

on passing two fingers into the cervix, a fluctuating mass was felt extending almost as low as the external os and bulging from the right side. The left side of the cervix seemed normal. Distinct fluctuation could be made out between the fingers inside the cervix and the external band at the level of the umbilicus on the right. By careful palpation the tumor was found to occupy the whole of the right iliac fossa and more than half the brim of the pelvis. It extended as high as the umbilicus and as far as the middle line to the left, pushing the uterus upwards and to the left. The placenta, which was attached to the fundus, was expelled by the Credé method without difficulty. A hot intra-uterine douche was given and then the well-contracted fundus could be felt on the left a little above the upper border of the tumor, from which it was separated by a deep sulcus. There was no hemorrhage and the patient passed a comfortable night, taking nourishment freely at intervals. On the 21st, at 8 A.M. (temp. 100° , pulse 120), she complained a good deal of flatus and short hacking cough. A turpentine enema gave some relief; but during the day the flatus increased, the cough became more distressing, and epigastric pain and vomiting set in. At 1 P.M., temperature 101° , pulse 160. At 4 P.M., Dr. Gardner saw her with me in consultation. With rising pulse and temperature, increasing flatus and tympanites, vomiting, hacking cough and profuse perspiration, she was apparently sinking from septic trouble, and we decided that her only chance lay in immediate abdominal section. Accordingly, at 7.15 P.M., Dr. Gardner operated, with the assistance of Dr. Alloway and myself. The operation was tedious and difficult, and when concluded, at 8.45 P.M., the patient was very weak. She rallied, however, for a time, but at 1 A.M. suddenly sank and died. Unfortunately a post-mortem examination could not be obtained.

There are several points of interest from an obstetrical point of view to which I would like to draw your attention.

1. *The rapid growth of the tumor.* The patient's health was good till the end of January; then she began to feel generally out of sorts, and towards the end of February, after a railway journey which distressed her very much, she first noticed a