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PUERPERAL INFECTION *

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INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS.

This subject is selected as it is the most important one in gynecology at the present time because of its prophylaxis, its morbidity and mortality, and especially because more progress is being made in it than in any other class of gynecologic diseases. In fact, most of the progress that is being made in medicine is in the study of the various infections, and all of the infections have much in common. For the advance made in our knowledge of infections and immunity we are under great obligation to the vast army of earnest, industrious and highly educated men that are doing laboratory research work.

PROPHYLAXIS.

The thousands of cases of puerperal infection that occur annually is a very serious reflection upon the intelligence and care displayed in the practice of midwifery. It would seem

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