

Adenoids are not fatal. Their removal is an operation of choice and not of urgency. It is not like neglecting proper medical treatment for disease like diphtheria, or for an accident. In the case of the tonsils there are many high authorities who condemn in very strong language the too ready removal of the tonsils. Opinion is like the pendulum—swings back again. There is a growing feeling that we have too much tonsillectomy.

THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

There has been an effort made to retain the old General for the east end. We have already expressed our view as favoring some hospital accommodation for the eastern portion of the city.

We do not favor a hospital under the control of the municipality. In the case of contagious disease or the insane it is proper that there should be municipal institutions. Not so in the case of general medical and surgical hospitals.

There are a number of hospitals in existence now that could be brought under municipal control. There are the new General, St. Michaels, the Western, the Hospital for Incurables, Grace, and the Hospital for Sick Children. To all of these the city has already made substantial grants towards the buildings funds and has placed them on the list as suitable institutions to receive city poor patients.

If the city undertakes a municipal hospital in the east end it would be of a local character. This is not the ideal of a city hospital. It would not require to be large and relatively to the number of patients would be expensive. It could have no reason for its existence other than to care for the city's poor. In this respect it would come in competition with the other hospitals that are now city hospitals in so far as they have received city grants and have undertaken to do certain things for the city in return.

Then, again, a city hospital would complicate the situation seriously in the matter of teaching. The city order patients would be under the care of any doctor who sent the case into the wards. This would remove these cases from the range of clinical teaching. This would be a positive misfortune. This is now one of the greatest medical educational centres in the world, and who would do anything to injure it?

It must be admitted that if the city undertakes to conduct a general municipal hospital the demand will be made, and could not be resisted, that every medical practitioner would have a right to attend the patient he knew. This would have the effect just pointed out so far as clinical teaching is concerned. This would only be regarded as a grave mistake