

was another of a linear shape which communicated with the upper lip, which presented every characteristic of harelip. On a minute examination the fissure constituting this harelip, extended through the palate bone and soft parts beyond.

Beyond these abnormalities there was nothing else peculiar in the case. In every other respect the newly born monstrosity was perfectly formed. Not without some objections I got it weighed. It was found to weigh 6 lb, 11 oz. I could neither succeed in obtaining permission from its father to get possession of the child, nor to perform an anatomical examination, circumstances which I have much regretted.

I am aware that this case can scarcely be deemed one of cyclopean malformation, but unless under this head I do not know under what division of monstrosities to place it. We have only to carry out the idea which defines a Cyclopean eye to be the fusion of two eyes into one a little further, the arrest of development preventing the formation of an eye at all, and the peculiarities of this case are met.

The accouchement above alluded to was the third of this party. The first was a perfectly normal one in every respect. In the second accouchement she was attended by the late Dr. Holmes, who, from some peculiarity, was compelled to use the forceps. I was informed by a friend who was afterwards in attendance upon her during the lying in, that this second child was also a case of monstrosity, but what the peculiarities of the malformation were, I could not learn, as the friend alluded to was unable to inform me, and the husband was utterly unwilling to converse upon, must less even allude to the subject, even although pressed by me.

I have only finally to remark, that in physical appearance, the husband is a model of his kind, and quite a young man, scarcely exceeding 32 years, and his wife is a rather good looking young woman, and with the exception of the bronchitic attack alluded to, and which lasted for about three weeks after her accouchement, had always enjoyed most excellent health. In fact, I do not know a husband and wife in this city, who from appearances I should say were more likely to procreate children of normal organization, yet twice out of three times has this wife brought forth a monster.

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ART. LVIII.—*On the formation of a Medical Benevolent Society, or an Annuity Fund.* By CHARLES SMALLWOOD, M.D., L.L.D. one of the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada.

It was gratifying to me to see in the October number of the *British American Journal* the wise and just remarks of our respected and worthy colleague, Dr. VonIffland, "On the prospect of an Annuity Fund."

As the proposer of such a measure at the session of the College to which Dr. VonIffland refers, I may feel justly proud that such a resolution should coincide with the views of one of the most philanthropic and benevolent members of our profession, who, combined with the active duties of his profession for a period of 40 years, possesses a full knowledge of the *means* and *ways* of the widows and orphans of our individual members, when their support and protection have