

# HOMEOPATHIC THERAPEUTICS

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## EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA TREATED BY HOMEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS\*

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It is not my desire to discuss any of the many medical aspects of the recent epidemic of influenza, as they will be fully discussed by able representatives from widely distant sections of the United States before the Bureau of Homeopathy. The peculiarities of the epidemic in various sections of the country will also be presented by them.

The object of this contribution is to present reliable data in regard to the actual mortality of the epidemic when patients were treated by homeopathic physicians. I shall not, however, include the mortality in Homeopathic Hospitals, as these data will be presented by Dr. W. A. Dewey.

It is not even my primary desire to report the number of influenza patients who developed pneumonia, but it is certain that this number is comparatively small.

A questionnaire was sent to about 2,000 homeopathic physicians and reliable information was requested from all members of the American Institute of Homeopathy by inserting a notice in THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HOMEOPATHY. The data below is presented without regard to location, as it was evident that very little difference in the actual mortality was reported by physicians in widely distant sections of the country. The original reports are on file for inspection of all interested. I am only sorry that a larger number of physicians did not report their results, but physicians are very poor correspondents.

It is evident that the above data are fairly representative

Physician	Number of Patients Treated	Number of Deaths	Physician	Number of Patients Treated	Number of Deaths
1	65	2	7	325	3
2	100	0	8	87	1
3	600	5	9	100	1
4	300	3	10	608	3
5	425	1	11	50	0
6	500	3	12	200	0

\*Bureau of Homeopathy, American Institute of Homeopathy, June, 1919.

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Physician	Number of Patients Treated	Number of Deaths	Physician	Number of Patients Treated	Number of Deaths
13	300	0	51	150	2
14	360	4	52	200	3
15	1,200	3	53	200	4
16	340	10	54	400	7
17	365	1	55	1,350	5
18	500	5	56	300	3
19	300	7	57	132	3
20	342	5	58	100	4
21	115	0	59	100	3
22	300	0	60	190	2
23	35	1	61	300	3
24	500	12	62	500	6
25	400	1	63	50	0
26	135	2	64	200	2
27	150	0	65	260	3
28	135	0	66	255	0
29	483	7	67	500	15
30	156	1	68	58	3
31	65	2	69	60	0
32	167	3	70	362	2
33	250	6	71	196	1
34	1,200	4	72	65	0
35	60	6	73	653	2
36	350	2	74	420	0
37	180	35	75	83	1
38	294	0	76	147	1
39	600	3	77	150	0
40	219	0	78	478	3
41	450	8	79	465	1
42	60	1	80	350	5
43	60	0	81	200	2
44	100	0	82	313	3
45	60	0	83	1,000	1
46	250	9	84	100	0
47	300	1	85	533	6
48	50	0	86	100	0
49	225	2	87	51	0
50	700	14	88	300	0
Average mortality, 1.056%.			88	26,795	273

of the results obtained by all homeopathic physicians, and it only remains to compare the results with the colossal epidemic influenza mortality (average mortality about 30%) to realize how very much better chance a patient had when treated by a homeopathic physician.

Since the mortality as reported all over the country includes the much lower mortality had by homeopathic physi-

cians, the comparison with official records becomes still more favorable for homeopathic physicians.

All reports received have been tabulated and no attempt made to report only the more favorable results. Just previous to the epidemic of influenza the Hahnemann Unit of the Students' Army Training Corps was organized. Dr. G. Harlan Wells was chief Medical Officer and directly responsible for the health of our students. Gelsemium 3x was given to every student four times a day as a prophylactic and *not a single serious case of influenza developed*, and, of course, no deaths, while the Spring Garden Institute Unit, which was housed in the same armory with the Hahnemann Unit, had seven deaths directly attributable to influenza. This is even more remarkable since our senior and junior students were released for one week to do emergency work with influenza patients, and many of them worked day and night during this period.

During the epidemic when all the nurses in Hahnemann Hospital were working day and night without any consideration for their own health, a total of fifty-seven of them at different times had to finally go to bed, and a large proportion of these had influenza, but *not a single one of them developed pneumonia*. It is perfectly proper to state that these nurses were under the care of Dr. William R. Williams.

How would it be possible to convince any one of the merits of Homeopathy if he failed to believe that homeopathic physicians had a much lower mortality than the average? Homeopathy requires no apology. Its practical value is its greatest asset.

None are so blind as those who cannot see that the average mortality of influenza patients treated by homeopathic physicians was actually only about one-thirtieth of the average mortality reported by all physicians. Nothing would be more advantageous to homeopathy than to tabulate from official records in every city and town, the number of deaths reported by homeopathic physicians and those who are graduates of non-homeopathic institutions.