

blood; he responded in the fullest and in the best sense to the formative influences with which his early life was surrounded; he had the independence to defy personal dictum and to give allegiance only to demonstrated truth; he had the intelligence to discern, and the human sympathy to appreciate that human happiness depended first and chiefly upon a knowledge of the laws underlying and governing human existence. He worked on independent lines and revealed laws of disease previously hidden; he by his observations and deductions, and by the elaboration of rational methods, laid the foundation of modern medicine. He established the study of racial man as a science. He fought the battle for human liberty, and won for others the boon that he had always arrogated to himself. He added years to the generation of man, brought happiness to his kind. Finally, let it be recorded, that above all he lived faithful to his ideals—and the greatest of these was Truth.

THE TREATMENT OF SEPTIC ABORTION.*

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Mr. President and Gentlemen:

I wish to bring before the Association a method of treatment for septic abortion which has given uniformly good results in my hands.

Briefly, I mean by septic abortions those cases in which, to the ordinary unmistakable signs of pregnancy and abortion, febrile symptoms are added.

The instruments needed are, two pairs of tenaculum forceps, and a Bozeman's intra-uterine douche nozzle of large size. These should be sterilized by boiling and placed ready for use in a one per cent. lysol solution. The patient is anesthetized, placed in the lithotomy position, and the vulva prepared by thoroughly scrubbing it with green soap and hot water, which is washed off with lysol solution, one per cent. The vagina is then scrubbed with green soap and the fingers, or a bit of cheese cloth, and douched out with lysol, one per cent. The uterus is then grasped by the left hand through the abdomen, to make counter-pressure, and the cervix is dilated, if necessary, by the fingers of the right hand, as much of the right hand being introduced into the vagina as is necessary to allow the fingers to thoroughly explore the whole uterus. If the whole hand has to be introduced, the vaginal orifice must be gradually

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