

few days ago I received an urgent summons to come at once to an address at the northern part of the town. On arrival I found my *confrère* looking very tired and distressed after an anxious night with a primipara. He greeted me with the information that one child had been born but that he did not know what to do about the second, as he believed there was hour-glass contraction of the uterus. I assured him that our course of action was clear; we sent at once for an obstetrician. I had difficulty in convincing him that I was not a professor of the art, but he persisted that my reputation was associated in some way with obstetrics, and brought up that north-west case! What I have suffered on account of that baby! To be jeered at by the French journals, to be called by the editor of the *Medical Record* a narrator of funny stories, to be referred to by my friends as Munchausen—these things have been hard to bear, but on the strength of that case to develop a consulting practice in obstetrics, is indeed a warning. Hereafter I shall stick to my last.

WILLIAM OSLER.

Obituary.

RICHARD A. KENNEDY, M.D.

We regret to have to record the death of Dr. R. A. Kennedy, for many years one of the leading obstetric physicians of this city. He was born in this city, January 1st, 1840. Receiving his education in Montreal, he studied medicine at McGill University, and graduated in 1864. Almost immediately afterwards he began practice at Dunham, in the Eastern Townships, but remained only three years, as the field was too contracted and not congenial to his ambition. He returned to Montreal, where he practiced the remainder of his life-time. Dr. Kennedy was a most persevering worker, and soon had acquired an extended clientèle. When the Medical School of Bishop's College was founded, he was offered and accepted the Chair of Anatomy, but two years afterwards was transferred to that of Obstetrics and Gynæcology. This position was more to his liking, and he filled it creditably, earning the reputation of being a most con-