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Dr. F. S. Mack gave an interesting account of a case of placenta prævia; he was called in on the morning of the 22nd December, ult., to meet Dr. Considine, of Port Dalhousie, in a difficult obstetric case. Mrs. H——, the mother of two children, had been suffering from intermittent fever, and had experienced several slight hæmorrhages, which yielded to rest, and the recumbent posturo. Hæmorrhage commenced on the morning of the above date profusely, and accompanied with irregular uterine contractions, attended by increased discharge of blood. Other measures failing, Dr. Considine had recourse to the tampon; which, having failed, had been removed just before the arrival of Dr. F. S. Mack.

He found the patient exsanguinous in a marked degree, restless and exhausted. Stimulants were freely given, and continued throughout, and, after allowing half an hour to elapse, to permit her to rally a little, Dr. F. Mack proceeded to examine per vaginam; he found the os dilated to about the size of a crown piece, and high up; could introduce one finger in the cer-