

of deaths occurring under these circumstances, it is only very rarely that I hear them reported. There are also, very probably, many cases which are saved by operative treatment, of which nothing has been said. Seeing that the operative treatment which I am advocating is, if not delayed too long, invariably successful, it seems to me to be the plain duty of those who have saved lives by this means to place them on record. It is also greatly to be desired that those who lose cases of this or any other kind should frankly report them, and that those who are brave enough and honest enough to do so should be rewarded by the esteem of their brethren.

There is no doubt that many cases of vomiting of pregnancy can be controlled by medical treatment, but to these cases my remarks do not apply at all. In this short paper I am only dealing with cases of vomiting of pregnancy which cannot be controlled by any drugs, nor even by raising the foot of the bed, as recommended by Sir James Grant, nor by inserting the finger into the cervical canal, nor by painting the cervix with cocaine or nitrate of silver. When all these and many other therapeutic measures have been tried with a negative result, and the patient continues to vomit, becoming day by day more and more emaciated, until the cheeks grow hollow, the eyes become glassy, and the mind wanders in much the same way as we read of in the accounts of those who die of thirst and starvation from shipwreck, when we have a patient evidently dying before our eyes, we should not stand by with folded hands when we have the means of putting a stop to her sufferings and restoring her to life and health.

Case 1.—A Mrs. X, twenty-five years of age, about three months pregnant with her first child, had for some years previously had symptoms of endometritis. Almost the day after she became pregnant she began to have nausea, which quickly grew worse, until at the end of two months she could retain hardly anything on her stomach, and, becoming alarmed, called in a physician. During the next month he faithfully tried most of the drugs usually recommended, such as oxalate of cerium, bismuth subnitrate, opium and morphine, hydrocyanic acid, spirits of chloroform, etc., but without being able to control the vomiting. The patient had been in bed ever since the second or

third week of pregnancy, and as her strength was gradually failing her physician declared that he could do nothing more, and withdrew from the case. I was then called in and prescribed a few more drugs which had not been tried; the cervix was painted with a strong solution of nitrate of silver, hot douches, etc., were ordered. At the end of a week under my care she was decidedly worse, her pulse being fast and thready. Her temperature was subnormal, her tongue was dry and cracked, and she began to mutter incoherently, and even at times to rave wildly. After two weeks' observation of the case I became convinced that unless some change for the better were not soon brought about the patient must die, and I decided that the only thing to be done was to empty the uterus. I therefore called in consultation Dr. William Gardner, who agreed with me on this point, and immediately proceeded to carry out this treatment. An antiseptic douche was given and a tupelo tent was inserted in the uterus. This was left for twenty-four hours, and next morning we returned, and the patient being anesthetized Dr. Gardner rapidly emptied the uterus of its contents—a two and a half months' pregnancy. The hemorrhage was quickly stopped by means of a very hot intrauterine douche. The patient had been allowed to go on too long before resorting to the radical cure, and after the operation was in a very precarious condition from weakness. But my anxiety did not last long, for she did not vomit once after that. Within a few hours she was taking small quantities of milk and beef tea, she ceased to rave, and her whole appearance was different. In a few days she was eating heartily, and it was a pleasure to see how, like any famished creature, she enjoyed her food. She was up in two weeks, and after a few weeks' treatment with positive galvanism to the interior of the uterus, at my office, for the cure of the endometritis, at Dr. Gardner's suggestion, she completely regained her health. I kept her under observation for two or three years, during which she was in perfect health when she left the city, and I have not seen her since.

Case 2.—This patient was under the care of Dr. Springle, who, having treated her with all the principal drugs and dietary measures for several weeks, and finding that she was going from bad to