

offensive pus ; and lastly, providing a channel through which the pelvic cavity could be washed with disinfectants, on the advent of the symptoms of septicæmia. Above all, the pleasing knowledge that the woman is now in excellent health—her disease radically cured—and that she bids fair to enjoy many years of health and happiness.

I have given the history of this unusually interesting case in pretty full detail, hoping that by thus showing under what truly desperate circumstances valuable lives may be rescued from a premature death, the benefits the operation has already conferred may be yet further extended by encouraging other surgeons to give the poor sufferer the only hope remaining of escaping the inevitable result, should the tumor be left to finish its deadly work.

In closing the appendix for the present, I cannot with too much emphasis reiterate my conviction that not a little of the success which has rewarded the efforts of the operator, must be attributed to the careful attention given to the minutest particulars, which could even remotely effect the result. In this connection, I desire to return my warmest thanks to my medical friends, who so ably assisted me in bringing this and other difficult operations to a successful termination.

That operator is indeed fortunate, who can surround himself on such occasions with good anatomists, skillful surgeons, and learned physicians, with cool heads, alert minds, and ready hands, anticipating every want of the operator, and prompt to meet any emergency. Such medical gentlemen, I am proud to acknowledge, have always kindly and cheerfully rendered me their valuable assistance.

NOTE.—It will have been observed that sponging the wound and peritoneal cavity with carbolized water ; dressing the wound with carbolized oil ; as well as disinfectant injections through the drainage-tube, were freely resorted to in the cases above recorded. In a recent case of an almost hopeless nature, but which fortunately has resulted successfully, all the instruments, sponges, etc., were kept in a carbolic acid solution ; and after cleansing the peritoneal cavity of a quantity of lymph and escaped contents of the tumor, it was thoroughly sponged, again and again, with the carbolic solution (one in forty). The question remains to be determined : whether ovariectomy accomplished under the carbolic spray may not yield even better results ? Of late, Prof. Schröder, and others, have been operating according to the Listerian method, and they claim to have reduced the mortality thereby. In Schröder's opinion, "infection is almost the exclusive cause of death after ovariectomy, and the results will be good in proportion as infection can be prevented." There are objections to performing a lengthy operation under a benumbing spray, but if the antiseptic procedure yield better results, they must be waived.