

REPORT OF A CASE OF PRIMARY CARCINOMA OF KIDNEY.*

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The rarity of primary carcinoma of the kidney in the adult, has induced me to give a short resumé of the clinical aspects of a case, of which the specimen has already been brought before the Society.

The patient, a female, aged 42, was married at 23, and has had eleven children, nine of whom are living. She first consulted me at the latter end of August for recurring attacks of pain in the back and loss of strength. The pain was severe and extended on the left side from the lumbar region of the spine to the front of the abdomen, and occasionally was felt down the left thigh. She attributed her ill-health to the after effects of her previous confinement. Notwithstanding the number of her pregnancies, and the arduous duties of a large family in one in poor circumstances, she had always been in good health. Two months previous to the birth of her last child, which occurred on the 3rd November, 1893, she commenced to suffer with attacks of pain in the back, and noticed for the first time that the urine was blood-stained and contained blood clots. Her confinement was normal. She was delivered of a healthy child at full term, and, I am told, went to her work on the morning of the fifth day. Two months later hæmaturia returned, and appeared at intervals in small quantities till June, 1894. The pains continued, and she felt weaker and found it difficult to attend to her household duties. In January she noticed a small growth on

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