

vein and nerve; (5) relaxed abdominal walls induces constipation, compromises lymph and blood circulation, traumatizes nerve periphery and compromises canalization of viscera; (6) lactation atrophy may occur and the endometrium become a *locus minoris resistæ*; and (7) uterus not immune against trauma. The puerperium is practically a pathologic state; function has passed beyond the zone of health. In puerperium the myometrium contracts more rapidly than the utero-ovarian artery; hence the artery is thrown into a marked spiral state, and its walls are thick. The uterine muscular bundles with the elastic fibers act like living ligatures to contract the blood vessels. A puerperal uterus being exposed to infection is liable to subinvolution, *i.e.*, bacterial disease. The slack or flaccid cervical wall following parturition, endangers the uterus to infection. The patent os results in ample drainage, but allows bacterial invasion. Puerperal lochia endangers the multiplication of bacteria. The uterus is somewhat larger after parturition, hence liable to be forced distalward and be compromised in circulation. The nursing child aids uterine involution.

VI. *Climacterium* (condition): Ceasing uterine function. Function, crisis, duration three years (45 to 48) irregular hyperemia and secretion limited. Atrophy of parenchymatous or functioning cells (muscle, elastic, nerve ciliated and glandular epithelium). Increase of connective tissue or frame work cells. Arterio-sclerosis, defective nourishment. As death is manifestly more strong than birth, so the dying climacterium manifests more nerve storms than the developing puberty.

*Results*: 1, Bacterial disease; 2, endometritis; 3, myometritis; 4, prolapse, sacro-pubic hernia from (atrophy) relaxation of uterine supports; 5, the heat center (flushes), the vascular center (flushes) and the perspiratory center (sweatings) are disturbed; 6, trauma of parturition (instrumentation) and atrophy of endometrium (lack of nourishment) predispose uterus to carcinoma and sarcoma; 7, trauma of lactation induces mastitis and malignancy of the mammae; 8, skin eruptions, pigmentation and diseases; 9, visceral disturbances (circulation, secretion, peristalsis) from reflex irritation in uterus due to atrophy of hypogastric plexus and automatic menstrual ganglia; 10, obesity; 11, growth of hair on face; 12, mental anxiety; 13, *locus minoris resistentiæ* in the endometrium; 14, myoma; 15, pruritus pudendæ; 16, not immune against trauma; 17, irregular hemorrhage; 18, the climacterium neurosis is alleged to be due to lack of internal ovarian secretion.

VII. *Senescence* (condition): Old age, uterine quiescence, cessation of uterine function; duration from the forty-eighth year until termination of life; non-hyperemic, secretion minimum, and hence bacterial disease minimum; atrophic degen-