

pended upon the character and extent of the tear. He doubted whether a simple tear of the so-called perineal body, which consisted principally of cellular tissue and skin, was followed by much harm. There was good evidence to the contrary. The evil results charged to laceration of the perineum only obtained when either the pelvic fascia was torn or when the muscular floor of the pelvis was injured, either by a separation of the levator ani muscles in the middle line, or when one or both of these muscles were torn away from their origin from the rami of the pubes or from the ischial spine. This fact is pretty clearly established by Emmet, by Dr. Schatz of Rostock, and by Dr. B. E. Hadia of San Antonio, Texas. The best operation is that which the most perfectly restores the parts to the condition in which they were before the injury was sustained. Emmet's new operation has yielded good results in the Western Hospital. He was not aware that, so far, any attempt had been made to unite the divided muscles in the median line or to the pelvic fascia.

*Lanolin.*—DR. REED made a few remarks on this drug, a new basis for ointments, introduced by O. Liebreich, obtained from the fat of the keratin tissues, and principally from wool. The very strong recommendations of this cholesterine fat in the articles in the *British Medical Journal* for February would cause it to be extensively tried by the profession. The advantages of rapid absorption and ready miscibility with aqueous mixtures were in a measure confirmed. Manufacturers were preparing for a great demand, and an abundant supply at a moderate price would soon be on the market. A specimen was passed round.

*Operation for Intra-uterine Fibroid—Accidental Inversion of the Uterus and Rupture of the Perineum.*—DR. GARDNER reported the case as follows: Mrs. —, childless, was sent to him from Ontario. She had had severe hemorrhages for the past five years; of late they had been very excessive, and produced great blanching. On examination, a tumor was found about the size of a child's head, and completely filling the vagina and uterus. *Operation*—The tumor was fixed by an assistant and