

considered on equal terms." (From report of Staff of Physicians, consisting almost wholly of members of medical faculty.)

From the report of the Committee of the Staff :—

"The contributions to the Hospital scheme by the Province, the city and the University, place Toronto General Hospital on a different footing from that of a local or private charity. It has therefore with reason, been contended that all members of the profession should be accorded equal rights and privileges in connection with such an institution. To concede the right of every practitioner to treat patients in private wards would be to grant privileges not allowed in any properly organized hospital and would with certainty defeat the objects in view in the establishment of a modern hospital in Toronto. By the resignation of the staff and the opening of appointments on equal terms, purely on a basis of merit, and to every practitioner in the city and Province, the best staff can be chosen, the rights of the whole profession recognized, and the interests of the Hospital conserved."

PLENTY OF CLINICAL MATERIAL.

With further reference to your editorial, allow me to say that the University is not confined to the Toronto General Hospital for clinical material, although the greater part will naturally be found there. Medical students attend St. Michael's Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children, and receive instruction from the members of those staffs who are members of the medical faculty of the University. The Telegram is also gravely in error as to the number of medical students requiring clinical teaching. Only the third and fourth year students attend the hospitals.

EX-OFFICIO APPOINTMENTS.

My own opinion is that the professor of surgery and the professor of medicine in the University should be ex-officio on the staff of all the hospitals in the city, but not in charge of an active service in any one, for his duties would be too heavy, but directing the educational work of his University staff in making use of all the available clinical material. The reorganization of the Toronto General Hospital had this specially in view in its regulation whereby these two professors, if not at heads of services, are still on the active staff and exempt

from its regulations, one of which is that no member shall be on the staff of another General Hospital.

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MUST BE APPROVED FIRST

CHANGE IN HOSPITAL ACT.

Govt. Must Ratify Appointments Before They Are Valid, Instead of Having Them Valid Unless Disapproved.

A change was made in the Toronto General Hospital Act at the last session of the Legislature.

Clause seventeen, respecting the appointment and removal of officers of the staff, was amended.

Before the change the trustees had the power to make appointments and removals, regulations, etc., subject to the disallowance of the Government. Since the change all such appointments, removals, by-laws, etc., must have the approval of the Government before they come into force.

THE CLAUSE.

Clause 17 was as follows:—"The trustees shall have the power of appointment and removal of the secretary and the treasurer, the medical and other superintendents and their assistants and clerks, and of all other officers and servants of the hospital employed in or about any of its premises, and may from time to time enact such by-laws and regulations for the general management of the hospital and the trust; and for fixing all salaries and wages, and for regulating the composition of the hospital staffs, their numbers, terms of office, privileges and duties, provided always that such by-laws or regulations shall be laid before the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council within 30 days after the same shall have been so enacted as aforesaid; and shall come into force at the expiration of one month thereafter, unless they shall have been disallowed by order-in-Council within the time."

THE CHANGE.

The amendment strikes out all the words after the word "aforesaid," and substitutes the following:—"And shall not come into force until they shall be approved by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council."