

vessels are tied just before they reach the ovary instead of on the uterine side.

While many hysteromyomectomies offer little difficulty, others are by no means so easy. Sometimes the growths are exceedingly large and so distorted that it is at first hard to get one's bearings. Under such circumstances it is always advisable to seek out the round ligaments and sever them at once. This invariably renders the tumor more mobile. The left tube and ovary are then usually tied off and the tumor rolled outward and to the right, as recommended by Dr. Kelly. The uterine vessels on the left side are now controlled and severed, and the cervix is cut across with the upright slant so that the cervical stump, and consequently the uterine vessels left on the right side, will be longer. Clamps are applied to the right ovarian vessels and the entire tumor is removed *en masse*. It is astonishing with what ease an otherwise difficult operation is rendered comparatively simple by this "from left to right" operation of Kelly. Great care must be taken with the ureter, and if the operator has the least suspicion that one or both have been injured he should seek each ureter as it crosses the pelvic brim and follow it through the pelvis and carefully outline it to its vesical insertion.

Several months ago I had a very difficult hysteromyomectomy in which the patient was exceedingly anemic and the vagina was filled with a very vascular submucous myoma. While liberating a subperitoneal nodule adherent to the right pelvic brim, I found it necessary to tie the ovarian vessels. There was only one point at which the vessels could be controlled and that merely wide enough for a single ligature. After having emptied the pelvis I felt rather uneasy about the right ureter, although no suture had been placed anywhere near the usual ureteral site. As a matter of fact the ureter had been included with the right ovarian vessels. It was released with ease and the patient made a perfect recovery.

Sometimes the ureter is carried up out of the pelvic cavity by large tumors, and there is great danger of it being tied or cut. If, after tying the round ligaments and releasing the tube and ovary, the blunt dissection be carried down close to the uterus, the danger is minimized. In some instances it may be necessary to perform a preliminary myomectomy, thus diminishing greatly the size of the uterus and allowing the ureters to drop back into their normal position. The same result may be accomplished by bisection of the uterus.

*Bisection of the Uterus.*—In not a few instances, on opening the abdomen, the operator is confronted with a very discouraging problem. The pelvis is filled with a nodular tumor glued everywhere to the omentum and intestinal loops or