

considerable force over my knuckles, and the child immediately followed. The uterus contracted firmly, and all was well as regards the mother. The child, however, was dead."

Nothing requires to be said about the other two cases of Placenta Prævia, both of which were "partial." The ordinary management was adopted, and in both cases the infants born were living.

The foregoing is a sketch of some of the more important cases which have occurred in the Hospital, from its establishment to the present period. I have given them as an appendix to the two papers previously published.

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ART. XXXVII.—*On the use of cold water in Scarlet Fever*, by WILLIAM MARSDEN, M.D., Quebec.

The Montreal "Commercial Advertiser" of the 29th ult., has the following on the subject of, "SCARLET FEVER." "This disease in its worst form is very prevalent in this city just now, particularly in St. Ann's Ward, where aided by the existence of all the elements fostering diseases of this character, it has been very fatal among children." As this human scourge also prevails in other parts of the Province, reaping an abundant harvest, it occurred to me that a few suggestive remarks through your columns might be of service.

Of all the systems of Medical treatment in use,—I had almost said, in fashion,—there is none so eminently entitled to the serious attention of the enlightened Medical practitioner as HYDRO-THERAPEUTICS. I regard it as one of the most useful streams from the fountain of Medical science, but, I do not, like the monopathic bigot or enthusiast, consider it, as the whole fountain.

In all my eclectic Medical experience, I have found nothing that could compare with cold water, in the treatment of Eruptive Fevers, and especially of Scarlatina. Although no prophylactic will probably ever be discovered; yet, I am of opinion, that cold water holds about the same sanative relation to Scarlatina, that vaccine does to Variola.

Having enunciated my predilection in favor of cold water, in the treatment of Eruptive Fevers generally; it is foreign to my purpose, and would occupy time uselessly, even to glance at the nature, history, character or technical definitions of Scarlatina; and, as I write for the profession, and not for the public, they are aware of the fact, that by any, or all of the ordinary remedial means in use, our success has not been greater in the treatment of this fatal scourge, though our knowledge is not less than it was over two centuries ago. In fact, the greatest success has invariably attended the practice of those "who have treated it symptomatically, leaving the disease to nature." Treating the disease then symptomatically, in all other respects, my application of cold water consists in what is technically termed the "cold pack." Wrap the entire body, (first divested of all clothing) in a linen sheet, wrung out of cold water, at a temperature not above 70°, and lower if the case be a bad one, packing the whole body in blankets leaving only breathing room, and continue it until re-