Twenty Deaths
Influenza Toll
Sixteen Die in Oakland, Two
Berkeley and Two in Alameda
As Result of Epidemic

Sixteen deaths, making 31 to date, in Oakland, two in Berkeley and two in Alameda, was yesterday's toll of the Spanish influenza epidemic in the Bay area. In Alameda City, twelve cases were placed under quarantine in Berkeley. In Oakland 370 new cases were reported, bringing the total to 1,350. Plans were discussed yesterday for a rapid dissemination of information on precautionary measures, as has been done in the spread of Oakland. Plans were discussed yesterday by the Board of Health, which has been working closely with the San Francisco Health Department.

Warnings, with advice from the State, Board of Health, have been posted on all schools, and white cards on which the disease has been found. Checks are made daily by President Benjamin Ide. All students and faculty are required to wear influenza masks, and the University of California has suspended classes. Seven thousand masks were prepared, and with the appearance of the first case in Alameda, all precautions were taken by the non-college residents.

In Oakland, the public library suspended operations, and the public schools, churches, and other public places were ordered closed at 12:45. City Manager Charles E. Hewes, who was present, said that the order would be maintained, and that all public places would be closed to the public.

In Berkeley, the public libraries were closed, and the public schools were ordered closed at 12:45. Mayor Frank A. Morley, who was present, said that the order would be maintained, and that all public places would be closed to the public.

Among the deaths reported in Berkeley yesterday were: Vernon Thomas, 37, of San Jose, California; Christina Peterson, 43, of San Francisco; and James E. Hough, 37, of San Jose, California. All were employees of the Houghton Company, Santa Clara avenue.

The Alameda deaths were those of Mrs. Philip T. B. Smith, 3034 Pacific avenue, and Paul W. McCall, 324 Liberty avenue.