ON THE RESULTS OF THE CAUTERY IN
THE TREATMENT OF THE PEDICLE
IN OVARIOTOMY.

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I HAVE now used the cautery fifty times (in 216 operations) in the division of the pedicle. The results are given in the accompanying table. These results show 92 per cent. of recoveries, and are the best that I have yet had. This is not a

large mortality. That it ought to be lower I am certain; and, while admitting that it may in this instance be partly accidental, the numbers are sufficient to prove that the method of dividing the pedicle by the actual cautery, as introduced by the late Mr. Baker Brown, is a good method, and one which has had scant justice done to it since his death. I hope soon to give all the cases in detail, so that each one interested in the matter may judge for himself as to the value of this way of dealing with the pedicle. The success of ovariotomy depends upon many circumstances, and I do not say that the low mortality is to be altogether ascribed

No.	MEDICAL ATTENDANT.	DATE.	AGE	ADHESIONS, &c.	RESULT.
1870.					
1	Dr. George Balfour	April	35	Acute suppurating cyst. Extensive parietal adhesions. 30 lb.	Recovered
2	Dr. Ronald, Ayr	May	61	No adhesions. Semi-solid tumour. 39 lb.	"
3	Dr. Fergusson, Leslie	June	27	Parietal, omental, and intestinal adhesions. 12 lb. Ascites.	"
4	Dr. Stewart, Newport	June	47	Parietal, omental, and intestinal adhesions. 10 lb. Ascites.	"
5	Dr. Stephenson	Oct.	23	Very extensive and firm parietal and pelvic adhesions. 18 lb.	"
6	Dr. Haig, Airth	Dec.	23	Adhesions universal and very firm. 80 lb.	"
1872.					
7	Dr. Kirkwood, Largs	May	48	No adhesions. 7 lb.; 4 gallons ascitic fluid.	"
8	Dr. George, Keith	June	31	Fold of intestine. 2½lb. Ascites.	"
9	Dr. Walker, Dollar	June	57	{ Adhesions universal, in pelvis, to bladder and rectum. } { Tapped twenty times. 50 lb. }	"
10	Dr. Keiller	July	17	Extensive parietal adhesions. 51 lb.	"
11	Dr. Lothian, Glasgow	July	20	No adhesions. 20 lb.	"
12	Dr. Thomson, Inveresk	July	40	Suppurating cyst. Adhesions very extensive. 30 lb.	"
13	Mrs. Morgan, Liverpool	Aug.	35	Extensive parietal adhesions. 60 lb. Tapped fourteen times.	"
14	Mr. Welford, Sunderland	Sept.	57	Acute suppurating cyst. Adhesions universal. 25 lb.	"
15	Dr. Logie, Kirkwall	Oct.	31	Parietal and omental adhesions. 26 lb.	"
16	Dr. Hardie	Oct.	40	Omental adhesions. 67 lb.	"
17	Dr. Stewart, Hexham	Nov.	21	Very extensive parietal and omental adhesions. 27 lb.	"
18	Dr. Gordon	Dec.	67	Intestinal and mesenteric. Solid tumour of ovary. 6 lb. Ascites	"
19	Dr. Campbell, Montreal	Dec.	20	Acute suppurating cyst. 25 lb. Adhesions very general.	"
1873.					
20	Dr. Black	Jan.	53	Acute suppurating cyst. 29 lb. Parietal, intestinal, and hepatic	Died
21	Dr. Simpson, Marykirk	Feb.	29	Very firm parietal and pelvic. 19 lb. Much dissection.	Recovered
22	Dr. James Sidey	Mch.	63	General parietal adhesions.	"
23	Dr. Wallace, Parsonstown	April	20	Omental and general parietal. 41 lb. Both ovaries removed.	"
24	Miss B., Edinburgh	April	24	No adhesions. 14 lb.	"
25	Dr. M. Duncan	May	45	Extensive and firm parietal and omental adhesions. 16 lb.	"
26	Dr. Howden, Haddington	Aug.	57	Intestinal, mesenteric, and pelvic adhesions. 30 lb.	"
27	Dr. Kydd, Alyth	Sept.	36	{ Acute suppurating cyst. 55 lb. Adhesions very firm and } { extensive. }	"
28	Dr. Muir, Moniaive	Sept.	24	Omental, parietal, and pelvic adhesions. 35 lb.	"
29	Dr. G. Keith	Oct.	27	Burst suppurating cyst. 30 lb. Adhesions universal.	"
30	Dr. Lyall, Leven.	Nov.	27	Very firm and extensive parietal and omental adhesions. 27 lb	"
31	Dr. McCulloch, Dumfries	Dec.	24	Extensive omental and pelvic. Solid tumour of ovary. Ascites	"
1874.					
32	Dr. Hoggan, Thornhill	Jan.	23	Adhesions universal; very firm in pelvis. 43 lb.	Died
33	Dr. Bernard, Londonderry	Feb.	26	No adhesions. 20 lb.	Recovered
34	Dr. Dickson, Falkland	April	65	General parietal adhesions. 43 lb.	"
35	Dr. Wilson	April	36	Extensive parietal, omental, and pelvic. 25 lb. Ascites.	"
36	Dr. M. Duncan	May	36	Semi-solid. No adhesions.	"
37	Dr. Menzies	May	51	Extensive omental and intestinal. Ascites.	"
38	Dr. McGillivray, Oban	July	46	General and firm parietal and pelvic adhesions. 38 lb.	"
39	Dr. Beraard, Londonderry	July	29	Parietal and omental adhesions. 75 lb.	"
40	Dr. Filson, Portaferry	Oct.	44	Solid malignant tumour. Ascites. Cancer of peritoneum.	Died
41	Dr. Barkus, Gateshead	Oct.	31	No adhesions.	Recovered
42	Dr. Ziegler	Nov.	60	No adhesions. 16 lb.	"
1875.					
43	Dr. Dickson	Jan.	34	General parietal adhesions. 27 lb.	"
44	Dr. McFadyn, Alva	Mch.	30	No adhesions.	"
45	Dr. Barkus, Gateshead	May	34	Parietal adhesions. 34 lb.	"
46	Dr. Perry, Glasgow	May	39	No adhesions.	"
47	Dr. Greig, Dundee	July	23	General parietal and omental. 40 lb.	"
48	Dr. G. Keith	Sept.	49	{ Slight parietal. 53 lb. Small pediculated uterine fibroid also } { removed. }	Died
1876.					
49	Dr. S. Moore, Glasgow	Jan.	37	Very firm parietal and omental adhesions. 68 lb.	Recovered
50	Dr. Wedderburn, Forfar	Jan.	13	Slight omental adhesion. 17 lb. Dermoid cyst.	"

to the use of the cautery, for I know too well that, after a series of better results than usual, we are apt to think that we are on the right track at last, and that all will now go well,

whereas we soon find that we are only rolling, like Sisyphus, the stone which will tumble down whether we will or not.
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