

*A Case of Acute Desquamative Nephritis, occurring at the sixth month of Gestation—with almost total suppression of Urine—Induction of Premature Labor, entire fatty degeneration of Placenta.—Recovery.* By JOHN REDDY, M.D., L.R.C.S.I., &c., Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, &c.

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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,—Of the case I am now about to read to you, not being one of every day occurrence, I have at the risk of being considered tiresome, ventured to give you the details, considering that its practical importance and happy termination will prove interesting to you.

On the 18th July, 1871, Mrs. I., born in Scotland, aged 38 years; middle stature; ruddy complexion, and in apparent good health, called to engage me to attend her during her confinement, which she expected about the 18th of October following. There was nothing in her appearance that would lead one to suppose that she enjoyed other than the best of health.

While giving me her history, she desired to tell me of what appeared to her rather a singular occurrence. For upwards of three weeks, towards night, she was troubled with frontal headache; sometimes very severe, accompanied by a feeling of debility and partial loss of vision, and occasionally with confusion of intellect. On further questioning her, I ascertained that she noticed the backs of her hands and her insteps slightly swollen toward the close of each day. She also suffered some pain across her loins, and had slight nausea, which never amounted to vomiting. The latter symptom she attributed to her pregnancy. Her appetite, also, of late had been very capricious, and her sleep disturbed by frightful dreams, causing much restlessness. While actively engaged in her daily calling (which involved considerable responsibility) she desired often of late to rest, every duty appearing irksome, and quite a drag to her. Through the day she had frequent desire to urinate; but only passed