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REPORT OF CASES OCCURRING IN HOSPITAL AND PRIVATE PRACTICE.

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The frequent occurrence of cases similar to the following, and the very able papers which have lately been written on the subject, leave little room for comment; but I have thought, as faithful reports, they might offer some features of interest. If the Editor of the *Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal* should think them worth recording, he will be kind enough to publish them in that journal.

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PHLEBITIS FOLLOWED BY ABSCESS.

Jan. 11, 1844. I was requested by my brother to visit Mrs. Whittington, aged 36, mother of five children, pregnant, and considers herself to be seven or eight months advanced, expecting to be confined about the end of February. She has been troubled with varicose veins of the legs and thighs nearly ever since she has been pregnant. About four or five weeks ago the veins began to inflame, first of the right leg, and then of the thigh, accompanied by fever and great constitutional disturbance; the leg and thigh were repeatedly leeches, and the case, in other respects, treated in the most active antiphlogistic manner; the *left* labium suppurated and ulcerated in two places. About three weeks since the right *hip* began to swell; to-day there is a large swelling over the right hip, extending to the right labium in front, to the anus posteriorly, and nearly as high, externally, as the crista ilii. On examining per vaginam, there was found considerable fulness of the right side; pushing the side of the vagina inwards, with two fingers of the right hand placed against the vaginal swelling, and the left hand on the external swelling, and applying pressure alternately with each hand, a fluctuation was produced. The swelling has increased rapidly the last two days; externally it feels boggy; the integuments are red, and in the centre of the swelling they are of a very deep red, almost purple; pulse 120; tongue reddish; has had very little sleep. It was proposed to open the abscess, but we were obliged to defer it till the next day.

12th. Passed a restless night; pulse 120; dysuria; the swelling much increased; skin much discoloured. An opening was made, and a quart of dark coloured and very offensive pus discharged in a strong stream; the colour of the discharge improved, getting more healthy-looking as it flowed, particularly towards the last. The veins of the thigh continue cord-like, and as hard as sticks. She says that when she has pressed on the right buttock, she has felt a sensation as though there was some communication with the abscess in the left labium. The discharge from the left labium ceased after the external abscess was opened. The bladder was emptied with the catheter; she was ordered to take a mixture with decoction of cinchona and nitric acid, an opiate at night, port wine negus, &c. She said that she had not felt the child for two or three days, and thought it was dead; on applying the stethoscope to the abdomen, the placental souffle was heard distinctly, the foetal heart acting very feebly.

13th. Better; slept all night; countenance much improved; pulse 100 and fuller; swelling much less; a copious sanguineous purulent discharge; integuments still discoloured, and there is some hardness; vaginal swelling less; there is still some fluctuation internally.

15th. Better in all respects, swelling much less.

20th. Improving.

30th. Well.

Feb. 12th. Down stairs, and attending to her domestic affairs; the femoral veins are less. This case is interesting, as it shows the amount or great extent of mischief which can sometimes be borne.

Feb. 21st. After a short labour she was delivered of a live female child, about seven a.m. My brother was called to her about six o'clock; when he arrived he found the os uteri fully dilated, and the head beginning to press on the perineum, but the os externum not well dilated; she has always had quick labours; the membranes ruptured just before my brother got there, after which there was a slight remission of pain; she had one strong pain at last, and felt as if something had given way; she felt a smarting. On making an examination immediately after delivery, nothing wrong was discovered. About four hours after delivery, in trying

to make water, she perceived a swelling in the right labium, which has rapidly increased. At three o'clock p.m., the swelling had increased to nearly the size of the head of a new-born child; the integuments were much discoloured, and on the inner surface of the labium, where it terminates in the vagina, were lacerated, the laceration being nearly two inches long, and extending upwards very nearly to the urethra or meatus; there was considerable bleeding from the wound; pulse 100; no appearance of exhaustion; uterus well contracted; intestines much distended with flatus; on pressing on the outer side of the labium, so as to evert its inner surface, a very large coagulum was turned out. A piece of soft sponge was then placed in the wound, a soft pad applied over the external surface of the labium, and that confined by means of a bandage. A catheter was introduced, and a pint of urine drawn off.

