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### ECTOPIC GESTATION.\*

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BEFORE commencing the consideration of this subject I desire to express my high appreciation of the motives which actuated the members of the committee on papers in placing under my care a subject of such great magnitude. It is one of vital importance to every woman who expects to become a mother, for her very life may depend on the proper understanding of its causation, early diagnosis and management. It is of vital importance to every practitioner, for at any time he may be called upon to differentiate the condition from others with which it may be confounded, and the responsibility of a life must accordingly depend upon his delicacy of diagnosis, his medical acumen, his judgment, and his ability to carry to a favorable termination this desperately alarming and often fatal condition.

With a full knowledge of the importance and gravity of the subject, and with the difficulties which surround its consideration, and in the presence of those who from a wide experience and vast field for observation have become accurate observers, and in the presence, too, of others who, from their research work, have minds well stored with the results of laboratory investigation, I trust I may be excused if I say I approach the subject with much diffidence and with a consciousness of my inability to do it that justice.

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