

it looked like a true hypertrophic growth of the cervix, probably congenital and occurring usually in the virgin.

She was sent to the city hospital and the enlarged os. removed by an anterior and posterior flap amputation. On examining the parts removed, one was struck by their great hardness and this determined me to have a pathological report of them. This was kindly undertaken by Dr. Charlton, who reported: "Specimen shows a marked hyperplasia with infiltration of epithelial cells following the course of the lymphatics. The section exhibits the general characters of carcinoma, and is fairly extensively involved."

A second operation—abdominal panhysterectomy—was immediately performed. This presented no difficulty. The uterus appeared to be, however, more than usually adherent to the base of the bladder, and it will be interesting to watch if recurrence takes place in the vesical region. The left ovary was cystic and was removed: the right ovary was left. Cullen has shown that only very rarely does carcinoma affect the tubes or ovaries secondarily.

She made a good recovery. At the present time it is too early to mark her cancer cured.

This was undoubtedly a very early case of carcinoma, resembling hypertrophy of the cervix with induration.

Uterine cancer, as you know, occurs somewhat late in life and usually in multipara. The great majority of cases of cancer of the uterus occur between the ages of forty and fifty. At the age of this woman, viz., thirty-three years, the percentage of the cases is less than 5 per cent.

There was no evidence in this case of any local predisposing cause such as we find in multipara, viz., erosion of the cervix and repeated parturition; and except for some increase of menstrual flow, there were no local symptoms of carcinoma uteri such as hemorrhage, offensive discharge or pain. This is just what one would expect in the first stage before ulceration has set in. While she complained of general debility, there was no loss of flesh; in short, she was healthy and well looking.