

disease still goes on with great rapidity in the active vascular conditions induced by the pregnancy.

Prof. Orth, of Berlin, a short time ago declared in St. Louis that no one had shown the parasitic origin of cancer, nor was it necessary to assume such an origin. The wisacres opposed the germ theory of disease, and then of tuberculosis, but they turned out to be wrong. It might be answered to Professor Orth that no one has proven the germ origin of syphilis, yet no one doubts it, not even Prof. Orth.

But there are still other features in the history of cancer that must not be passed over in silence. In the first place, the disease is very much more prevalent than it formerly was, and, according to some good authorities, bids fair to be one of the most common of all our diseases. In the second place, it shows a tendency to attack its victims at younger ages than some years ago. And, in the third place, it is appearing among races formerly immune. These facts would seem to prove beyond all doubt that the disease has some cause that is communicable. The very same things occurred in the history of leprosy some centuries ago.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. J. R. Jones has returned to Winnipeg from his trip to Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. Shirres of Montreal, have returned from their trip to Panama.

Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Orr of Toronto, sailed, February 2nd, by the Baltic for England.

Dr. G. R. McDonagh, 140 Carlton street, left in the end of January for a six weeks' trip in the southern portion of Italy.

Dr. R. J. Crawford has returned to Winnipeg to resume his practice, after being away in Europe for the past two years.

Dr. Cragg, of Calgary, is attending to the duties of Dr. Mewburn, of Lethbridge, during his vacation in the east.

Dr. W. H. B. Aikins and Mrs. Aikins, of Toronto, have sailed for Mediterranean ports on the steamer Princess Irene.

Dr. D. B. Bentley was removed to the Sarnia general hospital two weeks ago suffering from a serious attack of appendicitis.

Dr. Marion Hansford has been appointed as attending physician to the Metropolitan Dispensary, Notre Dame Street West.

Dr. Mackay of Cookstown, has sold his practice to Dr. Rounthwaite of Toronto. The new doctor has assumed his duties.

Dr. R. C. Redmond, B. A., who has formed a partnership with Dr. J. C. Chisholm of Wingham, arrived there a few weeks ago.

Dr. Harry Bleecker has opened an office for the practice of medicine at Roblins Mills. Dr. Bleecker is a clever, energetic Trenton boy.