

this we may almost certainly say: they will allay pain and arrest discharge, while very frequently causing a retrocession of the primary growth.

Epitheliomata are considered by such authorities as Belot, Freund, Pusey and Seguirá to be very amenable to treatment, and this is to be expected, as the more superficial the growth, the more easily it is reached.

I have had some interesting cases of papillomata. One was that of a man, thirty-five years old, with a highly vascular growth; about the size of a five-cent piece, on his left cheek, and having developed within a period of about two months. With fifteen treatments of the ray it entirely disappeared. Another was that of a horn-like growth on the nose of a woman of fifty. This took considerable time, requiring some twenty-two treatments. Rodent ulcer and lupus are very amenable to treatment, though, as in other troubles, failures may be met with. I have a case of lupus now under treatment. The woman came to me a week ago for consultation regarding some enlarged glands. She has a tubercular family history, and has had tubercular glands removed from her neck.

Another disease that has been greatly benefited by the X-ray is leukemia. A very interesting case is reported by Ironside Bruce in the *Lancet* of January, 1906.

While I had some other cases I had intended reporting, I have now taken more time than I intended, so will reserve them for some future occasion.

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## ALCOHOL AND LIFE INSURANCE.\*

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I am not a teetotaller, neither am I a prohibitionist. I have therefore approached the study of the influence of the use and abuse of alcoholic beverages upon the human economy without the handicap of strong prejudice against their use. The extreme position taken by many honest, but narrow-minded, teetotallers has done incalculable harm to the cause of temperance. To call alcohol a poison, and to say it must therefore be used only for medicinal purposes, and that its use, even in moderation, is harmful and noisounous, is not in harmony with the teaching of either

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