

became more quiet and manageable; but, after the lapse of two months, the mental aberration continuing, she was sent to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Beauport. In this instance there was a family history of insanity, her father having died in a lunatic asylum.

The *third* was a large, exceedingly stout girl, aged 21, a primipara. Her labour was natural, and she progressed favourably until the sixth day after delivery. On that day she received a severe mental shock from accidentally seeing a girl in the hospital who worked in the same millinery establishment, and a few hours after became furiously maniacal. Her language was filthy and abusive, and she had strong homicidal tendencies. For seven days she had to be watched constantly by relays of two students, as one would be unable to control her during her fits of maniacal excitement. On one occasion when the matron (Mrs. Hannah) was leaning over her to arrange the bedclothes, she suddenly seized her by the throat, and it was with great difficulty that the matron was rescued from strangulation. In this case the hydrate of chloral given at first in 20-grain doses every fourth hour, the interval being gradually increased, as the remedy produced its hypnotic effects and the patient improved, was of decided benefit. In three weeks she was sufficiently restored to be able to leave for home, and she had no return of the mental disturbance. In the treatment, also, a free action of the bowels was maintained by warm purgatives, and she was kept on a highly nourishing diet.

Among the curious things that were met with in the practice of the hospital during these eight years may be mentioned the following:—One child with a supernumerary finger on each hand; one with two lower incisor teeth at birth; a placenta succenturiata; and a blighted foetus with a healthy well-formed child. In the last, the foetus was perfectly flattened by pressure. The outlines of the head, face and extremities were very distinct, and the ear and umbilicus distinguishable. It measured six inches. The living, healthy child weighed $7\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

The youngest mother confined in the hospital was 13 years old. She was a private patient, and when admitted was in short