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### RADIUM IN THE TREATMENT OF CANCER.

*To the Editor of the Lancet:*

Sir,—A few weeks ago in the daily papers of this city prominence was given to a press despatch in which it was stated that the International Cancer Conference had delivered themselves very unfavourably as to the use of radium in the treatment of cancer. In view of the reckless and haphazard style in which the average newspaper correspondent does his work I felt sure that the statements made were incorrect and misleading. Reference to the *British Medical Journal* for Oct. 22nd, p. 1267, vindicates my opinion of the unreliable character of the report referred to. The *British Medical Journal* states: "The possibilities of radium were fully discussed without any definite conclusion being arrived at; it seemed that few of the speakers were prepared to employ it, without previously resorting to surgery, in other than superficial lesions. The general impression conveyed by the discussion was that although many speakers employed radium, they had in their possession quantities far too small to enable them to resolve the apparent contradictions they discussed." In other words they did not decide against the curative value of Radium, they did not know much about it anyway and apparently nobody was in a position to use the proper dosage because they had not the radium to do it with. The crux of the