

in a mass which was removed. The ovaries were perfectly rid-
dled with blood cysts. The second specimen was from a woman
suffering from menorrhagia and constant pain, and in whom he
had diagnosed a myomatous uterus. There was also subinvolu-
tion of the tubes.

In all these cases he had used catgut instead of silk for liga-
tures, and had found no evidence of want of strength.

Total Extirpation of the Uterus for a Myoma.—DR. WM. GARDNER exhibited the specimen of a large myoma on the pos-
terior wall of the uterus from a woman, aged 50, who had been
suffering from profuse hemorrhages, having bled almost continu-
ously during the summer. He had diagnosed the tumour several
years ago, and its growth had been slow. There was nothing
peculiar about the case, but he wished to speak of the method
of operation. He had removed every part of the uterus through
the abdominal incision by the method explained in detail at the
last meeting of the Society. He had used catgut for ligatures,
and considered that it had great advantages in pelvic surgery.
Silk ligatures may become infected from contact with the drain-
age tube, and act as a constant source of irritation until they
come away, while catgut holds just as well, and if it should be
infected by contact with the drainage-tube it is a small matter
as it is so quickly absorbed. He thought that the severe pain
so often complained of after the removal of the appendages was
due, to a certain extent, to the persistent constriction of the
pedicle by the silk ligature.

DR. ALLOWAY assisted Dr. Gardner, and thought this method
would be the one of the future. The operation would be very
difficult if the abdominal walls were large and thick. Another
disadvantage was the enormous amount of physical endurance
required on the part of the operators, for the operation was un-
doubtedly the most difficult in pelvic surgery, but it offered the
great advantage of leaving no sloughing tissue behind.

DR. McCONNELL did not agree with Dr. Gardner's explanation
of pain after removal of the appendages. He did not think
that the constriction of the ligature could last long enough to
produce the pain.