

## 1907 Crawfordsville Health Report

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There were 181 births and 144 death in Crawfordsville during the year 1907, according to the carefully prepared report which Dr. Roy H. Gerard, secretary of the City Board of Health read to the council at its regular session last night. Dr. Gerard's report covered the year's work in the Department of Public Health and Charities of the city. The report will later be published by Dr. Gerard in pamphlet form.

Crawfordsville was free from any epidemics or contagious diseases last year said Dr. Gerard. The death reate from all diseases combined was 14.4 per thousand, estimating the city's population to be 10,000.

Only two cases of smallpox were reported during the year. Both of these were quarantined and the disase did not spread. Five cases of diphtheria were treated in the city during the year but these five cases infected but two homes. One case was reported in July while the other four were all in one family during the months of October and November. One case that was convalescent was followed by another until all four occurred in the one family in succession. The quarantine from this home was raised on December 31. There was no scarlet fever in town during thepast year. Five cases of tuberculosis were reported. Dr. Gerard said his tuberculosis statistics were not satisfactory for the reason that som eof the cases of this dreaded disease were not reported to him. 13 cases of typhoid fever raged in Crawfordsville last year, according to Dr. Gerard's report, but in no sense can it be said that typhoid fever was an epidemic. Most of these cases were caused by water contamination. 67 cases of measles were reported just about 1/3 of the actual number of cases. Whenever school children contracted measles efforts were always made to prevent the measles from spreading among the children of the school.

In his report Dr. Gerard said the city's water was now in good condition. The milk supply furnished by the dairymen near the city is better than ever before. This is due, he said to the careful inspection that was made last summer of all dairies. Practically all of the milk that has been examined since the work of carefully inspected the dairies was begun, were found to be up to the standard. The time spent last summer by the health department. In its efforts to better the conditions at the dairies and furnish a purer milk supply, was well spent, Dr. Gerard (continued on page 8 but there are only 4 pages in this paper (they do that a lot :( - kbz