

after the appearance of this latter symptom she was seized with sudden pains about the right inguinal region, which passed off in a few hours and did not recur. The next day, and at times for several months afterwards, the urine appeared bloody, being quite clear in the intervals. Shortly after this occurrence (in the fall of 1885) she noticed a small tumor in the right lumbar region of the abdomen, about the size of a hen's egg. This was hard and painless, and increased in size slowly until December 1889, when a new train of symptoms supervened. Up to this latter date she considered herself in good health, and apparently with reason, as she was delivered of a healthy child in August, 1889, and recovered perfectly from her confinement. At this time, also, she weighed 165 lbs. About Christmas, 1889, she became feverish, emaciation began, and she suffered from a hacking cough. These symptoms continued till February 1890, when she came under the care of Dr. C. L. Cotton, of Cowansville, who has kindly written me the following account of her illness up to the date of her admission to hospital. He says, in his letter dated October 10th, 1890: "Mrs. A. first consulted me about two years ago for amenorrhœa. At that time I discovered the tumor, which was about as large as at the time of her admission to hospital. . . . The menstrual function was restored and she improved very much. During the period that she was under my observation the tumor did not appear to give her any trouble. She became pregnant, and was safely delivered at full term by Dr. Brown of Knowlton. I saw nothing more of her until last February, when she sent for me. . . . She had then the appearance of a person in about the fourth week of a protracted typhoid, though I did not make a diagnosis at the time, as I felt very much puzzled. There was much pain and some tenderness over the tumor, and a very exhausting diarrhœa, with an irregular fever. From that time until you saw her she continued in much the same condition, sometimes free from fever for two or three weeks, when she picked up enough strength to drive out; at other times weakened with night sweats and fever. At one time during the summer she had another hemorrhage, followed by a most offensive diarrhœa containing sloughy