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The British birthrate for 1907 was lower than in any other year on record — but to balance this the death rate is decreasing in greater proportion, last year also was the lowest death rate on record.

The rate of Infant Mortality in Britain for 1907 was the lowest rate on record. This has been attributed to the showery, cool weather last summer.

The population of England and Wales last year was 34. 945,600.

In his address to the Canadian medical Association at Ottawa, Dr. Montizambert, Director-General of Public Health, urged the establishment of a department of public Health in Canada.

The General Medical Council of Great Britain has adopted a reciprocity agreement with the Province of Quebec whereby Medical Graduates of McGill University of Montreal and of the Laval University of Quebec will be admitted to the colonial list of the Medical Register.

Steps have been taken to secure a copyright of the British Pharmacopocia to prevent unauthorized reprints.

The British Medical Council will in November 1908 celebrate its jubilee by a friendly reunion to which all past members of council will be invited.

The physicians of Paris are now charging double fees for Sunday visits, patients already under treatment excepted.

One of the model principles of the British Medical Association is "that inability to pay for adequate treatment shall be the consideration for the admission of ALL patients for hospital treatment" — otherwise there is an unfair competition with the general practitioner.

A Society has been formed in London, England, called The Research Defence Society, the objects of which are to point out to the public by means of pamphlets, lectures and debates the value to science and medicine of experiments on animals. The President is Lord Cromer and the Secretary Mr. Stephen Paget I. R. C. S.