

taper to a point, and the finger can be readily carried round them. The rule in this hospital is—to make no traction whatever on the membranes when they are not expelled from the vagina with the placenta, but to twist them and then ascertain if they be adherent. If found to be attached to the uterus, they are to be carefully separated by the finger and extracted. They are then to be examined to ascertain if they have been entirely removed.

There were *seven* cases complicated with *convulsions*. In all the mothers recovered. In *five* the children were born living, and in *two* the children were still-born. The urine was examined in each case and, with one exception, was found albuminous.

The first occurred Nov. 23, 1869, in a strong, robust young girl, aged 19, in labour, with her first child. She was seized with convulsions just at the termination of the first stage. The paroxysms were very severe, the face becoming greatly congested, and remaining more or less so during the intervals. Twenty-five ounces of blood were drawn from the arm with marked effect. The fits became less frequent and there was not so much congestion of the face and head. Chloroform was administered during the paroxysm, and 30 grains of the bromide of potassium given every second hour. A castor oil and turpentine enema was also given, and ice applied to the head. The labour not progressing very rapidly, and the head of the child having come down into the pelvis. the forceps was applied, and delivery completed. The child, a male, was dead, and weighed 8 lbs. 12 ounces. The labour lasted 9 hours. She remained in a semi-conscious condition, the convulsions recurring at longer and longer intervals until the evening of the next day, when they ceased, and she made a good recovery. The bromide of potassium was continued in the same dose, 30 grains, every fourth hour.

The *second*, a primipara, aged 28, was seventeen hours in labour, and gave birth to a dead child, a male weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. She was apparently doing well, but twenty-four hours after labour she was seized with convulsions. Her urine was found to contain a notable quantity of albumen. She was