

that she was about eight months pregnant, complained of frontal headache and slight nausea, but there was no anasarca or dropsical effusions. The nervous symptoms directed me to an examination of her urine, which was found to contain a small precipitate of albumen. The injection of a quarter-grain of morphia hypodermically relieved the nausea, modified the cephalalgia materially, and soon relaxed the rigid os uteri. A dose of Epsom salts was also administered, and acted freely on the bowels. Labor progressed slowly, she being confined six hours after my arrival of a *dead child*. Basham's mixture was ordered, the albumen quickly disappeared from the urine, and the convalescence was as rapid as in any ordinary case.

CASE II.—A vigorous, robust Scotchwoman, mother of two healthy children, and at the time I was consulted was pregnant about  $8\frac{1}{2}$  months. During the preceding fortnight she had suffered much from œdema of her feet and legs, and had several attacks of severe headache. When I first visited her, she referred to severe pain in the frontal and occipital regions, but there was no nausea or amaurosis. She was voiding about a pint and a half of urine in twenty-four hours, which was about one-third albumen. A skim-milk diet was ordered, with a vapor bath and a sufficient quantity of sulphate of magnesia to keep her bowels relaxed. The next day all her symptoms were apparently improved: the urine had increased in quantity and the headache was partially relieved. Unfortunately, however, during the following night her symptoms again became aggravated, and about noon the succeeding day, in spite of a vapor bath, which caused profuse diaphoresis, and a dose of salts, which acted freely on the bowels, she had a convulsion. I was sent for immediately, but before reaching her a second convulsion occurred. On arriving, I at once extracted about a pint of blood from her arm, injected half a grain of morphia under the skin, and had artificial heat applied about her body. This was about one o'clock in the day; at three o'clock, becoming very restless, I again injected a quarter-grain of morphia. In a few hours labor pains came on spontaneously, and about nine o'clock that evening I delivered with forceps, the child, however, *being*