

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

CANCER

We are continually being told by orthodox medicine and the American Cancer Society that the only recognized treatments for cancer are through surgery, x-ray and radium. The experience of the writer of this editorial has been far from good when x-rays are given following surgery. In fact practically every case that received intensive x-ray treatments following surgery died within a year or two. X-ray treatments following surgery are expensive, very unpleasant to take and are likely to be very dangerous. Another thing, it is almost impossible to get any results from homœopathic prescribing where intensive x-ray treatments have followed cancer surgery and homœopathic physicians feel that their best chances are in skilfull homœopathic prescribing in such cases, regardless of the views of the Cancer Society and orthodox medicine.

The Editor of the Bulletin decided to write this editorial after being handed a clipping from one of the Chicago papers telling what Dr. Emil H. Grubbe, one of the pioneers of x-ray therapy, suffered as a result of his early work with x-ray. All of the graduates of Chicago Hahnemann Medical College will remember Dr. Grubbe, as he was head of the x-ray department of the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital for many years. Practically all of the living Chicago Hahnemann graduates studied under Dr. Grubbe. According to this newspaper clipping, Dr. Grubbe had just undergone his 90th operation for cancerous burns, as a result of his x-ray work. In this last operation it is reported that he had his nose and most of the right side of his face removed. Previously he had lost his left hand. He had also lost his upper lip and jaw, as well as having right hand enfeebled, and other parts of his body were showered with the virulent seeds of malignancy, which over the years had had to be cut away. Dr. Grubbe is now 81 years of age. This clipping stated that Dr. Grubbe was claimed to be the first to use x-ray therapy when he treated a breast cancer in

1896, two years before he graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College.

Dr. Thos. C. Lowe, beloved homœopathic physician, who practiced in Los Angeles for over fifty years, also died a few years ago as a result of his early x-ray work.

Although some protective measures for the technician have been developed, what these two men have suffered shows the dangers of these invisible rays of x-ray and atomic radiation.

X-ray therapy is very popular today and in fact is too popular for the good of the people who are receiving such therapy. Many dermatologists have x-ray equipment and are using it extensively in the treatment of various skin eruptions. In the experience of this writer, he has seen few of these cases that have benefited by x-ray therapy, but has seen many cases of reddened, indurated skin on the palmar surface of the hands years after x-ray therapy and this is difficult to overcome, even with good homœopathic prescribing.

Among the foreign letters in the A.M.A. *Journal* of November 3, 1956 is an article from Great Britain entitled "Cancer and Leukemia in Children." A recent extensive survey has been made of children under 10 years of age who have died of leukemia or cancer. From this survey it would appear that the number of mothers of leukemic children who had a radiological examination of their abdomens during the pregnancy was twice that of the mothers of the control children. This was also true for the mothers of children dying from malignant disease. This survey suggests that diagnostic radiology during pregnancy may occasionally cause leukemia or cancer of the unborn child.

You may say that the troubles of Dr. Grubbe and Dr. Lowe came from a lack of knowledge in the use of x-rays in the early years of their use, but the survey in Great Britain has been done during the past few years.

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