

A comparison of these records gave a great deal of useful information to the surgeons in charge. It enabled them to make better diagnoses, a better treatment, and told them just what was likely to be the progress of the disease. They found that many of these patients who were supposed to return from time to time for treatment failed to do so, and it was necessary to send a nurse to see the patients and urge them to come back for further treatment.

The result of this effort has been highly encouraging to the doctors in charge. It is Dr. Fraser's opinion that if the arrangements that already exist were enlarged so that more thorough observation and treatment of the living patient were made possible, a very great deal could be accomplished. This method might be called, "A Study of Cancer Through Observation and Treatment of the Living Patient", as opposed to a study conducted altogether in the laboratories.

This Cancer Clinic is under the immediate supervision of Dr. Bauld. Dr. Fraser would like to extend its scope, by including a Diagnostic and Therapeutic Department with an adequate follow-up service. He points out that an accurate record of the disease and its response to treatment is of vital necessity. Leading from this there would undoubtedly result pathological studies on the reaction of various forms of cancer to radium, such an investigation being carried out in the laboratory, in association with the Departments of Physics and Pathology.

I may add that before Dr. Chipman left to visit the old country he most enthusiastically encouraged the suggestion that the funds which you so generously offer should be applied to the enlargement of the clinic and to extending its scope of usefulness. Dr. Archibald is of the same opinion.

Dr. Archibald says he would like to establish a new Out-Door Cancer Clinic in the Royal Victoria Hospital as a part of the General Surgical Out-Door Clinic, putting it under the direction of one special man. He has that man in mind, - a young graduate of ours who has spent several years in Europe studying at the principal cancer hospitals and institutions, and who will be available next year. This Clinic would embrace cancer patients discharged from the wards and new patients referred by doctors in Montreal and elsewhere. The records of each case would be kept and the patients would be followed up continuously. He considers that this is the best way to start, and is of the opinion that much good will come from looking after the patients more carefully and that our general knowledge concerning the effects of operation and of radium can be much increased. He feels sure that lives which have been lost in the past could have been saved if such a clinic had been in operation, because, in the past, there has been no thorough follow-up investigation. Little knowledge of the progress of the disease after