

under more adverse circumstances, as the lady was much broken down in health, at the time of the operation. A small ovarian tumor was diagnosticated eighteen years ago. The patient was subsequently married, and Dr. Ross had attended her in four labours. In no instance was parturition attended with any serious difficulty. During gestation the tumour appeared to become smaller. The tumor rapidly increased about a year ago, and Mr. Wells removed it successfully, the patient being about two months pregnant.

Mr. Spence Wells said that the existence of the cyst for eighteen years, and the pressure on its walls of hard bone-like masses, had led to the diagnosis of a dermoid tumor. He had performed ovariectomy four times during pregnancy, and all the patients had recovered.

Dr. Bantock said that the diagnosis of pregnancy at an early stage, complicated with an ovarian tumor, was not always easy. In considering the performance of the radical operation in these cases, one fact was worth any number of theoretical objections.

Mr. Scott referred to a case of ovariectomy which he had recently performed. The patient had passed through two labours at term in safety.—*British Med. Journal.*

NEW METHOD OF EXTRACTION OF CATARACT.

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GENTLEMEN —Until now we could perform but small operations at our Thursday meetings. The Ophthalmic Ward having been opened last week, we shall be able to receive patients for operations of greater importance. We shall begin with cases of iridectomy and cataract, and as for this latter, I shall have to explain to you my new method of extraction, the more detailed description of which will appear in our next *Hospital Reports*.

The frequent occurrence of total suppuration after flap-extraction induced the celebrated operators of Moorfields Hospital to return to and improve the linear extraction, which at that time had been almost abandoned. Graefe, struck with the