

two post partum, and one unavoidable. Four of the children were lost, in all the result was favourable to the mother.

Duration of Labour. Of all the cases which occurred 373 were confined before the expiration of the sixth hour from the commencement of the symptoms, 360 between the sixth and end of the twelfth hour, 100 from the end of the twelfth to the end of the eighteenth hour, 94 from the end of the eighteenth to the end of the twenty-fourth hour, 50 from the twenty-fourth to the end of the forty-eighth hour, and 17 over the forty-eighth hour; thus the vast majority 337 cases, were delivered before the expiration of twelve hours, 194 from that period to the end of 24 hours, while 67 only were prolonged beyond the 24 hours.

The length of the Funis. This admits of every variety, thus in 31 cases the funis measured from five to ten inches, 346 measured from ten to twenty inches, 358 from twenty to thirty inches, 67 from thirty to forty inches, and seven were over forty inches; while on this subject I may mention a case, which occurred in my own practice, where the funis measured fifty-four inches.

Duration of Pregnancy. Ten lunar months, or 280 days is the time generally admitted to be the usual period from conception to delivery; that this period is without variation is far from correct, cases there are, well authenticated, in which pregnancy has been prolonged to eleven lunar months equal to 308 days, and the fact of viable children being born a month or two before maturity is of too common occurrence to be questioned; the cases here adduced are not wholly reliable and therefore valueless. I give them however as they are, the period is dated from the last flow of the catamenia and not as is usual, to allow fourteen days from that time.

Thus from 200 to 250 days since the last appearance of the menstrual flow, there were twenty three women delivered.

From 250 to 260 days,	three only.
From 260 to 270 days,	57 cases.
From 270 to 280 days,	252 cases.
From 280 to 290 days,	228 cases.
From 290 to 300 days,	61 cases.
And over 300 days,	21 cases.

When we perceive how varied are the operations of nature in all other matters regarding the existence of man, it does seem strange to expect regularity in this particular.

One woman declared she had menstruated regularly to within sixty days of her confinement, the child was born at the full time.