

seeming to be only a warty growth, has slowly but surely extended inward, and to parts around. At last it ulcerates, and is covered by a cream-like fluid resembling pus. It continues to extend, eating its way through all structures, cartilage, bone,—everything. It now and then happens that extensive inflammation is induced in the epithelial cancer at an early date, before it has had a converting influence upon the adjacent tissue. The inflammation destroys the morbid mass, and the disease is averted. The ulcer remaining, heals up in a healthy manner. This unfortunately is of rare occurrence.

*Effects upon the Constitution.*—Notwithstanding the disease is a constitutional one, and that the seeds of the malady will have been long sown, yet the individual will have experienced no illness, not even the slightest symptom had whispered to him the coming horror of a cancer. Every organ and its function will have been perfectly normal, until the local manifestation presented itself. But very soon thereafter the hitherto latent disease displays itself in constitutional symptoms, which seem to arise entirely from the local deposit. We have learned that the cancer mass may be primary or secondary; and that first there is generally but one, while in the secondary there may be several. In order to have the secondary deposits made, there is generally an actual passage of the cancer substance from one place to another. During the progress of the disease thus indicated, whether the original virus in the blood is being intensified by the local disease as well as by development, may be questioned, but this much is true,—at once after the local disease is established the powers of life begin to suffer—to fail. The great pain, and subsequently the discharge, contribute largely to the general cachexia, also, no doubt, consciousness on the part of the patient that his malady is incurable. The constitutional cachexia is always better marked in the encephaloid form.

*Treatment of Cancer—Local and General.*—The sad fact that cancer is incurable stares us in the face, always excepting the epithelial form; and it is an affection over which nature seemingly has no control. But very much can be done by the surgeon to palliate the symptoms, and often to prolong life.

It might seem that, as the disease may, and often does remain latent for a long time without manifesting itself locally, the removal of the local deposit when possible would arrest the malady,