

breech : 7, the feet ; 1, the knee ; 2, the shoulder ; 2, the face, and 3 the funis. There were 3 twin births, and 3 abortions. There were 348 children born alive—483 males, and 465 females ; the still births were 47—35 males and 12 females. The proportion of still births to living children being 1 to 20. The average length of the children was : males, 20 inches ; females, 19½ inches. The average weight—males, 7 lbs. 13 oz., females, 7 lbs. 11 oz. ; 105 males and 61 females weighed 9 lbs. and upwards. The heaviest male child weighed 11 lbs. 12 oz. ; the heaviest female, 11 lbs. 6 oz. The average duration of labour in 992 cases was 8 hours and 45 minutes. The average period at which the membranes ruptured before delivery was 3½ hours. The average weight of the placenta was 1 lb. 7 oz., and the average length of the cord was 23 inches. There were two placentæ born with single children, weighing each over 3 lbs. The larger weighed 3 lbs. 2 oz., and belonged to a child weighing 9 lbs. 4 oz. ; the smaller weighed 3 lbs. 1 oz.,—the child weighing 9 lbs. 8 oz. There was also a single placenta accompanying a twin birth which weighed 4 lbs. 4 oz. The longest cord measured 48 inches, the shortest, 10 inches.

Instrumental interference to complete the delivery was required in 20 cases of labour. In 19 the forceps was used, and in one the perforator. The frequency with which the forceps was applied was once in 52½ cases. *Thirteen* were primiparæ, and the difficulty in these was attributable to three causes, operating either singly or in combination, namely, rigidity of soft parts, occipito-posterior positions of the head, and the funnel-shaped pelvis. The rarity of deformity and disproportion of the pelvis from disease is remarkable in Canada, and is no doubt due to the circumstance that in this country females of tender years are not obliged to do bodily labour under defective hygienic conditions which would have a tendency to interfere with the proper nutrition of their system, retard their development, and cause deformity of the pelvis. Of late years, however, cotton, tobacco and india-rubber factories have been established in this city, giving employment to numerous young girls, and it remains to be seen if in the future we may not meet