have a large attendance of the members. Tea will be held on Friday, June 4th, at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., Dr. Malcolm Donaldson, F.R.C.S., who has done so much to advance the study, prevention and treatment of cancer. It is not always easy, said the lecturer, to persuade lay people to talk about the subject of cancer, because they are afraid of it. If the public could be persuaded to talk about cancer, people would gradually lose their fear of it. Two mistaken beliefs about cancer have become fixed in the minds of lay people. They think that it comes on suddenly, like a bolt from the blue, and that it is always accompanied by great pain. The first assumption is incorrect, and it is only in the later stages, more common types of cancer. The body is composed of minute cells. If questioned about the size of these it can be pointed out that on the back of the hand alone there are over 650,000,000 cells. As life progresses the cells of the skin grow old and are worn off, and the same thing happens within the body. Those which are thus lost have to be replaced, and nature does this by means of cell-division. In adults the rate of multiplication exactly balances the rate of loss of older cells, but in children the rate of multiplication is much greater, since the child's body has to grow, sometimes the mechanism of the body, whereby cell division takes place, goes wrong and the cells multiply at such a rate that a lump is formed. A cancer cell is one which has, so to speak, "run mad"; division is going on too quickly. The lumps which are formed are not always cancer, but in time, if neglected, they may give rise to it.

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