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*A Case of Paralysis with Aphasia occurring on the Fifth Day after Parturition—Death and Post Mortem.* By JOHN REDDY, M.D., L.R.C.S.I., &c., Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, &c.

I wish to supplement a paper read by me before the Medico Chirurgical Society of Montreal, on the 9th March last, on Paralysis with Aphasia, (when I gave the history of four cases,) by recording another case which has since come under my charge, and which I deem of sufficient interest to lay before your readers, particularly since, as it terminated fatally, I had an opportunity of verifying the diagnosis by a post mortem. It bears a most striking resemblance in some of its pathological features to Case No. 1 in my former paper.

Mrs. M., aged 45, of middle stature and spare habit, I confined on the 17th April, 1872, of a large male child. The labor was of short duration, terminating favorably—(this was her seventh labor). On the second day she remarked that before her confinement she had been much troubled with a cough which had now nearly altogether subsided. On the third day the breasts were well filled and the child nursed freely; she appeared in good spirits, nor did anything unusual arise to affect her perfect recovery till the morning of the 22nd (or fifth day), when, on my arrival, the nurse informed me that some short time previously she awoke, as if in a fit or dreamy fright; her face was quite distorted; the ability to speak or sit up being absent; that when the fright had subsided she was seized with coughing, and forced up quite a quantity of thick saliva which flowed from her mouth; up to this moment she appeared to be doing well, and had spoken to her a short time previously. I found her lying on the right side, partially propped up in bed; thick, glairy mucus, in a long string, flowing from the right side of her mouth. The face and right