22nd. Comfortable; no return of swelling.

23rd. Sponge removed; no return of hæmorrhage; better in herself. From this date she continued to improve, and was down stairs March 14th, and convalescent.

ABSCESS IN THE PELVIS, &c.

Mrs. —, soon after marriage, and for some time before, occasionally complained of pain in the right iliac fossa; she became pregnant and aborted between the second and third month; during the time she was pregnant the pain was more frequent, but there was no hardness nor swelling perceptible. She says she miscarried four times before she went her full time, and twice since. She became pregnant again, and went her full period. Her labour was lingering and severe; she was delivered with the forceps of a still-born male child. She did very well till about the seventh or eighth day; the pulse then became quick; she had rigors, followed by a smart attack of fever, pain in the right side, opposite the anterior superior spine of the ilium, extending some way both above and below, increased by pressure, and accompanied by fulness or swelling, constipation, dysuria, restlessness, and great constitutional disturbance; lochia copious; plenty of milk.

The pains and pyrexia continued in spite of all our efforts to remove it by leeches, &c., She had retention of urine; rigors every day or two; about the sixth day from the commencement of the attack there was a copious discharge of pus, apparently from the bladder. On introducing the catheter, after the urine had passed, a quantity of thick white pus followed through the instrument to the extent of six or eight ounces. This continued to nearly the same amount each time the catheter was passed, which was three times a day for nearly a fortnight. The discharge continued more or less for some weeks, gradually getting less, and nearly always following the urine, or mixed with it. After the discharge commenced, the febrile symptoms gradually subsided, and she slowly re-

covered. She was unable, on first getting up, to move, or bear any weight on, her right thigh. The lameness continued for nearly two months; she was unable to bend forwards. After she had recovered, she had, nearly every month, pains about the right side and aching in the back, accompanied by feverish symptoms. This was always followed by some purulent discharge. The discharge generally passed from the meatus, but it sometimes appeared to come from a small opening by the side of the urethra, although an ordinary sized probe could not be passed into it. She became pregnant a third time; during the early part of it she was much troubled with constipation and frequent returns of the discharge of pus. After quickening she was not much troubled. After a lingering labour she was again delivered of a dead child, apparently from dropsy of the amnion and disease of the placenta. After this delivery she had a return of her former sufferings, but in a much less degree. She had the discharge, periodically as before, but sometimes there would be an interval of two or three months.

In the fourth pregnancy she was less troubled; still before quickening she had two or three slight attacks, followed by discharge. She got through this pregnancy better than the two former ones. She was delivered at the full period. The child presented with the breech, and there was considerable delay between the birth of the breech and the head, consequently the child was not alive. She recovered without any bad symptom. She had after each confinement a very copious flow of milk, continuing for three or four months.

She became pregnant the fifth time, went her full period, and had a living child in October, 1842. She got through her confinement without having any untoward symptom, and has been remarkably well ever since. At the commencement of her last pregnancy, she said she had a slight discharge two or three times, but unaccompanied by constitutional disturbance. This most likely was a case of abscess in the cellular tissue of the pelvis, making its exit through the bladder. It is probable that the inflammation commenced in the right ovary, and extended to the cellular tissue, or it might have been encysted abscess of the ovary.

Early in January, 1844, she again became pregnant. I saw her May 14th. She thought she was then gone about half her time. She menstruated December 15th. About three weeks ago, in April, she fell down, and broke one of the ribs on the right side, since then she has had frequent pain on the right side, all over it, and extending to the thigh, the pains frequently shooting. She says that one half of the body feels differently to the other, taking it from the middle of the spine to the sternum, &c. She has frequent shooting pain from the sacrum to the pubis. On Saturday night, May 18th, she felt a great fulness in the right side, before she went to bed; in the night she was awoken by a

sudden discharge of a purulent character, and without pain. She thought it was a discharge of liquor amnii, and that she was going to miscarry.

