

believed that she was pregnant, and so did her physician. I could only agree. She was watched for a fortnight or more. Her sufferings decidedly increased, and it became apparent that prompt action was necessary. Both patient and her husband (a non-practising physician) urgently desiring the operation, after gentle purgation and dieting for two days, on the 29th May the operation of ovariectomy was done at the home of the lady, Drs. Roddick and Bell assisting. Ether was the anæsthetic used—not, however, without some misgiving as to its possible effect on the lung conditions. The operation was simple and easy—a unilocular cyst of the right ovary, with favourable pedicle and no adhesions. On getting into the belly, it was interesting to note the contrast between the dark red fundus of the womb, as it lay behind the pubes, with the pearl-coloured tumour above it. The after-course of the case was easy and uninterrupted to recovery; no sickness and very little pain; the cough, necessary to get up the expectoration, being the only distressing symptom. The wound healed without a fraction of a drop of pus, either at the line of union or stitch-holes. She was kept in bed four weeks to allow of the cicatrix becoming firm under the strain of the developing uterus. After three months absence in Europe, I called on her in October and found pregnancy advancing, but the enlarging uterus causing considerable distress in breathing. She was confined by her physician at full term on the 26th of November, three days less than six months after the date of operation. Labour terminated naturally after six hours. It was followed by alarming hemorrhage, which led to fainting. It was controlled by ice. The child, a fine healthy boy, weighed nearly 10 lbs. She made an excellent recovery, suffering from nothing of any moment except weakness from loss of blood.”

The second case was in several particulars the most interesting of the series. A woman of 31 was admitted, in January, 1887, to the Montreal General Hospital under my friend Dr. Molson, one of the physicians. She had been married eight years, pregnant four times to full term, and had besides one miscarriage. The last pregnancy was to full term. Delivery fourteen