

ECTOPIC GESTATION.¹

THE discussion of the subject of ectopic or extrauterine pregnancy is of interest to the medical profession and of value to the laity. The physician is anxious to make a diagnosis and the lay woman is anxious to benefit by it. A great deal has been written of late on the subject and there are many questions that require further consideration.

I made a careful search through many of the original monographs on the subject some years ago, and presented a paper before the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 1892 together with a report of a few cases. I am now able to give a further report of my experience, and append to this paper a tabulated statement of the cases upon which it is based.

All writers on the subject are familiar with the work of Dr. William Campbell, who was a teacher of midwifery in Edinburgh and who published his monograph about 1842. He gave a large amount of material with but little attempt at good arrangement, says Tait. His work, however, is a landmark in the literature of the subject.

On this side of the Atlantic, Parry, of Philadelphia, published a very remarkable work on the subject in 1876. Again, later, the subject chosen for the Jenks Prize Essay of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Philadelphia, about the year 1889, was the diagnosis and treatment of extrauterine pregnancy, and the prize was awarded to John Strahan, of Belfast.

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