

formed, not invariably the practice. But it is believed that, apart from any such rule, the consent of friends can generally, by proper representations, be obtained, and thus all objection can be removed.

118. The adoption of the system proposed as to autopsies would also allow of the improvement of the Hospital Statistics by the addition of the Pathologist's report to the Clinical record; and it would improve the chance given to the attending Physician or Surgeon for correcting his diagnosis, and increasing the stock of knowledge by the result of the final examination.

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### CLINICAL AND HOSPITAL RECORDS.

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119. It is suggested that complete contemporaneous records of all cases should be kept, more exactly than at present, by Clinical Clerks and Registrars, under the instruction and guidance of the staff.

120. Registrars should be selected with great care, after consultation with the respective Schools; and the staff should be responsible for some supervision of the work.

121. Permanent Hospital records properly kept are of the highest importance and of the greatest interest. It is needless to dilate on the value of this system both from a humanitarian and a scientific standpoint. It is in force in almost all Old World Hospitals connected with good Teaching Institutions; and the reports are regularly published and sold; and are extensively subscribed for by the Alumni.

122. It is suggested that these records should be carefully and conscientiously made, by the collaboration of the various officers referred to, from the highest to the lowest; that they should embrace statements of the main observations of importance, and of the cases of interest to the profession, which have occurred; and that they should be edited and published yearly or half-yearly by a committee of the staff. So soon as their value is shown a return will be realized from their sale.

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### CONCLUSION.

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123. Some other matters have been placed before the Committee, which seem to it worthy of consideration, and which it may, on a future occasion, crave permission to submit to the attention of the trustees.

124. But these appear to be the more pressing points; and the Committee, confining itself to them for the present, closes by assuring the Trustees of its earnest desire to help in any way in its power in the advancement of the Hospital; and of its readiness to confer with the Trustees on any points arising out of this Minute.

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Adopted by the Committee and ordered to be transmitted to the Board of Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital.

Registrar's Office, May 28th, 1892.

EDWARD BLAKE,

*Acting Chairman.*

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