

One sees from this specimen that it is quite possible to utterly destroy by this process not only the epithelial lining of the uterus, but also a certain amount of submucous tissue as well and that, too, in such a manner as to prevent any possibility of the mucous membrane being regenerated.

It is also seen that not only does the steam itself produce necrosis, but that the heated cannula plays an important part, and this fact must be carefully taken into consideration in the employment of this method of treatment of intra-uterine disease.

### **Three Cases of Ruptured Uterus Successfully Treated by Tampons.**

TÖTH. "Three cases of Ruptured Uterus Successfully Treated by Tampons." *Central f. Gyn., No. 6, 1903.*

(1) During this patient's ninth labour, the uterus ruptured and part of the foetus escaped into the peritoneal cavity. It was delivered by traction on the feet and the placenta extracted by pulling on the cord. Intestine became prolapsed through the rent in the wall of the uterus, but was replaced and a tampon inserted into the uterine cavity, this being followed by complete recovery of the patient.

(2) The second patient was in labour with her eighth child and suddenly complained of most intense pain, the pulse going up to 124. Rupture of the uterus with escape of the head into the peritoneal cavity was diagnosed. The uterus was emptied and then tamponed, but eventually required removal. Patient recovered.

(3) A midwife delivered this woman of a macerated foetus at the end of her eighth pregnancy, but thought that a twin had remained in the uterus. The "twin" was found to be the promontory of the sacrum which was felt through a tear in the uterine wall. The uterus was tamponed and the patient had an uninterrupted convalescence.

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#### **MONTREAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.**

*Oct. 2, 1903.*

**W. S. BIRKETT, M.D., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.**

This was the opening meeting of the Session of 1903-1904. The secretary read the annual report and it was adopted. The treasurer's report was deferred till the end of the financial year. The names of the following persons were proposed for temporary membership: Drs. A. G. McAulay, J. R. Goodall, W. W. Francis, J. D. Dixon, L. C. Harris,