

operation, even when performed with the greatest care, is probably not free from danger. Most of our modern surgeons do not consider it advisable to wash out a septic wound, but they all desire free drainage. It seems probable that many obstetricians do not pay sufficient attention to the drainage from the uterus and vagina. Much can be done to promote free drainage from the organs by raising the shoulders of the patient, and turning her slightly to either side, at regular intervals.

In considering the surgical aspects of obstetrical procedures we desire to acknowledge the great debt we owe to the surgeons; and our methods of treatment, as learned largely from them, may be briefly summarized as strict antiseptis for the external parts and strict asepsis for the internal parts. And let me say in conclusion that for the measure of success which now attends our efforts on behalf of woman in her hour of need—to Lister be all the honor and all the glory!