

sively removed by abdominal section, possibly combined with vaginal section, the author is coldly sceptical; and when he says that (foot of page 413), "the increased traumatism, great difficulty of technique, and, above all, the time required, would probably increase the mortality of the operation enough to offset any possible advantage," we thoroughly agree with him, while commending the laudable desire manifested by the advocates of such operations to do the best we can for the sufferers from this dread disease.

Of vaginal section, anterior and posterior, the author speaks approvingly for selected cases, a position in which he is in accord with what we consider to be the best teaching.

Of vaginal hysterectomy or fixation, while he describes it, the author does not approve, and gives for reasons the generally admitted facts that unless there is a broad and firm adhesion established, it is apt to give way, and the displacement return, while if the adhesion be broad and firm and pregnancy occur, there is great danger of difficult labour. Numerous such cases have been reported, some fatal, in which Caesarean section and other obstetric operations had been done.

Concerning the operation devised by the author for antiflexion, he continues to be satisfied, while speaking modestly and temperately of it and its limitations. He quotes with evident pleasure the favourable reports of Wadsworth and Reynolds, of Boston.

The descriptions of operations are very clear, while all the more common and established ones are copiously illustrated at every step. Many gynæcological operations are difficult to describe, and cannot be shown to more than a few students at once. Hence the great value of good illustrations.

Of that most interesting but terrible and most malignant of all neoplasms, the deciduoma malignum or chorion epithelioma, the description is very brief and without illustrations; either of gross or minute appearance. We submit that the omission is, to say the least, unfortunate.

Dr. Dudley's book is of such a high degree of excellence that there is extremely little to criticize, and of many books in the market it is one of the very best.

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