

tion of chlorate of potash to be taken three times a day, according to the plan recommended in 1865 by Mr. Craig of Ayr, but without the slightest hope of its producing any benefit.

*August 7th.*—The swelling has steadily increased and is now about the size usually observed at the full period of pregnancy. Her general health is beginning to suffer and her breathing is somewhat affected by the pressure of the mass.

*September 26th.*—The distension has now become very great. The chlorate of potash was continued steadily until a week or two ago, but without any perceptible effect of any kind. She now measures around the waist 42 inches, instead of 18 which was her former size.

*October 8th.*—Dr. Howard saw her with me to-day, and a large ovarian tumour of the right side was clearly made out. It projected into the vagina on that side and displaced the uterus to some extent, but the latter organ was perfectly free and otherwise unaffected.

The presence or absence of adhesion could not be ascertained from the great amount of distension.

*October 25th.*—While at breakfast this morning, she was suddenly prostrated with violent pain in the upper part of the abdomen together with vomiting and symptoms of impending collapse. Hot fomentations were immediately applied, and she was given a drachm of solution of morphia with occasional spoonfuls of brandy and water. Reaction soon set in and the symptoms rapidly subsided, but considerable soreness and tenderness remains at the upper part.

*October 27th.*—Much improved in every way. She has passed enormous quantities of urine during the last two days and the swelling is perceptibly diminishing. There can be little doubt that the cyst has burst into the peritoneal cavity.

*November 1st.*—The improvement still continues and she is sanguine that a spontaneous cure is taking place.

*November 14th.*—Still continues better. Is now able to walk and drive without fatigue; sleeps and eats well. There is still however considerable enlargement, more particularly on the right side.

*December 7th.*—The tumour has commenced slowly to enlarge again.

*December 23rd.*—The distension has again become sufficient to cause serious disturbance and her general health is beginning to suffer severely. The stomach is exceedingly irritable and the pulse varies from 100 to 120.

*January 18th 1869.*—Dr. Howard saw her with me again to-day with the view of ascertaining if possible the extent of the adhesions which no doubt formed after the rupture of the cyst. As no reliable information could be obtained on that point on account of the great distension, we