

toxin to the health boards in various cities for distribution subject to certain conditions. The serum is sent in vials containing 1,500 and 2,500 units of anti-toxin in volumes of about five to ten cubic centimeters respectively. It is distributed to physicians for use in their practice among the poor and needy patients.

Before a physician can receive a supply of anti-toxin for use in a particular case he must agree over his signature to report upon a proper blank the results obtained from the use of the remedy. He is also required to state that neither the patient treated or the relatives are able to purchase it.

The remainder of Dr. Wey's report follows: Since your last meeting, October 28, communicable disease has been reported as follows: Diphtheria, two cases, males, in tenth and eleventh wards. Scarlet fever, eight cases, four males, four females. The distribution is: Third ward, one; Fifth ward, two; Eighth ward, five.

Typhoid fever, nine. This includes one case contracted in the town of Southport. Of the eight cases of city origin there are three males and five females, geographically distributed as named below: Second ward, one; Third ward, one; Fourth ward, three; Sixth, Eighth and Tenth wards, each one. The ascertained water supply is: City, five; well, three. Reported of the above in the present month is: Diphtheria, two; scarlet fever, seven; typhoid fever, eight.

Three cases of typhoid fever have occurred in one family living at 415 High street. The water supply is derived from a driven well in close proximity to a barn. The water from the well in question has been examined and shows the presence in large numbers of the bacillus coli communis. In other wards, the well is polluted. I advise the same be declared a nuisance, and a notice served upon the owner to destroy.

The mortality for the month of October was thirty-five, nineteen males sixteen females. Apoplexy is credited with five deaths, enterocolitis, three; heart disease, one; Bright's disease, two; diphtheria, two; diseases of tuberculosis nature, five. Fourteen deaths have been reported within the current month, for which burial and transit permits were issued.

During the meeting an important point in the plumbing ordinances was brought up, which will result in the old plumbing rules being rearranged. Recently Plumbers Flahive and Krowl constructed a sewer connection from the sewer on Magee street to the home of Michael Delaney, 57 Magee street. The connection was carried around to the side of the house and then into the cellar instead of being built through the front cellar wall as is required by the plumbing ordinance.

In explaining the case Mr. Krowl stated to the board that as there is only a small cellar under the front portion of the house he had found it more expedient to go through the side cellar wall rather than dig the connection for forty feet under the cellar. Sketches of the cellar and connection were submitted and examined by the board.

After the matter had been discussed at some length it was decided to revise the present plumbing rules so that they can be used next spring. At present the plumbers have no set rules to work upon. Often they find it necessary to make side connections notwithstanding the fact that it is against the plumbing rules.

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