

means of taking the patient's attention off herself, and for this purpose nothing worked so well as learning to ride the bicycle. Many of his patients who had become a nuisance to him with their complaints ceased to complain from the day they learned to ride the wheel, and some who could hardly drag themselves to his office astonished their friends by going for long rides on the wheel without any pain or fatigue. I have given some prominence to Lomer's excellent article because his experience exactly coincides with my own, and probably with that of every one who has much to do with diseases of women. In at least twenty cases I have been bitterly disappointed, as has been the family physician who has sent them to me, because after the most careful and thorough removal of the painful organs these women have continued to complain as much as ever, until a sufficient time has elapsed after their operation to enable their nervous system to throw off as it were the vicious habit to which it had been so long accustomed. Under proper diet, regular hours, iron tonics and the application of electricity, sometimes galvanic, sometimes faradic, applied over the painful spot on the abdomen, nearly all of these patients have been completely restored to health. But to avoid disappointment it would be well for the specialist to warn the family physician and the patient herself that the cure of the pain does not in every case follow immediately upon the removal of the affected organs. The same remark applies, but even with still greater force, to the result of repairing bad lacerations of the cervix uteri of long standing. Even after the most successful operation it sometimes requires the lapse of several months before the patient regains her health and the restoration of her shattered nervous system.

HYSTERECTOMY IN PUERPERAL SEPSIS.—A brilliant discussion recently took place at the College of Physicians at Philadelphia on this subject, in which Dr. Barton Cook Hirst took the leading part in favor of the operation, reporting twelve cases in the last three years with only one death, and this one the victim, as he says, of conscientious delay. This question is of special interest to me, because I was the first in Canada and one of the first in America to report a