

THE CAUSE OF PELLAGRA

TWO THEORIES ARE ADVANCED

In an interesting lecture to the students of the North Carolina Medical College, Dr. J. P. Munroe, president of the institution, presented two theories as to the inception of the disease—either occasioned by a spirochaete germ or simple poisonous chemical compound.

That the disease of pellagra, which is rapidly becoming Americanized, is in its inception analogous to the sleeping sickness of Africa and syphilis, two diseases originating from the spirochaete germ and is not contracted simply by the entrance of a poisonous chemical compound into the human system, is the theory which Dr. J. P. Munroe, president of the North Carolina Medical College, is inclined to accept.

ETIOLOGY OF PELLAGRA.

In the past pellagra has been confined to portions of Italy and other sections of Europe, but not until recently have physicians of America realized that it was prevalent in this country. The physicians of the Carolinas are among the first to enter into a scientific discussion and agitation of its etiology, symptoms and cure.

Dr. Munroe leans to the theory that it is a disease occasioned by the introduction of the spirochaete germ into the body from a practical, commensurate method of reasoning. In the first place, pellagra is a chronic disease, patients getting better in the fall and winter and worse in the spring and summer. When the patient stops eating the decayed corn products, the disease shows no tendency to stop, which is usually not the history of cases originating from a chemical poison.

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is to-day popularly known as the physician who has aroused general agitation on pellagra by reason of his trip into Italy and other portions of Europe. Dr. Munroe considered the paper of Dr. J. J. Watson, of Columbia, on "The Miasm Theory of the Italians" one of the leading discussions before the assembly.

Senator Tillman, in his address at the conference, said it seemed to him that national laws would have to be passed restrictive of the shipment of corn in view of the increasing prevalence of the dreadful disease. It was while traveling in Europe with Senator Tillman that Dr. Babcock, his special physician, was privileged to admission into high circles where he could make an adequate and complete investigation of the disease.

It was agreed at the conference to form a Southern association for the study of the disease, active steps toward which will be taken at an early date.

Dr. Munroe, J. R. Irwin and I. W. Faison were the Charlotte physicians who attended the conference in Columbia, and both Dr. Munroe and Dr. Faison discussed the disease informally as well as the papers which had been read to the assembly.

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It still remains with the finance committee of the board of aldermen to decide whether it can afford at the present the substitution of cement sidewalks within the limits where bitulithic has been placed or allow the present mixture of stone slabs and cement to continue to receive the feet of pedestrians.

It is still being debated by the committee, and the question of raising the money is, of course, the source of further deliberation. The members of the committee recognize the need for such a betterment and are anxious to have the work done just as soon as the time approaches when the money looms in sight.

Edgar Alexander, 15 years of age, who died Thursday night at 10 o'clock, was buried yesterday afternoon at Matthews. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. J. A. Smith, pastor of the East Avenue Tabernacle church.

Mrs. John Wilkes enjoys fresh vegetables the year round from her fine garden on West Trade street. Yesterday she gathered green corn, butter beans, tomatoes, and has snap, lettuce, spinach, beets, okra, eggplant, turnips, mustard greens and snuff all ready for use.

The Statesman About as Able Conducted as The Washington Post—A Revelation as Things Go.

Mr. J. A. Asbury has handed The Observer an interesting paper "The Statesman and Freedom of India," of date September 20th. It is a journal of Calcutta, printed in English, 10 pages, 7 long, wide, columns to the page, and in paper, printing, editorial and news matter, fully up to the best.

Warehouse Not Overcrowded. Mr. W. C. Crosby, secretary and treasurer of the Farmers' Union and of the Farmers' Union Warehouse Company, called up The Observer yesterday to ask that a correction be made of the report that the Highland Park warehouse is overcrowded.

To Richmond Thanksgiving. Two special trains, one by the Southern and the other by the Seaboard, will be run to Richmond, Va., Thanksgiving for the annual football game that afternoon between the rival universities of North Carolina and Virginia.

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