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WISBECH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of Medical Officer of Health for 1898.

AREA IN ACRES—44,181. POPULATION—8,554.

BIRTHS.—The number of births registered in 1898 was 219, equal to a birth-rate of 25·6 per 1,000 of the population; not quite as high as the birth-rate for the previous year.

DEATHS.—There were 122 deaths registered in 1898, giving a death-rate of 14·2 per 1,000 of the population. The death-rate for 1897 was 16·7.

INFANT MORTALITY.—Of the 122 deaths, 29 were of infants under one year of age, equal to a death-rate of 24 per cent. of all the deaths, and 13·2 per cent. of the births.

SENILE MORTALITY.—The deaths of 40 persons of 65 years of age and upwards were registered in 1898, giving a death rate of 32·8 per cent. of the deaths at all ages.

ZYMOTIC MORTALITY.—Ten deaths were registered from these diseases as follows:—Scarlatina 1, Diphtheria 8, and Typhoid Fever 1, equal to a death-rate of 8·2 per cent. of all the deaths.

CANCER caused 9 deaths, Heart Disease 8, Phthisis 10; all other Lung Diseases 30, and Atrophy 11.

SICKNESS.—81 cases of Infectious Disease were notified to me during the past year. Of these 35 were Scarlatina, 40 Diphtheria, 4 Erysipelas, 1 Typhoid Fever, and 1 Gastric Fever. They were mild in character, and the great mass of them occurred in Upwell, Outwell, Christchurch, Guyhirn, and Fetton End.

WORK DONE.—Every notified case of Infectious Disease was visited by the Inspector or myself. Disinfectants were freely supplied, and the usual steps taken for checking the spread of infection, and on my recommendation the Guyhirn School was closed for some weeks. 80 inspections are recorded by the Inspector. 7 new houses have been licensed for occupation. 5 cases of defective drainage have been dealt with, and an improved supply of water provided in 15 cases.

In two cases unregistered milk dealers have been detected and dealt with.

Dairies and Knackers' Premises have been from time to time inspected.

At the close of the year Diphtheria in a mild form still lingered in the parish of Upwell, but in all other respects the district was in a satisfactory state.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITAL.—45 cases were admitted during the year. Of these 32 were Diphtheria, 12 Scarlatina, and 1 Urticaria. 26 were from Wisbech, 8 from Walsoken, and 11 from Wisbech Rural District.

EDWARD C. BURY, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

Wisbech, 16th March, 1899.



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TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1898, in the Trilbeck Rural Sanitary District,
classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

AREAS OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities. (See note 4 on back of sheet.)
Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.)

(a)	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT REQUINED AGES.					
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.

(c)	MORTALITY FROM SPECIFIED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

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Tot

Livingston	68	16	7	2	4	14	25	Under 5 5 upwds.											
Elm	30	8	1	2	1	8	10	Under 5 5 upwds.											
Shurell	24	5	2	1	3	8	5	Under 5 5 upwds.											
Totals	122	29	10	5	8	30	40	Under 5 5 upwds.											

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality. See Note 5 on back.

has occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto.

Under 5																			
5 upwds.																			
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5 upwds.																			

* The heading of column 19 is left blank for the insertion of Influenza, or any other disease which it may be thought desirable to record.

NOTES ON TABLES A AND B.

NOTE 1. *Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each District Council.*

2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a District Council should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.*

3. *The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.*

4. *The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.*

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmarys, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. *The deaths which have to be classified in this Table (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those registered as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, e.g., the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.*

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.						
Area in Acres	44 181					
Population (Last Census)	8554					
"	(Estimated to middle of 1898)					
Death Rates.	<table> <tr> <td>General</td> <td>14.2</td> <td rowspan="2"> { per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1898. </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Infant (under one year of age)</td> <td>132.4</td> </tr> </table>	General	14.2	{ per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1898.	Infant (under one year of age)	132.4
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In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

Edward J. Barry Medical Officer of Health.
 (Date) *16 March*, 1899.

Office of Health, during the year 1895, in the Western Nevada Sanitary District; classified according to DISEASES, AGES and LOCALITIES.

[illegible]

State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District Yes. Since when? October 1897. Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with blank headings the names of any other diseases that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the locality in which such Hospital is situated; or if not within the District, state where it is situated. Wardle Urban Sanitary District

NOTES ON TABLE B.

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

- NOTE 1. The present *Table B.* is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the district or division to which the Table relates.
2. As stated in the heading of Col. (a), *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.
3. *Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of Consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.*