

HOSPITAL REPORTS.

UNIVERSITY LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

Funis Presentation.—(Reported by Mr. Thomas Simpson.)

Mary Mack, ætâ 30, a stout, healthy Irishwoman, in labour with her third child. The pains set in on Tuesday, 17th May, 1853, and occurred regularly though weakly. At about a quarter to 6 o'clock, upon examination, the os uteri was found soft, cushiony, dilated to nearly the size of a half crown piece, and the bag of waters protruding so far that the presentation could not be made out. At a quarter past 6 the membranes ruptured and a handful of cord was found filling the upper part of vagina, preventing any part of the child from being felt. The pulsations in cord were strong in interval, but completely absent during the presence of the pains, which were of short duration, and not of very frequent occurrence. Dr. McCulloch, the attending physician, was now sent for, and arrived within half an hour: he found the head still at the brim of the pelvis, and without loss of time introduced the hand, and in a few minutes succeeded in pushing all the prolapsed cord above the superior aperture, and detained it there with the fingers about twenty minutes, until the head had advanced far enough to prevent it again descending. The pains continued weak, and returned at long intervals: on that account, although ergot is seldom prescribed to patients during labour in this institution, it was thought necessary, under the circumstances, to order 20 grs. to be administered to the patient, and this dose not having had the desired effect, an equal quantity was again given within half an hour; the pains then became more frequent and strong, and a male child weighing 8½ lbs. was born alive, at half-past 8 the same evening, and, with the mother, continued well. The placenta was delivered at a quarter to 9. There was no flooding.

[Dr. McCulloch informed us that he met with a case of this kind, in his private practice, a few years ago, where he returned the cord, and prevented its descending again by the same means, and the child was in that case, also born alive.—Eds.]

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Gun shot wound entering and traversing knee joint.—(Reported by Mr. John D. Clendinnen.)

Solomon Corcoran, æt. 36, a native of Ireland, a spare, delicate looking man, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital, on Monday, 1st November, 1852, under Dr. Crawford. He stated that on or about the 25th of September last, there was a riot at New Glasgow, where he then resided, and as he was standing at his own door at a little distance from the rioters, he received a wound of the left leg, caused by a ball which entered on the anterior part of the tibia about 1½ inches below the knee, and made its exit at 4 inches distance from the entrance; on the posterior part of the leg, traversing the joint obliquely.

At the time of receiving the shot, he positively says he was not con-