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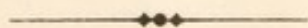
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ROYSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(R. B. ESKRIGGE, M.R.C.S.),

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1902.



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ROYSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT FOR 1902.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
ROYSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

The past year has not been a very bright one, sickness and death having been very prevalent.

During the early months of the year, Diphtheria, which was present during the end of 1901, still continued.

There were also several cases of Scarletina.

Influenza and Bronchitis have also been very common.

About Autumn Measles broke out and assumed an epidemic form, and so great was the number of cases that it was found necessary to close the schools for a period of 6 weeks.

The Measles is the principal cause of the heavy death rate, it being answerable for 23, Diphtheria for 8.

There have been 5 Coroner's Inquests among the Deaths and 7 Illegitimates among the Births.

Having given a short summary of the sickness of the year, below will be found some tables of the same.

TABLE OF DEATHS.				TABLE OF BIRTHS.			
1898	....	....	69	1898	....	....	183
1899	....	....	54	1899	....	....	177
1900	....	....	99	1900	....	....	178
1901	....	....	118	1901	....	....	205

TABLE OF DEATHS AND BIRTHS, 1902.

DEATHS.						BIRTHS.					
			Male	Female					Male	Female	
January	...	4	...	2	2	January	...	14	...	6	8
February	...	14	...	7	7	February	..	11	...	6	5
March	...	12	...	9	3	March	...	16	...	10	6
April...	...	11	...	4	7	April	...	15	...	7	8
May	...	8	...	1	7	May...	...	12	...	7	5
June	...	6	...	2	4	June	...	13	...	9	4
July	...	2	...	1	1	July...	...	12	...	8	4
August	...	8	...	3	5	August	...	20	...	14	6
September	..	7	...	6	1	September	19	...	10	9	
October	...	17	...	12	5	October	...	18	...	10	8
November...	22	...	9	13		November	15	...	6	9	
December...	10	...	7	3		December	21	..	10	11	
Total		...	121	63	58	Total...		186	103	83	

TABLE OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Bronchitis, Acute	2	1	2	2	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	4
,, Chronic	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Cerebral Meningitis ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Diphtheria	1	1	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tabes Mesenterica	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcinoma	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...
Acute Croupous Laryngitis	3	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Morbus Cordis	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rheumatism	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Convulsions	1	3	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	...
Tuberculosis	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Acute Broncho-pneumonia	2	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Erysipelas	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diarrhœa	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2
Cerebral Apoplexy	1	1	...	...	1	...	2	...
Inanition	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Puerperal Peritonitis	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Acute Gastric Catarrh	1	...	2	...	...
Drowning	2	...	...	...	...
Enteric Catarrh	1	...	...	...	...
Debility	1	...	...	...	...
Measles	1	9	13	...
Spina Bifida	1	...
Hydrocephalus	1	...
Burns	1
Total ... 121	4	14	12	11	8	6	2	8	7	17	22	10

TABLE OF DEATHS GIVING MONTH AND AGE.

		Under 1 year.	1—5	5—15	15—25	25—65	65 and upwards
January ...	...	2	1	...	...	1	...
February ...	...	3	4	2	...	3	2
March ...	...	4	...	2	...	3	3
April ...	...	4	1	4	...	1	1
May ...	...	1	2	...	1	2	2
June ...	...	2	...	1	1	1	1
July ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
August ...	...	2	2	...	1	2	1
September ...	...	3	...	1	1	2	...
October ...	...	4	8	...	...	5	...
November ...	...	5	15	...	...	2	...
December ...	...	6	2	...	...	2	...
Total ...	121	38	35	10	4	24	10



The Water Supply has been fairly good. No doubt the additional reservoir tanks, placed in the higher parts of the village, will be of great advantage.

The Sewerage Disposal Works have acted efficiently.

The increase in the number of houses is also a boon, and is lessening overcrowding.

There is room for improvement in the Scavenging Department, and also the condition of the Roads.

The usual systematic house-to-house Inspection has been made, and reported at your Monthly Meetings.

About 25 Nuisances have been reported and abated during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. B. ESKRIGGE, M.R.C.S.,

Medical Officer of Health.

Royston,

Jan. 31st, 1903.



