

large, that the tumor would move from side to side, and that there was more or less pain, she suspected that all was not right, and at once applied for advice.

The opinions of the medical men being anything but unanimous, she determined to come to Toronto and place herself under my care.

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Present condition.—She is a woman of average size, dark hair, eyes, and skin, but with a good healthy color in her cheeks, has always enjoyed good health, and is of a very sanguine temperament. Tongue clean, bowels regular, and pulse 72, full, soft, and regular. There is no indication of organic lesion, except the ovary. The tumor occupies the left iliac region, is irregular on its surface, hard and unyielding, reaching as high as the crest of the ilium, and descends into the pelvic cavity, producing by its pressure, at times, difficulty in defecation and frequent desire to empty the bladder; but these symptoms are not so severe and urgent as they were during the first few months, when it occupied the entire cavity. By flexing the thighs on the abdomen the tumor can be raised out of the pelvis, and pushed to the opposite side or up to the ensiform cartilage, without pain, but merely a sense of uneasiness. Its apparent size is 8 or 9 inches long, by five or six wide, and is equally firm in every part. A vaginal examination showed that it was entirely unconnected with the uterus, which organ was perfectly normal in every particular.

Having expressed my opinion, I asked permission to bring Drs. Beaumont and Bovell, who, after a very careful examination, coincided with me in pronouncing the tumor to be one of ovarian origin, very moveable, with few, if any, attachments except the pedicle, and non-malignant.

Under these circumstances we stated that it was as favorable a case for operation as could well be met with; at the same time fully explaining to herself and friends the great risk she ran in submitting to the operation, and the probability of the tumor remaining indolent for many years. Her mind, however, was made up, she was determined, and told us she was prepared to die, and would rather do so a dozen times than continue as she was; and that if we would not remove it she would go to some one who would.