

LESSONS OF THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.*

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1. 400,000 persons died from influenza in the United States alone during the months of September, October and November.
2. There have been in the known history of the world 127 epidemics of influenza.
3. It is doubtful whether the present epidemic is the same as the past epidemics.
4. We do not know the cause of the present epidemic. All we know is that it is due to some unknown infection which produces a profound depression, which affects unfavorably the production of the white blood cells, and which results in three secondary infections.
5. While the streptococcus, pneumococcus, and staphylococcus are constantly and intimately associated with the disease, they are not the cause of it.
6. The bacillus of Pfeiffer is not the cause of it, as admitted by Pfeiffer himself.
7. The influenza vaccine is worthless as a preventive.
8. We know nothing about the communication of the contagion.
9. Chicago lacks hospital facilities, and has not enough general practitioners of medicine.
10. The university method of teaching abstract science is a failure.
11. It is a blunder to separate theory from practice.
12. We need a medical college where applied therapeutics is taught.
13. The immense superiority of homeopathic treatment of influenza has been incontestably proven. The influenza has been a great boost for homeopathy. Murphy of Lansing, Michigan, treated 325 cases of influenza in a camp where the mortality had been 20 per cent, while the mortality under his homeopathic treatment was less than 3 per cent.

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