

may often be moderated by local blood-letting, and this, too, without any injury to the patient. In inflammations, for example, of the liver and intestines, I have repeatedly observed the most marked and immediate relief follow the application of leeches to the abdomen or around the anus. Still, you must not have recourse to blood-letting in every case of inflammation. It is only in the early stage of inflammation, or when it is advancing, that you can expect it to do good. You must also abstain from blood-letting in persons of debilitated constitution, or when the inflammation has been excited by an animal poison or some other morbid condition of the blood.—[*British Med. Journal.*]

THE TREATMENT OF CANCER BY ELECTROLYSIS.

At a meeting of the New York Pathological Society, reported in the *New York Medical Record*, January 2, 1872, Dr. Nestel presented sections of carcinomatous deposits removed post-mortem from a lady who had died in consequence of mammary cancer. About two years ago she noticed a hard and painful lump in her right mamma. This increased, and, with the pain, extended to the axilla. These masses were removed by operation. Soon after the operation she had an attack of pneumonia, from which she did not recover until the lapse of several months. In the meantime the wound cicatrized, but the pain still continued, and extended down the arm of that side, making it almost useless. After several months she felt that the cicatrix became indurated, and from these there seemed to be a string of smaller lumps, which aroused the suspicion in Dr. N.'s mind that the disease had translated itself to some internal organ, she then insisted on being treated by electrolysis, and the treatment was pursued, in conjunction with Dr. Bailey, of Albany. To the surprise of Dr. N., not only did the secondary tumors disappear, but the patient improved in general health. So marked was this latter effect that Dr. N. was inclined to believe that he had been mistaken in his diagnosis of internal metastasis. After several months, tumors again showed themselves in the same locality; these were treated, and likewise disappeared. Finally the cervical glands