

Eighteen of the children were born dead. Five from unduly prolonged labor terminated by forceps extraction. Four of these had been under care of midwives. Four were premature. Three were syphilitic. Two from placenta previa. One each from placental separation, cord around neck, eclampsia and neglected breech.

The following complications were met with :—

Placenta previa. Three cases, two marginal and one central. The last was treated by rapid dilatation and version and child was saved. The marginal cases were treated expectantly by tampon and both children were lost.

Post-partum hemorrhage. Three alarming severe cases. Two from inertia, one after a twin labor, the other after birth of dead child. The third was secondary, at seventh day, from some undiscovered causes.

Eclampsia. Three cases, all in primiparae. In the first, a twin labor, convulsions began when first child was at perineum. They were both extracted and are still alive. The second case had been in convulsions for fourteen hours before coming under observation. Child was born dead, without interference, the following day. The third case occurred at eight months. Patient had had four convulsions before treatment was commenced. Had several more at increasing intervals during the next forty-eight hours, but entirely recovered and delivered of a live child at full term, after an easy labor.

Phlegmasia Alba Dolens. Two cases, limited in each to one limb. One of these patients was four months in bed.

Adherent placenta. Three cases.

Concealed hemorrhage. One case.

Separation of symphysis. One case. Severe infection occurred four times. Twice undoubtedly by nurse in attendance.

In curetting one of these on tenth day, a large dull curette was passed through uterus into abdominal cavity. Fortunately patient made a good recovery without surgical interference. More or less severe inflammation of the breasts occurred five times, four of them easily accounted for. In two the husband's mouths had taken the place of a breast pump.