

26th April.—About 9 a.m. went to see patient about her transmission to hospital, and just as I arrive am hurriedly called. Find she has passed per urethra a quantity of urine containing considerable pus of a very marked faecal odour.

She felt much relieved after this, though the bladder was very irritable. Washed bladder out with a solution of boracic acid, thus adding much to the comfort of the patient. Temperature 100°; pulse 95°; pain only on firm pressure; tumour greatly reduced but not gone.

Improvement continued until 28th April, when she was removed to hospital. Temperature then was 99°, pulse 90°. Tenderness diminishing; can now straighten out right leg which she has had to keep drawn up previously.

As she continued to improve (tumour subsiding), and was gaining in strength, I decided to trust to nature and did but regulate diet, placed her upon iron and quinine, and irrigated bladder three times daily with boracic acid solution.

In two weeks patient was sitting up and wanted to move about, but I still kept her at rest. The pus has been coming from bladder lately in very small quantities and appears to be lessening. Temperature all this time 98° to 99° F. Pulse 84 to 94°; no chills. All went well until 28th May, when temperature dropped to 97 and patient shows marked signs of prostration; pulse small and thready. From this date she rapidly sank and died at 1 a.m. on 30th May. I was notified early in the morning, and before friends removed body was able to ascertain condition present.

Opened abdomen and found considerable recent adhesions about appendix. Appendix itself dipping into pelvis about 2½ inches long, thickened and inflamed, and having a perforation about ⅓ of an inch from cæcum.

Found a circumscribed abscess cavity separated from general peritoneal cavity by recent inflammatory tissue, and burrowing into sheath of rectus muscle. The abscess communicated with the bladder through its posterior wall by an opening admitting the tips of three fingers. Both fallopian tubes were thickened and contained pus.