

"Of civilized people over 40 years of age one in every 14 men dies of cancer and one in every 8 women. These figures are the careful computation of the life insurance companies.

"Cancer attacks more men and women over 40 than does tuberculosis, pneumonia, typhoid fever or any chronic disease. About 80,000 deaths annually in the United States are due to cancer.

"The majority of cases of cancer in the early stages are curable. The bulk of all cancers are in positions that permit of successful operation.

"After 40 it is highly unsafe to neglect persistent ulcerations, cracks in the skin, sores, lumps in the breast or chronic indigestion with loss of weight and change of color.

"Birthmarks, moles or warts which change their appearance or show signs of irritation should be regarded with suspicion and should be examined by a competent surgeon.

"Medicine is worse than useless: By producing a period of freedom from discomfort it delays the proper treatment. Medical cancer cures are all bogus. Barring the use of radium or similar means for the small affairs of the skin, surgical operation is the only cure for cancer.

"In the earliest stages of the "precancerous" conditions the operation for cancer of the breast usually requires an incision only an inch or two long, necessitates carrying an arm in a sling for a few days, brings about only a trifling expense and causes no deformity.

"Women must learn not to wait for pain to become prominent but to seek competent advice regarding mysterious symptoms. Pain indicates that the sufferer is late in action but not necessarily too late.

"Heredity is a factor of small importance in discussing cancer and the possibility of transferring cancer from one person to another may be practically disregarded."

BOSTON UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE.

J. Emmons Briggs, chairman of the Committee on Reorganization, issues the following statement:—

Boston University announces that its medical department has been thoroughly reorganized and henceforth will be non-sectarian in scope and character.

Eminent physicians of the "regular" school will conduct courses in pharmacology and therapeutics, and clinical teaching will be given in the Boston City Hospital and the Robert Bent Brigham Hospital. Homeopathic material medica will be taught as heretofore, with clini-