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ON THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF CANCER OF THE UTERUS. (1)

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In the author's opinion cancer of the uterus is not a hereditary disease, because in more than half of his cases the family history was absolutely free from it for three generations back. This may shock those who have been brought up to believe in the tradition of its heredity, just as it did those who believed in the heredity of consumption when they were told that it was a contagious disease, as every one now admits it to be. Cancer of the uterus has been proved by numerous experiments to be a contagious disease probably due to a microbe which does not flourish on healthy tissues, but which luxuriates on tissues of low vitality, such as cicatrices, or on women whose whole vitality is below par.

Its prevention.—The author has noticed that it is frequent and increasing in countries where little or no attention is paid to laceration of the cervix, while it is becoming quite rare in countries where these lacerations are promptly repaired. The author makes it a practice at his clinics and hospitals to repair every lacerated cervix that comes before him, with the result that out of over five thousand cases of which he has a complete history, there are at present less than twenty-five with a marked laceration unrepaired. If we

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