

plotely as before. More or less pain and uneasiness continued for four months after this last severe paroxysm, and she gradually but rapidly increased in size, until she was relieved by tapping, six months from the first attack. The catamenia made their appearance on both these occasions, but since she was tapped, now eight months ago, they have only made their appearance two or three times, and then very scanty. The tapping relieved all pain, and she soon felt as well as ever. Twenty-four quarts of thick, dark, mucoid fluid came away, surcharged with cholesterine. The fluid, however, speedily re-collected, and at the end of three months she was as large as ever.

When I saw her for the first time, five months after she was tapped—Nov., '67—the abdomen was greatly distended, and it was impossible to state positively whether the tumor was uni or poly-cystic, adherent, or otherwise. Her health was very good, and her spirits excellent. The season just then was particularly unhealthy,—erysipelas, typhoid fever, &c., being very prevalent, and as she was not suffering from the distention, being able to sleep comfortably, take exercise, and eat well, I advised her to postpone any active proceedings until she became more inconvenienced. She accordingly returned home and lived her usual ordinary domestic life, which she enjoyed, until the beginning of February, 1868, when she returned to Toronto for the purpose of being tapped. She appeared in excellent health and spirits, not complaining of anything beyond the inconvenience from the weight and distention.

Feb. 8th, 1868. I tapped her and drew off about 24 quarts of the same dark-colored mucoid fluid. A day or two afterwards I made a careful examination of the abdomen, and found the disease to be multilocular cystic ovarian, with a considerable quantity of solid matter, and which appeared to be more or less adherent. Having had everything fully explained to her, and at her own most urgent request, her general health being very good, the 5th of March was the day decided upon for the operation.

Thursday, 5th March, 1868. She is in excellent spirits, and expresses her full conviction that she will do well. Drs. Beaumont and Bovell kindly assisted in all the ordinary arrangements, and when completely under the influence of chloroform, Dr. McKinnon, Med Staff, Dr. Tuson, 17th Regt., Dr. Martin, 13th