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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,—The case I am about to bring under the notice of this Association is, I think, of sufficient interest to warrant me in asking your attention for a short time.

Mrs. J—, aged 20 years, has been married for two years.

Family History—Tubercular history in her father's family, her aunt and grandfather having died of phthisis.

History—Never had any serious illness, but always robust and healthy up to April, 1882, six months after her marriage, when I attended her in a miscarriage, being about three months pregnant; the cause of such miscarriage I could not ascertain. She made a good recovery, nothing occurring to prolong her illness.

In the latter part of July of the same year she was again threatened with a miscarriage, but this time, fortunately, it was averted, but she lost considerably during the attack; however, she went on to full time, and was delivered of a fine, large, healthy-looking boy, Feb. 17th, 1883. Patient lives 10 miles from my office, and although engaged to attend her during her accouchement, I was unable to do so, and a neighboring physician was called in attendance. On the 4th of March, or fifteen days after labor, I was summoned in great haste to the case, when I elicited from her mother a full account of her accouchement and illness up to the time of my attendance. Labor pains came on