

me to desist, before, however, withdrawing it, Dr. Walker with his arm bare, and anointed, was at hand instantly to relieve me. Drs. Coldham and Hayes successively following. In this way for an hour and a half, attempts at dilatation and pressure upwards were continued. Dr. Stewart then reporting a failure in the pulse, we reluctantly for the time abandoned our efforts, having in that time accomplished only slight dilatation of the cervix, and increased elasticity and softness in the tumor. Very little hæmorrhage attended the operation. Some three or four weeks after this failure the patient was seized with violent hæmorrhage, and did not recover from this attack sufficiently to permit a second effort at reduction, before the 25th of last January I then repeated the former treatment assisted by Drs. Stewart, Salmon and Hayes. As on the first occasion, I found the bed too low, I had the patient placed on a high table, in the position for lithotomy, and again after more than an hour and a half of uninterrupted attempts at reduction, had to experience the bitter mortification of announcing to the friends a second failure. Viewing our want of success as the result of our inability to overcome the encircling cervix, for I had successfully tried Dr. Noeggerath's method of indenting the cornua, without, however, the happy result, of the fundus following, I advised the husband as soon as his wife was in a condition for travel, to take her to Dr. Thomas of New York, who would probably consider the method by taxis to have been sufficiently tried, and would, therefore, practice the *ultima ratio* of abdominal section, and the use of the steel dilator acting on the principle of a glove stretcher on the constricted cervix, thus dilating it, and returning the organ to its normal position.

After an interval of many weeks, Mr. A., unwilling to subject his wife to the fatigues incident to travel, wrote to Dr. Thomas to come to Port Dover and operate, but on receiving a letter from that gentleman, requesting him to bring his wife to New York, as he could not leave the city, Dr. White, of Buffalo, N. Y., was sent for, and on the 11th of March that gentleman, assisted by Drs. Stewart, Salmon and myself, in an hour and ten minutes succeeded in accomplishing the desideratum we had so earnestly striven for in vain. Dr. White, I am informed, purposes publishing the case in the "Gynæcological Journal," and it will therefore be needless for me to enter minutely into the details of the operation as practised by him. As, however, many of your readers may not see that journal, I will briefly describe the method so successfully employed *En passant*,