

penary. She was a Mrs. McC., 38 years of age, mother of six living children, the two last being twins, which were born four years ago. Before the birth of the twins, she says she had kept herself from bearing any children for eight years by taking large doses of senna and salts before each period was due. Several times during these eight years she had miscarriages at two or three months. She appears to have menstruated on the 7th August, the flow lasting till the 20th August. This stopped then for seven weeks, until the 9th October, when she began to flow freely, and the flow was accompanied with great pain. I sent her into the Samaritan Hospital, but she delayed until the loss of blood became quite serious, and it was not until the 23rd November that she was operated upon. By this time the left tube could be felt larger than the thumb, but fairly moveable. The uterus was dilated and curetted, although it was quite empty, but rather large, and iodine and carbolic were applied to the endometrium very thoroughly. A lacerated cervix was also repaired. Then the anterior vaginal wall was opened, and the fundus and ovaries and tubes were brought out and inspected. The procedure was difficult owing to adhesions of the ovaries and tubes on both sides, and owing to the enlargement of the left tube. It was finally brought out and tied off at the cornu of the uterus. A few cysts on the ovaries were opened, and they and the uterus were replaced and the vagina closed, one stitch taking in the fundus of the uterus. She made an excellent recovery. On cutting open the specimen, only blood clot is seen by naked eye, but I will gladly hand the specimen to the pathologist of the Society for a careful search for chorionic tissue. It was generally remarked by the medical and nursing staff of the hospital that this patient made a much more rapid recovery than after the smallest laparotomy. They all agreed that I would have completed the operation in half the time, namely, in thirteen or fifteen minutes, by the abdomen instead of half an hour, which it took by the vagina. But, from the patient's point of view the time was well spent, as she has no scar, no chance of hernia, and she had much less pain and a shorter convalescence. Although I mentioned the