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Original Communications.

REPORT OF NINE CASES OF HYSTERECTOMY FOR UTERINE FIBROIDS.

NEW METHOD OF TREATING PEDICLE. BY E. H. TRENHOLME, M. D.

Case 1.—Miss B., Brantford, Ont., aged 33. Fibro-cyst of uterus; a large amount of pus escaped by vagina a month before operation, which was made 12th June, 1874. Tumor was 16 lbs., and removed with body of uterus; stump was clamped and secured by pins and ligatures. There were many points of hemorrhage in the abdominal cavity, and about 50 hemp ligatures were needed to prevent bleeding. Patient made a slow but good recovery, and returned to her home at the end of the week; health completely restored, and continues well up to present time (15 years).

Case 2.—Mrs. C., Montreal, aged 55. Tumor filled pelvic cavity and prevented action of bowels and bladder; weight of tumor and uterus, 4 lbs. Removed it 17th November, 1877, by ecraseur ligated and dropped pedicle back. Death from shock at 68th hour.

Case 3.—Miss K., aged 37. One large and two smaller uterine fibroids removed on March 19, 1883; ligated and returned pedicle. Did well for some days, but death followed from exhaustion on 5th day due to uncontrollable vomiting.

Case 4.—Mrs. L., Levis, aged 42; 24th September, 1885. Tumor, 5 lbs. Had removed

ovaries and tubes for menorrhagia and hemorrhagia in January, 1876, which gave perfect relief up to spring of 1885, when, through over exertion, bleeding returned and uterus began to grow rapidly and was removed by the V incision and pedicle returned. Recovery was so far assured that, owing to some controversy with nurses, &c., she left the hospital and returned to Levis on 21st day after operation. Health perfect up to present time (15 years).

Case 5.—Mrs. L., Ont., aged 33. Large fibroid on the left side, smaller ones on right partly packed in the pelvis, 8th February, 1886. Removed 15 lb tumor by V incision; returned pedicle. Hemorrhage and death from shock seven hours afterwards.

Case 6.—July 12, 1886, Miss E. A. Large fibroid, weight not noted; split open tumor with long amputating knife; enucleated fibroids and formed walls of uterus into flap, which were brought together and secured by a clamp. Death from shock in 37 hours.

Case 7.—Mrs. G., Buffalo, U.S., aged 42. Size of tumor not noted. Divided tumor, as in last case, enucleated it, and formed a pedicle of the flaps of the sutured walls; secured pedicle outside by clamp. Patient did fairly well for 11 days, but died on 12th day from exhaustion.

Case 8.—Mrs. G. T., West Wickham, Que., 28 years; tumor 14 lbs. Operation, 2nd March, 1889. Used hemp for the snare, and after removal of fibroid and uterus at inner os, left the snare in situ. Hemorrhage from stump three hours