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INFIRMARY
REPORT

The Infirmary has not been closed since the report of June 1918.

The A.S. established in Princeton July 1917 continued through to December 1918.

From the school a total number of 309 patients were cared for in the Infirmary under the direction of Army doctors. A Reserve Officers' Training Camp was established in Princeton June 26th, 1918 for six weeks. During that time until September 18th the Infirmary was in charge of Miss Holmes with two assistant nurses.

53 boys from the camp were taken care of in the infirmary, 524 in the Dispensary.

The Ladies of the Auxiliary visited, sent flowers, jellies, fruits, food of all kinds, vegetables in great quantities, and each jars to the canning kitchen to put up the surplus. Their interest and kindness was, and always is, a great support.

The opening of college September 25th still saw the Infirmary an Army hospital, with a visiting staff of doctors from the A.S. and from a Naval Unit and a Students Army Training Camp which had been established in the University.

With the opening of College came the influenza epidemic. The patients came in so fast the Field House was opened under the management of the Naval Unit as a detention and convalescent hospital. About 200 were admitted to it, with 28 convalescent patients transferred from the Infirmary. Two medical assistants from the Paymasters School were sent to help in the Infirmary but transferred to the Field House when it was opened. Then through President Hibben an orderly was gotten from camp Dix who remained until the training camps were demobilized. An extra day and night nurse was taken on the staff.

Three young women who had taken the nurses aid training helped through the worst part of the epidemic and their earnest practical work demonstrated very effectively the value of that course. They were Miss Katherine Bentley, Miss Louise Fisher and Miss May Erdman. Other volunteer workers who gave valuable assistance in the house were Mrs. Henry Fine, Miss Fine, Mrs. Wm. Magee, Miss Wood and Mrs. Wm. Paton. Many others offered to work and the very practical and delicious help in the shape of jellies, puddings, fruit, broth etc. given daily by many people throughout the epidemic, not only cheered up the tired and over-taxed kitchen department and kept it running smoothly, but were eaten by the patients with a relish which argued well for their recovery, and they all did recover, 192 of them, with 16 cases complicated with pneumonia.

Demobilization and Christmas vacation shortened the epidemic but the influenza continued through January and February gradually decreasing in severity and number of cases.

Demobilization of the three training camps was over by December 21st and the first of the year 1919 we settled down again to a College Infirmary with Dr. Cannochan, University physician in charge, a great relief.

Since then the Infirmary has been running along quietly with few seriously ill patients.

During the year, to date, have taken care of a total number of 610 patients. 552 from the University and 58 from the A.S.

Total number of Dispensary patients treated through the year, to date, 5760

The diseases were

Influenza	192
Pneumonia	21
Grip	49
Scarlet Fever	2
Diphtheria	2
Mumps	2
Chicken Pox	1
Malaria	10
Melancholia	1
Appendicitis	4 (one taken home for operation)
Erysipelas	1
Concussion Brain	3
Vaccine Reaction	24
Bichloride Poison	1

One death, E.W. Vaughn, an A.S. convalescent from a severe attack of pneumonia, took it again and died in four days.

The other diseases were gastus-intest. upsets, jaundice indigestion, sore throats, quinsy, colds, tonsillitis, sprains, fractures, minor injuries and infections, etc.

The regular staff of nurses through the year numbered 5, 4 day nurses and one night, with the exception of the extra night nurse for three weeks, and one day nurse for six weeks during the epidemic.

Special nursing for individual patients done by outside nurses numbered 99 days.

Special nursing contagious diseases done by the staff nurses numbered 77 days.

Total number school days 284 - average number patients in per day 12. Average number days each student in Infirmary 5 2/3 days