

detached, and was the source of the hæmorrhage. The whole was detached, and the hæmorrhage quickly stopped.

The omentum formed the anterior wall of the cyst, and was adherent below to the free margin of broad ligament and fundus uteri. A portion of the omentum being very friable, was ligated and cut away. The right ovary, being enlarged and fibrous, was removed. The abdomen was then well washed out with hot water, the placental site covered with iodoform gauze, a curved glass tube laid on this, and the usual dressing made.

Patient rallied nicely in a short time, but complained of great pain—morphine, $\frac{1}{4}$ grain, given hypodermically. This was repeated two hours after without my being consulted.

She became unconscious, and passed away six hours after operation.

Hamilton, May 25th, 1894.

Correspondence.

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PAST-PRESIDENT CAMPBELL'S LETTER.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR, I am in receipt of yours of the 13th inst. offering me space in your JOURNAL for anything I may wish to write in reply to letters appearing in the public press over the signature of one J. H. Sangster. I have not read anything written by this person since the last session of the Medical Council, but I have been informed of the character of the letters referred to. I confess I would have been deeply humiliated had I been told that he was writing or speaking of me in terms of commendation, and should have carefully reviewed my conduct to discover what offence against ethics or morals I had committed to justify his approval. But, as I understand he has for me nothing save censure, I accept that censure as the highest compliment he is capable of paying me. I am not aware that I have ever done anything to merit the contempt of honest men or the scorn of virtuous women. I have never skulked through a medical college, or received my degree without full attendance on medical lectures. I have never paid my creditors with judgments instead of money. I

have defrauded no man, nor have I wronged any woman. As a private individual and as an officer of any corporate body I have tried to do my duty as an honest man and a gentleman, to the best of my ability.

I am quite ready to admit that there are other men wiser than I am, and I am prepared to respect the opinions of those who honestly differ from me, and whose opinions are worthy of respect, but I am not prepared to enter into any discussion with parties whose only weapons are misrepresentations and personal abuse.

Very truly,

CL. T. CAMPBELL, M.D.

London, Sept. 18th, 1894.

COUNCIL MATTERS.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—If asked why I am troubling the readers of your journal, I may say that, being an old practitioner and having two sons in the profession I am interested in its welfare. I well remember the difficulties we underwent before the creation of our present Council, and I know no one who proposes a retrograde movement towards the state of things that existed in 1852, when I commenced practice. In looking at matters then and now, I can see how great are our present advantages, which I need not enumerate as they are present to every person. I have been a constant observer of the measures brought into force by our several Medical Councils, and would not like to say that they have all been judicious, but I believe they were intended to promote the interests of our profession. I am not an admirer of the "Annual Tax," but, after mature reflection, I am unable to see how it can be avoided. It would have pleased me could it have been only imposed upon those who entered the profession after its incorporation; but perhaps our younger brethren would have charged the older members with selfishness, if not with injustice.

But about this tax which has been the cause of most of our troubles, I shall have something more to say further on. I am one of those who favored the so-called Medical Defence Association. I thought, and still think, that the regulation requiring an annual certificate was pre-eminently unwise.