

least the urethra. In July, 1892, Fenger, of Chicago, read a most complete and interesting paper upon the subject (5) before the Chicago Gynæcological Society, in which he stated that his case made the fifty-seventh which had been reported; since his paper was written, reports of eight other cases have been published, viz.: one case each by Coley (1) patient's age 21 years; Leprevost (2) patient's age 32 years; Barber (3); Haven (3); Steele (4) patient's age 46 years; and Fenger (5) patient's age 60 years; and two (?) by Oliver (6) ages, 53 and 62 years. Thus it will be seen that the case reported below will make the sixty-sixth.

The seat of the disease is usually on the upper third of the posterior vaginal wall, out of the eighteen cases observed in the Berlin Frauenclinic, thirteen occupied this situation. This circumstance rather favours the theory of cancer being caused by irritation as it is the part which would be chiefly irritated by a pessary or any acrid discharges which might come from the uterus, the cervix and upper third of the posterior vaginal wall being continually in contact with each other in the normal situation of the uterus.

The age, at which it is said usually to occur, is from forty to fifty, but in the last six cases reported, in which the age of the patient is mentioned, only once did the above hold good. This number is, however, too small upon which to found an opinion.

As regards treatment, of course the only thing to be done, if the case is seen sufficiently early, is to remove the growth just as one would do elsewhere, but nowhere will the courage, ingenuity and skill of the operator be brought more into play than here, as each case requires an operation of its own, keeping in mind the necessity of cutting as clear of the diseased tissues as possible.

The following case occurred in the practice of the writer, the pathological report (without which no case report is complete) being kindly furnished by Dr. Wyatt Johnston, Pathologist to the Montreal General Hospital.

Mrs. C., aged 42 years, came to the gynæcological out-patient department of the Montreal General Hospital on February 20th, 1896. She complained of an extremely offensive watery discharge from the vagina, which had been going on for the last two months, and had been tinged with blood for the four weeks previous to her seeking advice. There was no pain, but she had lost considerable flesh, saying, in fact, that she had "grown ten years older in the last six months." She had been married for twenty years, and given birth to four full time children, the youngest being seven years old. In addition to these, she had had one miscarriage. Her menses had