

WATER SUPPLY. (1911)

Private Supplies.— Continued supervision was exercised over the water supply from the wells which still exist in some parts of the town especially in the Alvaston district. Water samples were taken from seven of these wells and carefully examined, no evidence of pollution being found in any of them.

Public Water Supply.—As mentioned in the Annual Report for 1908, the principal sources of the water supply of Derby are obtained from filter tunnels alongside the River Derwent, and from a few springs in the Valley of the " Bottle Brook," between Little Eaton and Coxbench, the water supply from the Derwent Valley Joint Board not being available. (This latter supply is expected to be ready sometime in 1912.) The pumping station at Little Eaton and adjoining filter beds are situate about, three miles from the centre of Derby. The above mentioned supply was supplemented by water taken from the adjacent Carr Brook (the waters of which are comparatively pure during dry weather) from July 10th to October 1st, 1911. The maximum daily flow of Carr Brook hardly reaches 250,000 gallons, and this was filtered separately, then diluted with the usual supply and again filtered. It is satisfactory to report that Derby suffered in no way from a water famine during the hot and dry season of 1911. There was some curtailment of the street watering for a short period, but, fortunately, there was no restriction of court flushing during the Diarrhoea season.

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