

to 180, and was irregular and unequal. She ultimately made a perfect recovery.

In two of the cases the tumors were sarcoma, one being sarcomatous degeneration of a dermoid cyst. In both there were adhesions to intestine and every other structure within reach. In both, washing out and drainage were resorted to. They were desperately severe operations, but both recovered. In one the curious symptom of polyuria developed in the third week, and for several days six to seven pints of urine were secreted. There was great thirst and enormous appetite. These symptoms had completely disappeared before the patient was discharged.

In one case—an enormous tumor—the patient had a successful pregnancy and uneventful delivery at full term, after the tumor had attained considerable size, and she had been tapped four times, once at the interval of a fortnight before her confinement.

In nine of the sixteen cases the condition of the second ovary was such as in my opinion to demand its removal. Such conditions were marked enlargement and cystic disease. The question of the necessity of removing the second ovary under these circumstances has given me some anxiety in young subjects, as it seems to me it must to every conscientious surgeon. So far as I know there is no known method by which to diagnose on the operating-table a condition comparatively harmless, and which may not prevent successful ovulation and conception from one which is the commencement of a disease that must ultimately demand operation. It is quite certain that all slightly enlarged and cystic ovaries are not commencing ovarian tumors. In a woman who has already attained or is nearing the menopause, the second ovary when in such a condition, or, according to some surgeons, even when apparently perfectly healthy, must always be removed, knowing as we do its proneness to the disease which has required operation for the first. But it is far otherwise in the young woman, married or not, from whom by a double ovariectomy, it may be, needless, all possibility of realization of the much cherished hope of maternity is for ever re-