

the fluid is 82°-86° F., the injection is given without force, the irrigator being held not higher than three feet above the level of the bed. If any straining is felt, the irrigator is lowered until the peristalsis of the bowel has quieted down. If any fecal matter returns with the salt solution into the irrigator, fresh solution is used. In the primary cleansing it may take an hour to clear out the rectum and colon, and it may need another hour before the peristalsis is quieted and the bowel is in condition for the first injection of salt solution. Sometimes not more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  litre can be given at once; after a couple of hours another can be given; 4-6 litres should be given in the course of twenty-four hours. Considerable patience, perseverance and dexterity are necessary to ensure good results, but so far the author has not failed to cure the vomiting.

### Excessive Size of Fœtus.

"Excessive Size of Fœtus."—*Bulletin de la Société d'Obstétrique de Paris, 1903, p. 235.*

At a recent session of the Paris Obstetrical Society, several cases of unusual foetal development were presented. *Dr. Delcamp* reported the delivery of a child 61½ cm. long, weighing 9,900 grammes (21 lbs.—13½ oz.). The mother aet 42, x-gravida, was a robust peasant woman. Her nine previous confinements had been normal, the children being a little above the average size. In the tenth labor, the head was extracted with difficulty by means of forceps, and the delivery of the shoulders gave considerable trouble. The measurements of the head were as follows:—

Diameters—O.M. . . . .	17 cm.	Circumferences—	
O.F. . . . .	14.8 cm.	O.M. . . . .	46 cm.
S.O.B. . . . .	12 cm.	S.O.B. . . . .	37 cm.
B.P. . . . .	13 cm.	S.O.F. . . . .	40 cm.
B.T. . . . .	10.5 cm.		

The diameters of the trunk were:—

Bisacromical . . . . .	19 cm.
Bitrochanteric . . . . .	17 cm.
Bisiliac . . . . .	16 cm.

The child was a female and perished during delivery. The placenta was 3½ cm. thick in the middle, and weighed 750 grammes (1 lb.-10 oz.)

*M. Schwab*, reported the second case. The mother was a II-gravida, and had borne an average sized child in her first confinement. In the second pregnancy, everything went normally till about the 8th month, when the abdomen began to enlarge rapidly; considerable hydramnios was made out and active foetal movements ceased 8 days