

Mrs. D., 52 years of age, came to the Montreal Dispensary complaining of a purulent and offensive discharge from the vagina. She had her change of life eight years before and she had been attending her sister who had died of cancer of the breast and had ample opportunity of becoming infected, if the disease is contagious, as I believe it to be. On examination it proved to be primary cancer of the vagina but too far advanced to permit of any radical operation. The best I could do for her was to curette away the sloughing, necrosed part of it, and to apply a saturated solution of carbolic acid. She has been curetted once since then, but is now nearing the end.

Mrs. P., aet 27, was sent in on the 10th February by Dr. S. F. Wilson, for appendicitis, and although she was seven or eight weeks pregnant, I did not hesitate to operate rather than leave her in suffering and danger. It is my opinion that many deaths, from what is supposed to be puerperal septicaemia, are really due to an unrecognized appendicitis which suddenly bursts out with fulminating fury at the time of labour. There had been a history of pain in the right side since she was a girl: she had had one living child and two miscarriages before coming in. She was in such pain when she came in that we did not think it safe to spend a few days in preparation as we usually do, so she was carried to the bath and had a good scrubbing and was operated on next day. I found the ovary tube and appendix all adherent together, but was able to remove them without any difficulty. The left ovary and tube were not removed. I might mention that I never tie the appendix vermiformis en masse but cut it off even with the caecum and then close this hole as I would a bullet wound with two layers of silk stitches; one for the muscular layer and another for the peritoneum and when the latter are tied it is almost impossible to see where the appendix had been. She had a miscarriage three days later but otherwise made a splendid recovery; she has been seen frequently since and is absolutely cured of the pain which she had had in her right side for so many years.

Mrs. M., aged 49, was sent to me on the same day as last case by Dr. Maas for the single clinical sign of hemorrhages coming on several times a month, several years after the menopause. On examination I found a lacerated cervix pretty badly attacked with cancer. Two days later, which was the first day I had disengaged, I removed her uterus by the vagina without any difficulty, using clamps and every antiseptic precaution and the result has been excellent. She has been seen frequently since and appears to be in good health and spirits. A vaginal examination was made eight months later and there is no sign of recurrence.