

kidney was found greatly atrophied, in fact only a small amount of kidney tissue remained. Here apparently when the ureter became blocked the kidney, being useless, soon ceased to functionate. In Dr. Hutchison's case the course run was quite different, the kidney instead of undergoing atrophy became dilated with a resulting hydro and pyonephrosis. The case of Chimney Sweep's Cancer is very interesting and as shown by Dr. Hutchison there may be only irritation of the part for some considerable time when suddenly a marked malignancy occurs, that is to say the growth takes on an active change and we get rapid dissemination throughout the body. I would like to know if the inguinal glands were removed. In operating in cases of malignant disease I do not think it wise to leave infected glands. Recurrence is very common after removal of cancer in situations such as the present and I think it is well in all cases to remove not only the inguinal glands but all lymphoid tissue as well.

THE CHARGES AND THE PRIVILEGES IN THE TORONTO HOSPITALS.

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Within the past few weeks the subject of the charges made by the various hospitals, and the privileges enjoyed by the patients in the different kind of wards, has been under discussion. This has arisen out of the demand made by the chairman of the Toronto General Hospital that, unless the city council paid over the \$200,000 on the understanding that patients must pay the cost of maintenance before they could secure the right to select their own medical attendants. It transpired that the cost of maintenance in the Toronto General Hospital was about \$10 per week. After much discussion it was agreed that some wards would be set aside at \$7 per week, in which patients could engage their own medical attendants. It will, no doubt, be interesting to know the rules of the various hospitals on these points.

1. The Hospital for Sick Children. In this institution there are two ward charges, namely, \$3.50 and \$9.00 per week. In all the public wards, at \$3.50, the patients have no voice in the selection of their medical attendant, either on or off the medical staff, regardless of whether under a city order or paid for. The member of the staff who attends cannot make any charge for his services, even though patient is paid for. With regard to the wards at \$9.00 per week, the patients may make a selection, but it must be confined to some member of the staff. If the patient is able to pay for such attendance the doctor in charge of the case may charge. No member of the profession, not on the staff,