

all earthly ties;" "a desire to depart and rest with the saints," to use her own language. She, for the most part of the time, felt "as though she neither had any friends nor foes."

I was consulted about three weeks before her accouchement, found her unable to exert herself, as being on her feet tended to aggravate her distress and increase her horror-ness. I ordered her to take some pills, composed of *asafoetida* and iron at night, and valerianated elixir of ammonia through the day; to use light diet and keep off her feet as much as possible. Under this treatment her sleep was of longer duration, and not as much disturbed with frightful dreams or imaginary evils. So passed away the time until her accouchement.

The first 48 hours after labor was passed quite well, but at this time she experienced a severe chill which lasted over an hour, followed by a sharp febrile movement; pain and tenderness felt upon pressure over the uterus, accompanied with slight tympanitis. The chest sounds were clear, except over the lower lobe of the left lung, which gave evidence of hepatization. The lochia was suppressed, the urine scanty and high colored. There was some delirium, the pulse 148, tongue having a light creamy coating. Mustard sinapisms were ordered over the uterine region, lower lobe of left lung, and to the feet; a brisk cathartic was given, composed of the compound aromatic cassia powder, followed in two hours with an enema containing *ol. terbinthinæ*. After the aperient action of the medicine was over, she was placed under the following treatment:—*pulv. ipecac.* of *opii comp.* in suitable medicinal doses, alternated with *tr. veratrum viride*. Saw the patient next day,—pulse 130; febrile movement abating; patient perspiring freely, not so much tenderness over the uterus as on the former day, breathing not so rapid or laborious; some cough, attended with expectoration of rusty sputa; lochia still suppressed; no secretion of milk; thirst great, and appetite wanting; occasionally some delirium. Ordered continuation of medicine and use of enemata, containing *ol. terbinthinæ*; sinapisms to be renewed, followed by warm poultices of *pulv. ulmus fulva*; gave beef tea, and occasionally a glass of port wine, lemonade, &c.

On the 23th saw patient again,—more tranquil; no delirium; not much thirst, skin a little above normal temperature; pulse 98; local tenderness subsiding, lochia slightly appearing; no