

through the wound, but is now, as you see, in first class health, and, on looking at the wound you will notice that it is completely healed, and its location is indicated by a small scar. He is in as good health as he ever was.

FIBROID TUMOUR REMOVED BY HYSTERECTOMY.

Dr. Atherton showed a specimen of fibroid tumour removed from a patient seen by him two years ago. It was then about the size of two ordinary oranges. He said: "I did not see the patient again until a week before operation. She was thirty-eight years of age, and never had any menorrhagia, was entirely free from symptoms of any kind except those produced by pressure. The reason she wished to have an operation done, was, that the pain was becoming intolerable. She became more and more incapacitated from work, and therefore, wished to have something done. I advised operation rather than carry out any other treatment. The case was not suitable for electricity, and we all know, now, that the treatment by electricity, at its best, is uncertain and too expensive for a poor person

On opening the abdominal cavity, I found the left ovary high up on the tumour, the right ovary down deep in the pelvis, so that it could not be reached without lifting out the tumour. The broad ligaments were ligatured, a rubber tube was passed around the base, and the tumour removed. A large stump was thus left; that was subsequently trimmed down by removing portions of it, and the balance of the stump was then stitched with cat gut ligatures. The large vessels were ligatured separately, by loosening the rubber clamp until the points of hemorrhage could be seen. The peritoneal surfaces were drawn together by silk ligatures, and these were brought out of the wound. The peritoneum was stitched around the stump so as to shut it off from the peritoneal cavity.

The temperature rose to 100, and the pulse to 105 after operation. On the third morning the temperature was normal, and has been so since. At the neck of the uterus there were some small tumours that I enucleated before completing the closure of the stump.

SEPARATION OF THE RECTI MUSCLES.

Dr. Ross then presented a case of separation of

the recti muscles. He said, "This patient, during her last pregnancy, became so wretched and miserable that Dr. Wright and I decided to bring on premature labour. With her other children she had been delivered with forceps, after great difficulty. The absence of the support of the recti prevented her from receiving the benefit of the expulsive pains. At this last labour, at the seventh month, it was found necessary to bind her up very tightly, and in this way she was delivered without instruments. She is now in a wretched condition, and is anxious that I should operate upon her. I fear, however, that by operation I should fail to accomplish my purpose. The stitches would be apt to pull out on account of the great tension to which they would be subjected.

The recti muscles can be distinctly felt, widely separated, and when lying down they can be approximated, so that the intestines can be kept inside the muscular abdominal parietes. When she was pregnant, the veins of the uterus could be distinctly seen just beneath the skin covering the abdomen.

Dr. Temple thought the case might possibly be improved by operation.

Dr. MacFarlane said that he thought all of the abdominal muscles were atrophied.

Dr. Grasett thought that the recti muscles were not as widely separated as Dr. Ross thought they were, but, of course, such a superficial examination of a patient was unsatisfactory. He would like to make a more thorough examination of the case before giving an opinion.

Dr. McFarlane's paper on a case of ununited fracture, was postponed until the next meeting, owing to the lateness of the hour. The meeting then adjourned.

The residence of the late Sir Morell Mackenzie, in Harley Street, is still advertised for sale. It was thought that the house would be snapped up immediately it came into the market by some enterprising throat specialist, but throat specialism is rather at a discount just now, the novelty of the usual throat medicaments having worn off.—*Hospital Gazette.*