

gladdened and perchance have saved, whose hearts comforted, and sorrows soothed, pouring benedictions on your head, and then you will feel that you have not lived in vain, and will welcome the "Eternal hope which, like a rainbow of summer, gives a promise of Lethe, at last."

The Faculty unite in wishing you farewell and God-speed.

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### THREE CASES OF VAGINAL HYSTERECTOMY, WITH REMARKS ON THE FUTURE OF HYSTERECTOMY FOR CANCER.\*

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As my mental attitude towards cancer of the uterus has undergone a great change during the past year, and as my present method of treating it promises a certain cure in every early case in which it is employed, it may be of interest to briefly outline my experience during the last ten years, which will at the same time explain how I have come to accept my present course of action. In the early days of my work hardly a week used to pass without a patient coming to me with the cervix a mass of cancer, and with the broad ligaments full of the same disease, so that it was impossible to draw the uterus down, even as much as a quarter of an inch. Too often the whole vagina was infected, and in two or three cases there was a large opening into the bladder or rectum which rendered the poor creature's life a living death. At that time nothing was attempted for the relief of these patients except to keep them as free from pain as possible by means of opium or morphine suppositories. The smell was so horrible that their friends and relatives might well be forgiven for praying for their death. And when death at last came, either from sepsis or hemorrhage, every one, including the patient and doctor, was very glad. Now,

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