

one above it, and the deciduous membrane and amnion which enclosed the product of conception extended to these tumours by a cord-like process and enveloped them." The patient who bore this child stated that she had received a blow from a cudgel during her pregnancy on the left side of the abdomen; the woman, however, bore her child the full term of gestation, but it was still born, and died soon after its birth. It presented by the feet.

To proceed now with the more immediate subject of this paper.

Out of the 1949 entries in the books of the Hospital, I can only find 849 of which a record of the peculiarities of the labours remains; and if to this number we add the 354, whose statistics were given in a very general manner by the late Dr. McCulloch in the *British American Journal* of 1847, and which I now propose to make use of to the extent they permit, we have then the number of 1203 cases as the basis of our present statistical observations.

An inspection of the register will disclose the fact that the classification of the labours adopted was the old one of "Natural, Preternatural, Laborious and Complex," an excellent enough one for ordinary purposes, but scarcely precise enough for statistical uses. With the exception of the 354 cases which furnished the basis of Dr. McCulloch's observations, whose division in that paper I adopt as suitable to my present purposes, I have carefully examined the details of the remaining 849 labours, exclusive of the multiple pregnancies of which I have the record, and have reduced them to Nægele's system of classification, the one which seems to me the simplest, and at the same time the most scientific and truthful. Following, then, this system of classification, we have the following numbers of each of his four principal varieties of presentation:

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| Occipito-Iliac, | 1153 |
| Sacro-Iliac, | 33 |
| Mento-Iliac, | 10 |
| Cephalo-Iliac, | 7 |
| | 1203 |

Following up these four principal divisions, I find the following varieties in the presentations.

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| 1 Occipito-Iliac.—1st Position..... | 1101 cases. | |
| 2nd " | 28 " | |
| 3rd " | 8 " | |
| 4th " | 9 " | |
| 5th " | 3 " | |
| 6th " | 4 " | |
| | 1153 | |
| 2 Sacro-Iliac—Anterior | 30 " | |
| Posterior | 2 " | |
| Left Transverse | 1 " | |
| | 33 | |
| 3 Mento-Iliac—Anterior | 8 " | |
| Posterior | 2 " | |
| | 10 | |
| 4 Cephalo-Iliac—Left lateral plane | 5 " | |
| Right lateral plane | 2 " | |
| | 7 | |
| | | Total cases—1203 |