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REMARKS ON PUERPERAL ECLAMPSIA WITH REPORT OF CASES.*

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Mr. President and Gentlemen:

In presenting this paper, it is apart from my mind and present intention to enter into any long or exhaustive dissertation on this most complicated and fatal condition.

To enter into its history and the various theories suggested as to its etiology, so far from being comprehensible in a brief paper such as this, would surely fill a very considerable volume. For, if there ever were a disease concerning which one set of great thinkers established theories and speculations, only to be in turn routed when human investigation was permitted to enter itself one hair's breadth further into the mysteries of physiological truth, "Puerperal Eclampsia" seems to me to stand unique. And, although the latest researches of the various experimenters seem to point to a pretty well established pathology, there still is yet some difference of opinion, and a good deal, from a clinical aspect, that is mysterious.

I present this paper to you to-day, not because I presume to know more of the subject or feel competent to instruct this august assembly of scientific thinkers, but simply to draw out a discussion on a very important subject.

I think we can scarcely estimate the vast amount of benefit which we all may derive by open discussion on these papers.

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