

attend the meeting, as well as by physicians in town who were desirous of being present at the operations on their patients. I arranged to do the following eight cases, in the mornings between 7 and 10 o'clock, so as not to interfere with the regular business of the meeting.

Mrs. G., 32 years of age, was sent to me by Dr. Heaslip, of Picton, Ontario. She had begun to menstruate at fifteen years of age, her periods always lasting five days. She was married at 17, and had two children, the last one four years ago. One child had to have craniotomy performed on it, and the other had to be delivered by instruments, after a very severe labor, owing to narrowness of the pelvis; both being, in her own words, "terrible labors." After that child was born she menstruated during lactation, and after weaning the child, the periods came on every three weeks, and were very profuse. During the next four years she dragged along, complaining of pain in the right inguinal region and of a bearing-down feeling, and her menstruation was so profuse as to keep her very weak and anemic.

On examination, the perineum was found to be lacerated, and the uterus lying low in the pelvis. The tubes and ovaries were so tender that it was impossible to touch them until she was anesthetized.

On September 16th, assisted by Drs. Field, Johnston and Allan, I performed the following five operations, at one sitting: 1st. The uterus was thoroughly dilated. 2nd. It was well curetted, and a mixture of iodine and carbolic acid was applied to its interior with a swab, through the uterine speculum. 3rd. Tait's flap-splitting operation was then done on the perineum. 4th. The right ovary and tube, and part of the left ovary were removed. 5th. The uterus was scarified and attached to the abdominal wall with two buried iodoform silk ligatures.

Her recovery was most satisfactory. She was more free from pain two days after the operation than she had been for four years previously; and she went home on October 10th, feeling very well, being six days less than a month from her coming in.*

Immediately after these operations, assisted by Drs. Johnston, Fisk and Harvey, I removed a suppurating Bartholin's gland from Mrs. G., aged 32, sent in by myself from the Montreal Dispensary. Menstruation began at 14, and was painful and scanty. She was married at 24—never pregnant. She was only married to her first husband two and a half years, and during that time

*Since writing the above I have heard that the buried silk stitches have suppurated and had to be removed, which occurs very rarely with this material.