There were no constitutional symptoms and the child slept and nursed well. So I told the parents there was nothing to fear and that probably the swelling would disappear of itself, if not, a small operation, which they much dreaded, would easily cure the case.

A month later the tumour had almost entirely disappeared and there was nothing much noticeable about the scrotum. Whether it will reappear, of course, is uncertain, but at such a tender age it is probable that the closing process will recommence and that the separation from the peritoneal cavity will be permanent.