

and thence is poured out through a fine rubber tube inserted into the depths of the wound. Fifteen-minute treatments, which are quite painless, are the daily dose.

In one case a man had been shot through the shin bone just a year ago. The wound, partly healed, had been at a standstill for nine months, when the ozone treatment was begun. Now the cure is practically complete. Ninety per cent. of successes have been recorded in the cases treated in the past year, the only failures being men who could not stay for a complete course of ozone baths. The ozone acts directly as a germ killer, and its power on old wounds thoroughly impregnated with deep-seated germs has been so marked that it is now proposed to try the effect of ozone baths on newly infected wounds fresh from the battlefield. With this in view ozone plants are shortly to be given a trial in hospitals close to the firing line.

VITAL STATISTICS.

November was a bad month for pneumonia and broncho-pneumonia, the increase in the number of deaths in the city in November over the same month last year being thirty. In nearly all the principal causes of death there was an increase last month. The number was double that for October. There has been an increase in the pneumonia death rate per 100,000 from 126 in 1912, to 183 in November this year. Following is a comparative statement of deaths from 15 principal causes:

	Nov., '17.	Nov., '16.
Pneumonit and broncho-pneumonia	70	40
Cancer	46	41
Organic disease of the heart	40	25
Violence (including two suicides)	31	13
Tuberculosis (all forms)	26	21
Congenital debility, malformations, marasmus, etc.	24	17
Premature birth	16	14
Cerebral hæmorrhage, apoplexy, etc.	15	11
Acute nephritis and Bright's disease	15	11
Old age	11	6
Acute contagious disease	9	17
Bronchitis (acute and chronic)	6	2
Other respiratory disease	6	11
Diarhœa and enteritis (under 2)	6	12
Accidents of pregnancy and labor	6	1
Tuberculosis, including deaths of Toronto people in outside sanatoriums	36	43