

*July 16th, 1882.*—Was called; found the membranes ruptured and about half the liquor amnii in a pail. It measured six quarts. When the water flowed freely, she would get up and go to the pail, and wait until the pain was over. I do not think it any exaggeration to state that as much was lost on the bed-clothes and floor. When the child was born, about another quart came away, making 12 or 13 quarts altogether. Contrary to my expectations, the child was alive and lived two weeks before death, presenting the characteristic old man appearance of syphilis.

When she again became pregnant, consented to take medicine, and it was pushed thoroughly. About ten days before labor she began to enlarge quite fast, and upon examination, found more fluid than normal. Had stopped all treatment for about three weeks previous; now, however, I again began giving Potassium Iodide 5i per day, which acted on the bowels quite freely. I continued it until the birth of the child. About the fifth day after taking the Pot. Iod. the movements of the child became stronger, and the tenseness gave way.

*July 6th, 1883.*—I delivered her of a 10 lb. boy, with only slight traces of syphilis, and no undue amount of fluid.

CASE V.—Mrs. S., aged 41, short and robust, the mother of nine children. The first was born in Scotland, the second in England, five in Greece, the eighth in England, and the ninth in the United States. Generally noticed that she began to enlarge quite rapidly a fortnight or six weeks before the birth of her children. First child still-born, with an immense quantity of fluid; fifth, a large amount, but the child was alive, and died two weeks after; eighth child only lived 20 minutes, and she thought the death was due to too much fluid. I was called to attend her with the ninth; found the os fully dilated. I ruptured the membranes and collected six quarts of water; not more than a pint escaped. The child, a male, weighed 13 lbs., and died 15 minutes after birth. The cord was 12 inches long and fully an inch in diameter. She was confined March 23rd, 1883, Could get no specific history from either parent.