

other hand, in New Haven, New York, Pittsburgh, and Rochester, the maximum mortality occurred somewhat later than in eastern cities generally. In Baltimore, Buffalo, and Philadelphia, the two-weeks' period ended October 26 showed the greatest number of deaths. For the entire nine-weeks' period, the greatest mortality due to the epidemic, in proportion to population—7.4 per one thousand—occurred in Philadelphia; and the next greatest—6.7 per one thousand—was reported for Baltimore.

PUBLICITY WORK FOR THE CONTROL OF CANCER.

As a part of the campaign of the Massachusetts Health Committee, described in the September issue of Campaign Notes, the following interview has been sent to all daily newspapers in the state:

"That a tremendous national campaign of publicity and preventive education against cancer such as employed in the influenza epidemic would result in saving annually many thousands of Massachusetts citizens over 40 years of age from intense suffering and untimely death was the opinion expressed yesterday by Dr. Edward Reynolds of Boston, Chairman of Directors of the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

"Few realize," said he, "how easily most cases of cancer are cured by early surgical treatment, how dangerous every day of delay must be in precancerous conditions and how deadly is the disease when once it has become well established.

"Cancer is a very curious disease which is due to certain cells of the body multiplying so fast that they seem to run away with themselves. It starts in some one spot in the healthy body much as a case of measles breaks out in one house in a healthy city. If you shut up the house and never let the measles get out of it you avoid an epidemic. But if all the people from that house go out into different quarters of the city you are very likely to have an epidemic that gets beyond control.

"If cancerous growths are let alone for even a very little while the usual result is sending out through the body migratory cancer cells which may develop growths in so many places as to render operation unsuccessful. The localized precancerous condition is a mere nothing if you get it out of the body before the migratory cells get into circulation.

"The newspapers can do an immeasurable service to humanity by making known the following facts: