

The author is opposed to leaving the ovaries and tubes, although he admits that in young women by so doing the discomfort of the premature menopause is avoided. But in the majority of cases the appendages are diseased, and we run the risk of the whole success of the operation being marred by leaving in organs which will sooner or later cause more symptoms than did the fibroid itself. His experience of leaving in ovaries, or portions of ovaries, has been most unfortunate, having received no thanks for his conscientious endeavors, but a great deal of blame for having failed to cure the pain, which, in the patient's estimation, was much more important than the tumor.

He was also much opposed to myomectomy; the operation was quite as dangerous as hysterectomy; there was very seldom any reason for it, most of the women who have fibroids being unmarried or at an age too advanced to raise children to advantage or having passed the child-bearing age altogether. After submitting to such serious operation the patient had a right to be guaranteed against a second or a third one for the same disease. So many women have been disappointed by these incomplete or so called conservative operations that their friends who really could be cured by an operation hesitate to undergo it. He would make an exception of course in case of there being apparently only a single polypus no matter how large or a single pediculated subperitoneal tumor.

He held the opinion that all fibroid uteri should be removed as soon as discovered, because the woman with a fibroid is liable not only to hemorrhage, which may not be great, but to reflex disturbances of digestion and circulation. Besides, every day it grows, its removal is becoming more dangerous, and the chances of its becoming malignant are greater.

He was opposed to a preliminary curetting, because it was unnecessary, and, second, because when done it was seldom done effectually; having examined in a foreign city a fibroid uterus immediately after removal which had been curetted just before, he had found only about a twentieth part of the uterine mucosa removed.