

opening through the abdominal parietes, covered only by the integument, and the distention of the abdominal walls by the gravid uterus, so increased the size of the opening that after her confinement, a large hernia existed. It was generally easily reduced and gave her little inconvenience, as a well adjusted bandage usually gave her support and comfort.

In April 1871, however, it became strangulated, and was returned with great difficulty.

CASE 9.—Mrs. W. the subject of the last case, wrote to me a few weeks ago, saying that the right ovary had again taken on rapid growth, and that she was coming to Toronto to consult me.

June 20th 1871.—On making a careful examination to day, I found the right ovary increased to the size of a child's head, very moveable and not painful. She states that during the time she was nursing she never enjoyed better health, and that she was not aware of the existence of the tumour, but in February last, when the child was a year old it began to enlarge, and after the child was weaned in March, it increased very rapidly. It was multilocular, one cyst only taking on rapid development. In consultation with Drs. Beaumont and Bethune, the operation was decided upon, and fixed for the 24th inst.

June 24th.—Chloroform having been given, an incision about two inches in length was made near the linea alba, and the peritoneal cavity opened. I had determined to try a radical cure for the hernia while removing the ovarian tumour, therefore, after opening the abdomen I continued the incision until I came within an inch of the thinned integument which formed the hernial sac, I then made an oblique incision on each side, including the thin covering of the hernia, and brought the two cuts again into one just above the pubes. In this way I removed the whole of the sac, and was enabled to bring the cut surfaces of the recti and pyriform muscles into close contact. The bulk of the tumour consisted of one large cyst, which was tapped, and a quantity of dark brownish viscid fluid flowed away; the rest was made up of numerous small cysts. There were only two adhesions to the omentum, which were easily separated, and the pedicle was secured by the clamp.

10 p.m.—She is quite easy, and doing well.