

this operation. In the case recorded by Dr. Gardner, where the growth was apparently non-malignant and did not infiltrate, he thought a thorough curetting of the uterus and the application of electricity by Apostoli's method would have been more suitable than excision. He preferred the abdominal operation, and removed the uterus by a V-shaped incision according to the method recommended by himself. This method of making a flap of the cervix was suitable to cases of myomata, and better than ligature by wire, etc. The two flaps formed by the V-shaped incision should be sewed together firmly with silk or shoemaker's thread, and in this manner the cavity was completely closed and the danger of hemorrhage prevented. If drainage was necessary, he passed a tube through the centre of the stump into the vagina. He thought this operation would have been suitable in Dr. Gardner's case, because the os was not involved.

DR. ARMSTRONG said he would have liked to have heard more about the combined operation. He had no doubt that some of the foetid discharges had escaped into the peritoneal cavity where the uterus was split up. He thought this could have been avoided by the abdominal incision.

DR. GARDNER, in reply, stated that he believed the case to be one of malignant disease; clinically, it certainly was. His experience with removal of the uterus by abdominal section had not been as favorable as by the vaginal method. By the latter method he believed there was a field for operation even in benign cases if they were carefully selected. Leopold had reduced the mortality to six per cent. In reply to Dr. Armstrong, he said it was quite probable that the peritonitis resulted from the escape during the operation of foetid discharges from the uterus.

DR. SHEPHERD read a paper on a *Case of Excision of the Tongue; death from Acute Miliary Tuberculosis*. The history of the case is as follows:—

A. W., aged 64, a strong, healthy-looking Irishman, entered hospital, May 19th, 1888, to be treated for an ulcer of the tongue. The patient has never been ill, never had any cough, and has been a moderate smoker. Last September first noticed a small,