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On behalf of the Medical Staff of the Home for Incurables, I beg to present the following report :—

With regard to the amount of acute illness among the inmates of the Home during the past year, it is worthy of remark that during the prevalence of "La Grippe," a great many of the patients were more or less seriously affected. At one period, indeed, no fewer than thirty-five (35) residents of the Home were under treatment at the same time, and when it is understood that some of these were members of the nursing and domestic staffs, the tax upon the management and ingenuity of the matron, and on the energy and skill of the Head Nurse, will be appreciated. Statistically speaking, of the total number of deaths during the months of December, January and February, those figures are not intended to convey the idea that this unusually high rate of mortality was due to the ravages of "La Grippe," but they illustrate a fact that has frequently been observed before, viz., that this disease, though in most instances trivial in itself, so lowers the vitality of the system that its victims the more readily succumb to pre-existent, concurrent or sequent diseases.

It is gratifying to observe the extension of the usefulness of the Institution in the direction of those suffering from those most painful diseases, Cancer and Consumption.

The Wards set apart for these cases are, as is appropriate, among the most cheerful and best appointed in the Building, and I doubt not as the reputation of the Home extends they will soon be full to repletion.

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