

movable, and somewhat toward one side in Douglas' pouch. The contour is irregular and the uterus does not remain in close connection with it." Scanzoni follows Kiwisch closely by saying that the presence of a sausage-like, elastic and long swelling lying in the neighborhood of the fundus to either side justifies the diagnosis of dilated tube.

I have now, months after the operation on my case, to record pregnancy, one tube and ovary were left contrary to general belief of disease in both, and soon after recovery the patient became pregnant and expects to be delivered in four or five weeks. From the time of rising from the operation until now her health has been excellent, she has done her own housework besides looking after a small garden.

#### DISPENSARY WORK IN NEW YORK.

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THE great dispensaries in such a city as New York are great educational and training schools. The DeWitt is one of the oldest, largest, and best equipped in the city. There have served in their time Loomis, Sands, Draper, Sims, Parker, Starr, Delavan and a host of other celebrities. It stands on the corner of Twenty-third Street and Second Avenue. About 50,000 patients passed through it during the year. It is supported by voluntary contributions, is thoroughly equipped with instruments and appliances for minor work in all branches of medical science. It is divided into different departments: Surgery, Gynecology, Skin, Throat and Nose, Heart and Lung, Nervous Diseases, Children's Diseases and General Medicine. Each department is in charge of a physician having one or two assistants. Some of the departments have clinics in both the morning and the afternoon under different physicians, so that from thirty to forty physicians are working in the dispensary. There are two house physicians who classify the patients, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. There is a pathologist and there are two visiting physicians, the latter taking all cases which are not able to come to the building. Vac-

cancies in the staff are eagerly sought for, sometimes by a large number of applicants. Patients are sent from here to the great charitable institutions of the city by the physicians. DeWitt Dispensary may be said to be the most *loney* one in the city in some respects. It is so old, so many of New York's greatest physicians have held its clinics and it has been so carefully managed by its influential Board of Directors that all its positions are eagerly sought after. I doubt if there is a single Department which is not having constantly patients coming from other cities seeking relief, drawn by its reputation for efficiency. From morning till late at night the Dispensary is open and treatment is being given, for, having such a large staff of physicians, night as well as day, clinics are held. The treatment is free. Ten cents is charged for each prescription, and a dollar is charged for each visit of the visiting physician if they are able to pay. Milk is given out to sick ones when necessary. Everything is done in the most systematic and business-like way, so that it is a great hive of industry, and is a great boon to the city. Of course great operations are not undertaken in such a place, but all minor work and some very important surgical work is done in the departments of Surgery, Gynecology, Throat and Nose and Eye and Ear. Almost everything within the range of ills to which flesh is heir to is to be seen here. The physicians in charge of each department are allowed to have two or three students at a time under instruction. Records of the name, age, condition, nationality, disease and treatment of each case are kept, and just according to the careful record of the physician may valuable reports be made useful to the man himself, and no less valuable to the profession and to medical science. There can be little doubt that a great and well-conducted Dispensary is a valuable boon to a large city, but there can be just as little doubt that the great multiplication of petty Dispensaries is an injury. It belittles and somewhat demoralizes the profession both subjectively and objectively. When large and of good reputation it is a great charity, a great training school, and its fame is a spur to excellence and care. No better opportunity could a man have to improve himself in any branch than is presented in such an institution by successive service in its different departments.