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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

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AREA, 1,000 STATUTE ACRES.
POPULATION (CENSUS 1891), 5,725; ESTIMATED POPULATION,
1894, 7,118.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1894.

32, HARLEY STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
February 23rd, 1895.

To the Chairman of the Harrow Urban District Council.

SIR,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1894.

The estimated population to the middle of the year 1894 is 7,118.

During the year there were registered 70 deaths and 161 births, which gives a death-rate of 9·8 per 1,000, and a birth-rate of 22·6 per 1,000.

The age distribution of deaths is as follows :—

Under 1 year.....	20	} under 5 years ...	24
Over 1 year and under 5...	4		
„ 5 years „	15... 5	} over 5 years.....	46
„ 15 „ „	25... 0		
„ 25 „ „	65... 24		
„ 65 „	17		
			—
			70
			—

There were at the rate of 124 deaths under 1 year of age to 1,000 births, or 1 to 8.

Zymotic diseases caused 2 deaths, or at the rate of .28 per 1,000. Diphtheria 1 death, Whooping Cough 1 death, Diarrhoea 7 deaths, Rheumatic Fever 3 deaths, Phthisis 4 deaths.

There were 12 cases of Scarlet Fever certified during the year, 3 cases of Diphtheria, 1 case of Membranous Croup, 2 cases of Typhoid Fever, and 4 cases of Erysipelas.

LOW DEATH-RATE.

The low death-rate, and the comparative freedom of the district from Zymotic diseases, are causes for satisfaction, and afford encouragement for further sanitary reforms.

NOTIFICATION OF MEASLES, WHOOPING COUGH, AND INFLUENZA.

The fact that these diseases are not notified to me as they are to many Medical Officers of Health, places me at a disadvantage in watching over the health of the town. My information with regard to them has to be gained in an unofficial manner, and any attempt to deal with them by preventive methods is quite impossible. I therefore recommend that the Council should place them on the list of notifiable diseases.

THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

This much-needed Hospital has now been completed and opened for the reception of patients. It should prove a great boon to the town, being one of the most effectual means of preventing the spread of infectious diseases. There is now one case of Scarlet Fever, and one of Typhoid Fever in the Hospital. Neither of these could be dealt with in the patient's own home.

TYPHOID EXCRETA.

As the sewage of the district passes over the Sewage Farms, I have advised that all excreta, &c., from Typhoid cases should be buried after disinfection, and when the householder is unable or unwilling to secure this the Sanitary Inspector has arranged that the excreta should be removed daily.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

As these places are the resort of tramps, by whom Small-pox has been most frequently brought into the district, it is of the utmost importance that they should be licensed by your Council in order that they may be regularly inspected.

DAIRY FARMS.

Milk is so often the medium through which infectious diseases, such as Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Tuberculosis, &c., are spread, that it is of the first importance that everything connected with its production and distribution should be above suspicion. It is therefore very desirable for the Council to take the necessary steps to render it obligatory on the proprietors of all these places in the district to secure a license. During my recent half-yearly inspection two dairy farms just within the limits of this district were discovered, and from the reports I have made you will have seen that their sanitary condition leaves much to be desired.

DRINKING WATER CISTERNS.

The necessity for the frequent inspection and cleansing of all drinking water cisterns should be impressed on all householders. A periodical cleansing on the four quarter-days, or on the first day of each month, would prevent them getting into the insanitary condition in which I have too often found them. Chronic ill-health is often traceable to this cause. All drinking water should be drawn direct from the supply pipe as it enters the house from the main.

DANGEROUS FILTERS.

From the recent investigations as to the action of filters in preventing the passage of the germs of disease, it is evident that few filters are reliable. Some of them seem, after a little use, to make water more dangerous than if it had not passed through them. It is vitally important that none but the most approved patterns should be employed, and that they should be kept absolutely clean.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

These Reports are appended, and have been carefully kept under the supervision of Mr. Charles, the Sanitary Inspector.

I wish to thank Mr. Charles for the continuous and able assistance he has rendered me during the past year.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. FLETCHER LITTLE, M.B., M.R.C.P.,

Medical Officer of Health for Harrow.



(A) TABLE OF DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1894, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO DISEASES, AGES, AND LOCALITIES.

