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SOME SUCCESSFUL CASES OF OPERATION AT THE SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, MONTREAL.

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Case of Retroversion Cured by Ventrofixation.—Hospital number 466. Office number 1247. Miss L. G., 23 years of age; occupation, general servant; was sent to me on April 25th, 1899, by Dr. McPhail, complaining of pain in her back and trouble with her bowels and bladder. She began to menstruate at the age of twelve, and never had any trouble with it until five years ago, since which her periods have been coming on every three weeks and have been painful and scanty. For several days before her periods come on she has severe pains down the inside of her legs, and she wants to pass water all the time. Both when passing water and moving her bowels she feels as if something was blocking both passages. Retroversion was suspected, and on examination it was at once found to be present, together with prolapse of both ovaries. The uterus was easily replaced with the sound and a small pessary was introduced. She returned to me on May 10th, saying that her water was better but that she was worse in every other way. The pessary was removed and tampons were introduced while she was placed in the knee chest position, and repeated twice a week for several weeks. Although her next period was less painful, still she found it impossible to retain her situation, and as she had already lost several good ones from the same cause, she was anxious to have an operation, which I had told her was the surest and quickest way to be