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CANCER OF THE BREAST IN ITS RELATION TO PAGET'S DISEASE OF THE BREAST.

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Mrs. M. C., aged 39 years, mother of three living, healthy children, the youngest of whom is aged 1 year and 5 months, of short stature and regular conformation, rather pale complexion, and temperate habits, was admitted by Dr. St. Jean into the Ottawa General Hospital, August 5th, 1882, owing to the existence of a tumour in the right breast, of considerable size and. hardness, and having a nodulated and irregular feel; glands in the axilla and same side of the neck implicated, and possessing considerable hardness. On the surface of the breast, towards the subclavicular region, several small and well-defined superficial nodular growths exist, having a slightly discoloured condition of the skin, hard and sensitive to moderate pressure. Family history good, and menstruation always regular. first trouble experienced in the breast was an eczematous eruption covering the greater part of the areola, to which little attention was paid until after a lapse of several months, the exact period not being known. A sense of uneasiness in the gland, associated with a hardness about the parts, then, for the first time, attracted particular attention, having to earn a living, in a rough country district, by vigorous manual labour. At this stage, operative interference was decidedly objectionable.