

of the abdomen. The last catamenial period had occurred on the 5th March.

March 19th, the operation was performed under the spray and with full antiseptic precautions. An opening of about four inches in length from below the umbilicus downwards was made, rather firm adhesions existed in front and also at the upper part and sides of the tumour, these had to be separated with great care, as the cyst wall was rather thin, all attachments having been separated the patient rolled over on to her side and a large sized trochar plunged into the sac, which contained four or five large cysts, the sac was drawn out through the abdominal wound as it became flaccid and ultimately delivered. It sprang from the left ovary, the pedicle which was moderately long was clamped and the tumour removed, the vessels of the stump were then picked up separately and tied with fine carbolized catgut, a double carbolized silk ligature was then introduced through the pedicle beneath the clamp and the clamp removed. No bleeding occurred, but it was thought more safe to tie the pedicle in two halves with silk; this was done and the ends cut short and pedicle dropped back. The right ovary was next examined and found to contain a number of small cysts, it was therefore removed, the stump being trusted to a medium sized carbolized catgut ligature, all bleeding points were secured by fine catgut or seared with the thermo-cautery, all clots removed and abdominal cavity cleansed, the wound was then closed with three silver wire sutures and several catgut sutures and dressed in the ordinary way with antiseptic gauze and roller. The cyst with contents weighed 28 lbs. The morning after the operation the temperature was 99°, it rose to a hundred that evening and the following the second after the operation, after which it came down to 99° and to the normal standard on the fifth day, at which it remained to the end of the case, the wire stitches were removed on the ninth day, union was complete, she left her bed and went on a sofa on the eleventh day and the day following got up and dressed. This patient returned home at the end of the third week.

CASE NO. VI.—Catherine B., æt. 39, eight years married,