

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

ERRATUM.—The name of the lady appointed Resident Medical Assistant at the Homerton Fever Hospital given last week as Miss Eleanor "Henry" should have been "Fleury."

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LARGE TUMOURS.

MR. P. A. LLOYD, F.R.C.S. Eng. (Carlisle) writes: In answer to the letter of "J. N. S." in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, July 19th, asking for information about uterine fibroids which have been removed *per vaginam*, I send you notes of a specimen I showed, for Dr. Hight, of Workington, at the meeting of the Border Counties Branch held here last Friday.

The tumour is a large fibromyoma of the uterus, which was removed from a woman, aged 35, the mother of one child, now 15 years old. The operation was performed by Dr. Hight, of Workington, and I am indebted to him for notes of the case. The patient had suffered for some time from metrorrhagia, twice to such an extent as to seriously endanger her life, and when she consulted Dr. Hight was suffering from retention of urine. The patient was placed under chloroform, the tumour separated from its attachment by means of the *écraseur*, and then was, with some difficulty, on account of its size, removed *per vaginam* by means of Barnes's long forceps. The patient made an excellent recovery. The tumour weighs 1 lb. 9½ ozs., and measures 5 by 4 by 3½ inches.

REUNION OF AN AVULSED FINGER.

MR. GEORGE GORDON, M.B., C.M. Glas. (Longriggen, N.B.) writes: On June 20th I was called to see a child, who, her father told me, had got her finger crushed off. I found that the patient, a healthy well-nourished girl of 6, had the fleshy portion of the middle finger stripped completely off the two distal phalanges. While playing with some other children in a wood yard a plank of timber had fallen on her hand; she immediately withdrew the hand, with the above-mentioned result. My intention was to amputate the finger, but then the mother produced to me the missing member, which had been found wedged in between the planks.

I now altered my intention, and resolved to give the limb a chance, so I carefully washed the finger, which had by this time been laid aside for fully an hour. It was burst open along its palmar aspect to within a short distance of the tip, so I slipped it over the denuded bone, as one would do the finger of a glove. The lacerated edges were brought together by eight silk sutures, and a carbolic dressing was applied, the whole hand being warmly dressed to maintain the temperature. It was seen again twenty-four hours afterwards, but the process of repair did not seem encouraging. Two days afterwards it was seen again, but now vascular granulations from the lacerated stump seemed to shoot into the apparently dead finger, and on subsequent visits an increased temperature, with decided vitality, manifested itself. Some time afterwards the patient again injured the tip of the same finger, and it had to be removed, but I did not expect to save that portion. The remaining part of the finger has now a healthy granulating surface, and is doing well.

The chief point of interest in this case is the readiness and rapidity with which the partially dismembered limb united to the remaining portion after complete severance for more than an hour. A medical gentleman, to whom I mentioned the fact, told me of a case in which a girl got the finger end nipped off, but in the excitement of the moment she had fixed it on again with the nail on the palmar surface of the finger. There was, however, complete union.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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