..	2	..	1	..	3
Old Privies requiring alteration to the w.c. system .. ..	..	..	..	2	2
Insufficient Closet Accommodation .. ..	..	2	..	2	4
Houses Overcrowded	2	3	1	1	7
" Requiring Cleansing	18	4	3	..	25
Common Lodging Houses requiring Cleansing ..	3	..	..	..	3
" Requiring Ventilation .. ..	..	..	..	1	1
" Damp .. ..	..	4	..	1	5
" Requiring Water Supply .. ..	..	..	..	1	1
Old and Dirty Tanks for intermittent Water Supply removed	12	1	..	..	13
Cowsheds requiring Lime-washing	1	..	..	1	2
" " Draining	1	..	..	1	2
" " Lighting	1	..	..	..	1
" " Paving	2	..	..	1	3
" " Ventilation	1	..	..	..	1
" Overcrowded	1	..	..	..	1
Bakehouses requiring Lime-washing or Cleansing .. ..	..	..	5	5	10
Workshops	1	..	7	2	11
" " Ventilation .. ..	..	..	1	..	1
" Overcrowded .. ..	..	..	..	2	2