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*A case of Retroversion of the Impregnated Uterus.* By DAVID L. PHILIP, M. D., C. M. Coroner for the County of Oxford, &c. Platsville, Ontario.

In October last I was requested to visit Mrs. W. by her husband, who informed me that within the past few days she had become dropsical, that she was suffering great pain, and that if not soon relieved he believed she would die. On visiting the patient who lived about five miles distant, I obtained the following history. She was about four months advanced in pregnancy and had enjoyed excellent health up to within four days, when on going about her ordinary household duties "she felt something give way" she felt no great pain at the time, but on attempting to void her urine, she found she was unable, she strained violently, applied hot fomentations and used some domestic remedies for the water, but without any effect. She says a little urine comes away from her now (*Stilicidium urinæ*) in drippings. Her bowels have been constipated, passes some slight watery stools and flatus, her sufferings during the past twelve hours are distressing; she feels as if her belly would burst, and earnestly entreats to be relieved. At present the pulse is quick with high fever, flushed countenance and hurried respiration; on examining the abdomen, there is a large tumor extending to the umbilicus and reaching almost from one ilium to the other, very painful on the slightest pressure. Suspecting the nature of the case, I requested to make a vaginal examination, and on introducing my finger I found a tumor occupying the cavity of the pelvis. I could not reach the mouth of the