

WEAK HEART.—Dr. J. M. Da Costa (*Univ. Med. Mag.*) recognizes the following varieties of weak heart: That dependent upon degeneration of the cardiac muscles, especially the fatty heart. That connected with dilatation of the heart. That resulting from the action of certain poisons on the nervous mechanism of the heart. That due to an intrinsically weak muscle; and finally, that resulting from nervous exhaustion.

CONSERVATIVE AND OPERATIVE TREATMENT OF PELVIC INFLAMMATION.—Doleris (*Nouv. Arch. d'Obstet. et de Gynec.*) defends the conservative treatment of chronic pelvic inflammatory diseases. He insists that removal of appendages and hysterectomy are only justifiable in very

chronic cases. No active steps should be taken when painful or subacute parametritis is present. Operations should be undertaken soon after the catamenial period. Neurotic patients must be handled with caution. They show symptoms which mislead the observer, such as great pain with trifling lesions, or little pain when there is extensive disease. As to the alleged intolerance of a patient's system to prolonged therapeutical treatment, the surgeon, however conscientious, is apt to fear complications which are improbable in any one case, especially if the patient be kept out of harm's way by her medical adviser. The patient herself is usually quite content to wait. Doleris believes that dilatation of the cervix, drainage, and the use of the curette

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