

placed or large doses of the bromide of potassium; chloroform was administered and a terebinthinate enema given.

The *third* was a delicate young girl, aged 17, of a highly nervous organization, in labour with her first child. She was very irritable and intolerant of her pains. The labour lasted twenty hours, and she gave birth to a female child weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. The first stage was very tedious, occupying 24½ hours. The first fit of convulsions came on at 4 p.m., at which time the os uteri was not more than half dilated. The paroxysms had a remarkable effect on the progress of the labour. The os was fully dilated at 5 p.m., when a second convulsive attack occurred, and at 7 p.m. she was delivered by the natural efforts. The child was living. An examination of the urine proved it to be free from albumen. Altogether the patient had five convulsive seizures—three before and two after labour.

Treatment consisted in the administration of the hydrate of chloral and the bromide of potassium, with beef-tea and wine. This case occurred February 15th, 1874.

The *fourth*, aged 19, a primipara, had a tedious labour in consequence of premature rupture of the membranes with occipito-posterior presentation of the head. After 11 hours of suffering the os uteri was not more than two-thirds dilated. She then became very restless and impatient, and suddenly had a fit of convulsions. We did not see her until two hours after, up to which time she had had three paroxysms. She was immediately placed under the influence of chloroform, and on examination, the head of the child being found in the cavity of the pelvis, the forceps was applied, and the delivery completed. The child, a male, weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz., and was born alive. The convulsions continued at intervals for 48 hours after delivery, during which time she took 200 grains of the hydrate of chloral, and 8 drachms of the bromide of potassium. Calomel also was given followed by a black draught, and ice applied to the head. The motions were very copious, dark-coloured and highly offensive.

The *fifth*, aged 32, was 6½ hours in labour with her second child, a male, weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. She had œdema of the extremities, and her urine was highly albuminous. When the