

much more slowly than cancer of the cervix, 2 years is generally considered to be as long a time as the patient can survive the onset of the disease.

*Prognosis* was good, provided the tumour was removed without delay. The patient was in such a bad condition, however, that total hysterectomy would have been a serious proceeding, and I was, therefore, glad that I could feel justified in simply removing the tumour, and curetting and disinfecting the cavity.

*Treatment.*—There was no excuse for delaying 12 years, during most of which time the patient was under medical treatment with the above results. Her family physician was a man of large experience and very prominent, but he does not believe in special doctors for women, and no doubt he believed he was doing the right thing to let this woman gradually melt away under morphine for the pains, ergot for the hemorrhage and iron for the anæmia. But she had practically lost 12 years of her life, during which she might have been well and strong instead of being a chronic invalid. Two days after my first seeing her she entered a private room at the Samaritan Hospital, 1000 Dorchester street, and, after two days more of preparation, the polypus was removed with some difficulty, owing to the wideness of the base, by means of a cold steel wire and ecraseur. It was at once sent for microscopical examination to the acting pathologist (Dr. MacPhail, the pathologist being away), and, should his report show the slightest evidence of cancer, I will as soon as the patient's condition has improved sufficiently, perform abdominal hysterectomy. In the meantime the uterus was carefully and thoroughly curetted and swabbed out with pure carbolic acid followed by hot water, after which it could be felt to contract down to a size of a lemon. The cavity was then packed with iodoform gauze, which was left in two days. The result has been most satisfactory; the patient did not vomit once; had no pain and no morphine since, and has slept nine or ten hours every night, as she says, to make up for the nine or ten years during which she never had a full night's rest. Her