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**TO THE WAYNE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY-**

Your Committee too investigate the Dr. W. F. Koch Cancer Treatment, begs leave to report as follows:

The Board of Health kindly placed at our disposal twelve beds at the Herman Kiefer Hospital with the necessary special nurses, and everything else required, free of charges, so that we could send people there who were not able to pay. We sent there patients of our own, and also some recommended by different physicians as proper cases for treatment. We had altogether nine patients there.

After looking them over carefully, we found some where the diagnosis was, doubtful. These were discharged and some left of their own accord. We had five patients, however, were of

undoubted cancer, from which we had specimens and microscopic slides, making the diagnosis positive.

We turned the treatment and management of these cases over to Dr. Koch, all we wanted to do was to watch them. Dr. Koch from time to time insisted on certain investigations. First, he wanted thorough histories of the cases, and then diagrams of the locations and size of the growth, so that any change could be readily detected. Of course we naturally did that ourselves. Then he insisted on scientific blood examinations, the estimation of non-coagulable protein, cholesterol, etc. As we had no available man to make these Dr. Koch agreed to get one and we guaranteed that the man would be paid.

He also objected to some of the members of the Committee, saying that he ought to have some representative on it. We agreed to put on any and all he would name. He has failed to either name any or to find a physiologic chemist to make the blood examinations he insisted on.

In his treatment he was very negligent not treating the patients regularly or systematically as he agreed to do. For instance, Mrs. A. he treated five times to wit:

Entered Oct. 23rd first treatment Nov. since. 7, 11, 26, 29th.

Entered Nov. 4th, Mrs. B. First treatments Nov. 11, 26, 29th.

Entered Oct. 28th. Mrs. C. First treatment Nov. 4, 7, 11, 29th. – The others about the same way.

We had a final meeting with him Nov 26th when we were at the Herman Kiefer Hospital and went over all the cases with him. He gave them the injections, and everything was satisfactory, and he promised to attend to the treatment regularly, which he had failed to do before this time. He promised to go there the next day but failed to do so. He came there Saturday, November 29th, and he has not been seen since.

As the patients were disgusted with this neglect of treatment, some of them left, the rest we sent home, and closed our connection with the investigation of the subject.

You can readily see that with such few and irregular treatments, nothing could be accomplished and nothing found out about the value, or lack of value, of the treatment.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and your Committee begs leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Yours truly,

J. H. Carstens,

W. P. Manton,

J. H. Andries,

J. Walter Vaughan,

James E. Davis.

Following the above committee report it was moved, seconded and passed that a new committee be appointed to ascertain as far as possible from those who have seen patients treated, what results have been attained by Dr. Koch in the treatment of cancer. This committee to report in one week, as it is believed that sufficient time has elapsed to form some conclusions as to the efficacy of the treatment.

## **EDITORIAL**

In the meantime news spreads as it did with the Friedman cure of tuberculosis and the Antolysin Treatment of Cancer. Thru newspaper headlines the laity learned of it before the medical profession and it was heralded to them as a sure cure.

From all sections of the country inquiries are coming to the medical men of Detroit relative to the merits of the treatment, and from long distances patients are coming to Detroit to be “cured” of cancer.

Dr. Koch did not cooperate with the committee, so that they could form any conclusions. He says “my own patients required so much attention that I was unable to go to the patients who were placed in the hospital by the Board of Health and Medical Societies.”—(Detroit Free Press,

Dec. 16.)

It is reported that Dr. Koch is treating many patients, promising much and charging well.

We think that Dr. Koch is honest and believes that he has something worthwhile, but we feel that he needs guidance. In respect to the medical profession and also to the people, he should cooperate in allowing his results to be seen thru impartial eyes and an unbiased report made to the profession and laity.\*

\* (A medically detailed response to this felonious WCMS report is on the website.)