

The operation has failed to relieve the symptoms for which it was intended, in perhaps from four to five per cent of the cases. How many operations are there in Surgery for which more can be claimed? He had only met with two cases of hæmorrhage following the operation, one occurring five or six days after, and he was inclined to think caused by too much force in drawing down with the tenaculum, while introducing the cotton pledget, soaked with glycerine for the purpose of obviating more of the line of incision. They were both easily controlled. One severe case of pelvic abscess occurred in a woman who had not perfectly recovered from Gonorrhœa, or who had not been entirely free from that disease for many months, a circumstance unknown to him previous to operating. One case of pelvic cellulitis, which yielded speedily to treatment. In two or three instances pretty sharp surgical fever occurred, within the first five or six days after the operation.

In operating with Simpson's or Greenhalgh's instrument he had met with hæmorrhage, much more frequently. Pelvic cellulitis has also followed mechanical dilatation, more often than incision of any kind. Septicæmia is frequently prevented by dressings of Glycerine, Carbolic Acid and appropriate constitutional measures.

As to the cases demanding the operation, those which were positively benefitted by it, were dysmenorrhœa from cervical narrowness, with or without chronic inflammation of the mucous or fibrous tissues or ante-flexion and induration, this last condition disappears very speedily or yields promptly to treatment, by blistering, Collodion, Iodide of Bromine, or small issues, with Pot. cum calce after recovery from the operation, to check the growth of sub-mucous or interstitial fibrous tumours and to relieve the hæmorrhage resulting from the same.

By the advice of Dr. Thomas of New York, he had lately operated by removing a quadrilateral portion of the posterior lip and segment of the Os and Cervix in a case of Ante-flexion with induration. The operation was performed by the aid of a cutting pliers which he placed before the Society, sent to him by Dr. T. for the purpose. They would perceive by introducing one blade of the forceps into the cervix, a piece of the organ about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in width can be removed by the knife, the full