

**STATISTICS OF OVARIOTOMY.**—SIR: My attention has been drawn to a statement of Mr. T. S. Wells, which appeared in No. 181, p. 167, of your JOURNAL, to the effect that he has performed the operation of ovariectomy 100 times, with 34 deaths. I presume this includes private as well as hospital cases.

The last summary of these cases conjointly, appeared in the *Medical Times and Gazette* of December 2nd, 1862. From the above date to that of July 16th, 1864, no cases of Mr. Wells, except hospital cases, have, so far as I know, been fully reported. As it is a matter of the greatest interest to the profession, that it should be able to judge of the relative mortality of the operation in private as well as in hospital practice, the cases being necessarily very differently selected, I would wish to ask Mr. Wells, through the pages of your JOURNAL, to favour us, with histories also of these private cases, as full as those he has thought well to give us of his hospital cases.

It was the want of these details, not formerly fully given by other and very eminent practitioners, which brought the operation, until within the last few years, both in these realms and on the continent, into such undeserved disrepute.

In these days, when ovariectomy is so commonly performed, it is very desirable that those who operate should fully record all their cases. In this manner the profession, now become so eminently practical, will be enabled to come to conclusions on the merits of the operation, which, because both incontrovertible and philosophical, must command the respect of the entire scientific world.

I am, etc., C. H. F. ROUTH, M.D.

52, Montagu Square, August 1864.

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