

New Methods Needed

CANCER RESEARCH

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the disease. So, in order to encourage the public to believe that something has actually turned up of a hopeful character, it has been found necessary to diagnose every skin blemish as cancerous, and to urge sufferers to have such eruptions treated at the earliest possible moment with radium or X-ray.

ALL skin "disease" is symptomatic of some trouble within the body, and is not the actual disease itself, and as orthodoxy has always concerned itself with effects rather than causes it is quite consistent in giving the advice above. But the fact remains that when radium or X-ray causes the "complete and speedy disappearance" of the skin trouble nothing whatever of a useful character has been achieved, quite possibly the reverse, since the poisons of which it is merely the indicator, having been denied a natural vent, may set up far more serious internal trouble. The claims made by these two gentlemen are distinctly amusing in face of the fact that Nature-curers have long ceased to marvel at the disappearance of skin troubles when treated with equal certainty, greater simplicity and far more safety, with lemon juice. I have myself known of a "leg-ulcer" of twenty years' standing entirely cured by applications of lemon-juice and lemon poultices, conjoined with a by no means radical alteration in diet. A like result would probably follow applications of figs or onions in the form of poultices, and the adoption of wise feeding.

WHILE simple, natural methods of treating disease seem to be attended by practically no risks, a similar claim cannot be made on behalf of operations, drugs, injections, radium or X-rays. Dr. Robert Bell, who was for many years in charge of cancer research in Battersea Hospital, London, told of fatal results from the use of radium: "Cases which had been under treatment elsewhere by radium seemed to be worse instead of better.

"I fear," he continued, "that it is doomed to meet a like fate to that which has befallen X-rays, as far as cancer is concerned."

Dr. George Starr-White, writing in July, 1935, described similar experiences. Dr. Anderschou stated that "radium applications had proved fatal in all the cases I have had the opportunity of observing, and the results of X-ray treatment have been anything but satisfactory."

In one sentence Sir Arbuthnot Lane sums up the position as it appears to progressive members of his profession: "That the diseases of civilisation, from pyorrhoea to cancer, are due to errors in diet is absolutely certain."

Dr. Leonard Williams whimsically advises cancer-researchers to "descend from their laboratories to the basement, where they would find at least one of the causes glowing in the kitchen and another hissing on the hob."

"Nature," Dr. Anderschou assures us, "will perform the nature cure."

Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter is convinced that a fraction of the money expended in chasing the elusive cancer-organism

would, if used in a real investigation of the food problem of our people, do more to check the spread of cancer than anything else."

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