

This paper was published in our August number; but, through a very curious error, Dr. Marquis was named as the writer.

The paper is very interesting for many reasons. Dr. Ross has had rare opportunities for observing the evolution which has taken place during the last thirty years in connection with the treatment of uterine fibroids. We should perhaps go a little further, and state that no man in the world has done more in the way of improving the old methods of operation which were in vogue twenty-five years ago. The old division of such tumors into sub-peritoneal, intramural and sub-mucous tumors is accepted. In addition, however, special reference is made to other varieties, such, for instance, as those growing in the neighborhood of the cul de sac of Douglas, either in front or behind the rectum.

The author refers to the following changes which are apt to take place in such tumors: Congestion, oedema, cystic degeneration, necrosis, calcareous change and malignant disease, and discusses the results of such changes and the treatment advisable.

In speaking of the modern operation, he states that it is now performed with as low a mortality in skilled hands as the operation of ovariectomy. He fears, however, that, as a consequence of the great success of modern operations, the pendulum is swung rather too far to the other extreme, and that now young women are practically unsexed, and are denied the opportunities of motherhood, owing to the ruthless use of the knife on fibroid tumors as soon as they make their appearance. His remarks concerning this part of the subject are exceedingly interesting from the standpoint of both the gynecologist and the obstetrician.

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In our issue for July it was our pleasure to make certain references to one of the noblest women in the British Empire, Florence Nightingale, who completed her 90th birthday in May