

GETTING STATISTICS ON THE EPIDEMIC

STATE REPRESENTATIVE MAK-
ING A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE
CANVASS IN TOWN

ONE DEATH THIS WEEK

Mrs. Clarence F. Bicknell of Fort
Wayne, Ind., Here on Visit Dies
After Five Days' Illness—Board of
Health Contradicts Reports of Re-
currence of Epidemic and Says
There Are Only Six or Seven
Cases—State Department Seeking
Information on Disease.

Although there was a doubt this
week from Indiana followed by ques-
tioned report has said it that the
epidemic had broken out again here,
the Board of Health yesterday stated
officially that there were not more
than six or seven cases of the disease
in town. Doctors report numerous
colds, but very few cases of influenza.
They urge, however, that the public
continue to take precautions. The
epidemic has broken out again with
more or less violence in other parts
of Northern New York.

The death was that of Mrs. Claren-
ce F. Bicknell of Fort Wayne, Ind.,
who came here a few days ago to visit
her daughter, Mrs. Bicknell, who was
55 years old, died Wednesday after-
noon at 9 Forest Hill avenue. She had
been ill five days. The body will be
sent by A. Fortune & Co. to Fort
Wayne for burial.

Inspector Here

Dr. Arthur P. Gerard of New York
arrived in town Tuesday, accompanied
by two nurses, Anne Barrett and Clara
Brookbeck of Troy. They are accom-
panying the State Tuberculosis Commission,
recently appointed by Governor
Whitford, for the purpose of
obtaining statistics regarding the recent epi-
dem. The nurses are making a
house-to-house canvass of the town,
obtaining information for use in the
study by the Health Department of
the new disease. They will be here
for some time and will then visit
Leak Point, Bloomingdale and other
nearby communities.

Dr. Gerard states that valuable
information regarding the disease was
lost through the fact that it was not
until the epidemic had got under way
that attempts were made to report the
disease. To supply this informa-
tion that the investigation is being
carried out in all parts of the state.

As this work is of vital importance,
and although of a scientific character,
has a practical bearing on the health
and welfare of the whole state and

in particular every
citizen who has his own or the inter-
est of the community at heart should
cooperate in the work and be willing
to answer the various questions asked
by the visiting doctor and nurses.

That the epidemic has not shown
signs of alarming recurrence is in-
dicated by the fact that the attend-
ance at the public school has kept
almost 100 per cent. This is always
taken as a good criterion of the gen-
eral health of the community.