ESTIMATED POPULATION 7118.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities.	Mortality from all causes, at subjoined ages.						Mortality from subjoined causes, distinguishing Deaths of Children under Five Years of Age.									
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	Diphtheria.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea & Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phtisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	All other Diseases.	Total.
Harrow	66	20	4	5	21	16	Under 5 5 upwds.	1	7	3	4	8	1	4	7	24
Cottage Hospital	4				3	1	5 upwds.					1	1		2	4
TOTALS	70	20	4	5	24	17	Under 5 5 upwds	1	7	3	4	8	2	4	7	24
															25	46

(B) TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO DISEASES, AGES, AND LOCALITIES.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities.	Population at all Ages.		Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	New Cases of Sickness in each Locality.					Number of such Cases Removed from their Homes in the several Localities for Treatment in Isolation Hospital.	
	Census 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1894.			Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Erysipelas.	Scarlatina.	
Urban Sanitary District of Harrow	5725	7118	161	Under 5 5 upwds.	3	3	1	2	2		
					9					2*	

* One to Harrow Isolation Hospital; one to Mary Wardell Home, Stanmore.

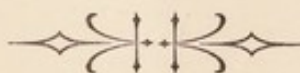
METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS


TAKEN AT HARROW DURING THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER, 1894.

Month.	Hygrometer.		Temperature.				Rainfall.				Wind.
	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Max.	Min.	Earth.		Total Depth	Greatest Fall in 24 hours.		No. of days on which .01 or more fell.	Prevailing Wind.
					1ft.	4ft.		Depth	Date.		
JANUARY.											
Means	36·64	32·29	42·22	31·22	41·13	43·92	2·43	..	..	..	S.W.
Highest	50	49	52	43	42	45	..	0·30	14th	23	..
Lowest	14	13	23	12	37	43	..	..	..	..	..
FEBRUARY.											
Means	39·1	38·5	46·8	34·1	40·9	44·2	1·80	..	..	..	W.
Highest	52	50	55	47	43	45	..	0·53	17th	16	..
Lowest	26	25	37	22	37	44	..	..	..	..	..
MARCH.											
Means	43·19	40·3	52·7	34·5	42·3	43·6	1·78	..	..	..	W.
Highest	56	50	64	44	45	45	..	0·76	14th	10	..
Lowest	30	29	48	26	40	43	..	..	..	..	..
APRIL.											
Means	46·8	47·6	58·7	42·6	48·15	46·6	1·45	..	..	..	N.E.
Highest	59	56	71	50	50	48	..	0·47	24th	12	..
Lowest	41	41	51	35	46	45	..	..	..	..	..
MAY.											
Means	47·7	43·5	57·9	40·9	43·2	49·3	2·03	..	..	..	N.E.
Highest	62	58	69	55	54	50	..	0·75	29th	14	..
Lowest	44	40	52	31	50	48	..	..	..	..	..
JUNE.											
Means	56·2	48·3	39·4	49·0	48·0	50·8	1·94	..	..	..	N.W.
Highest	69	60	81	60	64	54	..	0·44	3rd	13	..
Lowest	46	47	55	43	52	50	..	..	..	..	..
JULY.											
Means	62·2	62·8	70·3	44·0	35·3	35·3	2·75	..	..	..	S.W.
Highest	70	64	81	60	64	58	..	0·73	10th	17	..
Lowest	54	52	61	47	60	55	..	..	..	..	..
AUGUST.											
Means	55·8	56·5	69·1	54·4	60·5	58·0	4·43	..	..	..	N.W.
Highest	64	63	76	58	63	58	..	1·01	11th	20	..
Lowest	55	51	61	43	59	58	..	..	..	..	..

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS (*continued*).

Month.	Hygrometer.		Temperature.				Rainfall.				Wind.
	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Max.	Min.	Earth.		Total Depth	Greatest Fall in 24 hours.		No. of days on which '01 or more fell.	Prevailing Wind.
					1ft.	4ft.		Depth	Date.		
SEPTEMBER.											
Means	53·8	114·8	60·9	47·3	56·8	56·7	1·08	..	..	..	N.E.
Highest	59	58	69	54	60	58	..	0·30	7th	10	..
Lowest	48	45	55	38	54	54	..	..	..	..	..
OCTOBER.											
Means	50·80	48·4	49·87	41·77	53·3	51·19	3·84	..	..	..	N.E.
Highest	59	58	61	53	55	56	..	1·20	30th	17	..
Lowest	40	38	48	33	48	53	..	..	..	..	..
NOVEMBER.											
Means	45·2	83·8	53·06	40·2	94·7	53·26	3·74	..	..	..	S.W.
Highest	57	56	63	54	53	53	..	0·96	12th	18	..
Lowest	35	35	42	31	43	50	..	..	..	..	..
DECEMBER.											
Means	39·96	35·1	46·3	35·4	42·9	47·7	2·21	N.W.
Highest	50	48	51	48	45	49	..	0·84	14th	19	..
Lowest	30	29	35	27	40	47





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