

between the medical profession and women who have been subjected to this form of treatment.

That the testimony of these women is incompetent is obvious, and as such should be given no consideration in arriving at conclusions as to the value of this method. Scientifically, we must judge this mode of treatment from the standpoint of analgesia, and not amnesia. It is the actual diminution of pain that the medical profession should be directly concerned with, and all our efforts should be concentrated to accomplish this. It is of comparatively small importance to us, and should be to the woman, whether or not amnesia is obtained. Heretofore the report of successful cases were practically based upon the degree of amnesia obtained, making analgesia of secondary importance.

As our experience increased we, of necessity, were compelled to arrive at a different conclusion. We soon found that a large number of women suffered a great deal of pain and discomfort, and the question suggested itself to our minds whether we were not, to some extent, responsible for an inaccurate presentation of this subject to the medical profession. I believe it the duty of each and every one of us to correct this false impression, both from the medical and lay aspects, and to particularly impress the public that "Twilight Sleep" is not synonymous with painless labor. It is incumbent upon us to point out that professional journalists and other women, no matter how honest and well meaning they may be, are absolutely ignorant of the scientific aspect of this method of treatment, and cannot possibly have, or form a proper conception of it.

We have now reached a stage in the development of this work where we are confronted with a peculiar situation, which heretofore has been entirely ignored in the various discussions upon this subject. It is now well established that if this form of treatment is properly carried on, it will produce amnesia in approximately 75 per cent. of cases. Many of these patients, because of extreme intoxication of the more highly developed nerve centres, fail to retain the memory of pain, leave the hospital honestly believing that they have actually had no pain. Such women will, of necessity, tell other women that childbirth by this method is absolutely painless.

The attending physician, however, has before him an entirely different picture. He knows that these women have experienced pain, he has heard their screams, and was even accused of being cruel for refusing to administer "Twilight Sleep" to them. The opinions of the physician and patient concerning this form of treatment must always differ, and antagonism upon the scientific