

translation I now offer to the readers of the JOURNAL. It concerns the treatment of a class of cases much more common than myoma.

*A New Treatment for Chronic Metritis and Endometritis by Intrauterine Chemical Galvano-Cautery.* By Dr. G. APOSTOLI, Paris.

Intra-uterine therapeutics tend more and more, and with much propriety, to replace the old methods of application to the exterior of the uterine cervix. The new procedure which I instituted four years ago for the electrical treatment of fibroma I have employed with the same advantages and equal success in the treatment of chronic metritis, especially when the latter condition complicates endometritis. To a lesion which, before invading the uterine parenchyma, commences in the mucosa and is confined to it for some time before involving the peripheral structures, I oppose a treatment which acts by cauterizing the whole of the more or less diseased mucous membrane; for the modern methods of curetting, intra-uterine injections, and purely chemical intra-uterine cauterizations, I substitute a galvano-chemical treatment less heroic, easily localized, the dose easily regulated, well borne in all cases, and not liable to be followed by inflammatory reaction, if the remedy be properly applied. The immediate chemical action, which consists in progressive destruction of the mucosa, is soon followed by a process of regression and disintegration, which favors the absorption of exudations and hyperplasia. To properly conduct the operation it is necessary to be furnished with and understand the use of the following electrical appliances:

1. A medical intensity galvanometer, which I first had constructed to indicate 200 milliampères. Only by this appliance may the intensity of current employed be exactly ascertained. The great advantage of this precision over the old method of estimating the intensity by the number of cells is obvious. Thus a new pair of elements is, of course, more active than one in use for some time.

2. A constant current battery of sufficient size of elements to last a long time and not grow weak to any great extent by use,