

and avoid the common error of attributing every possible symptom to the gravid uterus, and seek by careful investigation to differentiate intercurrent affections from purely reflex phenomena.

And there is the other side of the question to be considered, —the child.

It has been said that the integrity of a nation depends upon the physical as well as the mental qualities of its individual constituents. The function of the physician includes not only the treatment of disease, but the teaching of the people the ways of right living and the prevention of morbid developments.

If the expectant mother could but be instructed from the beginning in those things which she is entitled to know, guided during the function of gestation, and protected from the threatening sorrows and evils which ambush her existence, it would not take many generations to produce a race of men and women who in both "intellectual supremacy and national strength" would rival the ancient Greeks.

These are vital questions demanding serious thought, and if the practitioner will but give them the consideration they deserve, the beneficent results will be manifested in a better profession, a safer gestation to all women, and an improved and strengthened posterity.

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