May 20th. Before and when she makes water there is a similar discharge. The urine is covered by a thick greasy looking pellicle; also the bottom of the vessel, and there is a deposit of separate patches of blood and pus. She continued about the same for three or four days, and then aborted. She remained out of health, and troubled with a purulent discharge, for some weeks. She then went to the sea, where she got quite well.

September 22nd. She is now looking better, and is in better health than she has been for some years.

ABSCESS IN THE PELVIS.

Mrs. N., pregnant the third time, about four months gone; has had two children at the full period. Was taken September, 1843, with flooding, after some exertion. The flooding continued more or less for three or four weeks. She was then taken in labour. The pains were of the most violent, expulsive, and at times, spasmodic character I ever witnessed; they were frightful; I fully expected some laceration would be caused; there was some delay in the expulsion of the placenta, and considerable flooding. The placenta was expelled in about two hours after the fœtus. She remained very faint and exhausted for several hours, but gradually recovered. A few days after she had rigors, followed by pyrexia, pain in the right side, and right iliac fossa. She was very much relieved by the repeated application of leeches, followed by a blister, aperients, diaphoretics, calomel and opium, &c.

The pain returned two or three times, accompanied by swelling, frequent rigors, &c. After two or three weeks suffering, a considerable discharge of pus took place with the urine, and continued more or less for nearly a month, and then ceased. Before the discharge commenced there had been dysuria and retention of urine, for which it was necessary to pass the catheter. On examination per vaginam, previous to the discharge, there was detected heat, dryness, and tenderness of the vagina, also a fulness on the right side of the pelvis, and indistinct fluctuation. She menstruated for the first time since she aborted, December 9th; and December 18th, she was quite well.

ABSCESS IN THE PELVIS.

Mrs. Hands, aged 30, was delivered of her first child, March 26, 1842. She had a severe lingering labour, and was delivered with the forceps. After the forceps were applied, it required more force to deliver, than I thought justifiable, but Dr. Ingleby, who was present, advised me to deliver, if possible, without taking off the forceps, and rather than have recourse to craniotomy. The child was born alive, and continued to live, so far we were justified in persisting to deliver with the forceps. Delivery

was followed by sloughing of the parts covering the rami of the pubes, more particularly on the left side; retention of urine, fever, &c. At one time the finger could be passed through an opening formed by the slough, down to the bone. With great care and attention, regularly drawing off the urine and syringing out the vagina, she so far recovered as to be able to get down stairs at the end of the third week. Her general health was much improved; she could pass her urine without the use of the catheter, and the ulceration over the ramus of the pubis was nearly healed.

After being down stairs for two or three days, she had rigors followed by fever, pain in the pelvis, left groin, and in the left iliac fossa. This was followed by swelling in the left iliac fossa, and then in the groin. The swelling increased, and in a short time fluctuation was felt. I opened the abscess in the groin, and I should think nearly a quart of fetid pus was discharged in a full stream. She was much relieved, but she became hectic, and died about ten weeks after her confinement. The discharge continued more or less from the groin up to the time of her death. The ulceration in the vagina had healed, and there was no contraction of the vagina in consequence. No *post-mortem* was allowed.

INFLAMMATION OF THE UTERUS, ENDING IN ABSCESS.

Mrs. —, a patient of the Lying-in Hospital, after a rigor occurring immediately after the cessation of the catamenia, became feverish, with aching pain in the back, shooting pains about the lower part of the belly, accompanied by a sensation of heat internally, a weight, and bearing down when standing, and pain on evacuating the bladder and rectum. The pulse was quickened, and the tongue furred. On examination per vaginam, the anterior part of the uterus, near the cervix, was found to be tender, swollen, and hot. She was ordered to have leeches, to keep in bed, and to live low. To take calomel and opium at night, saline mixture, &c.

She was relieved; but a small abscess formed and discharged per vaginam. She afterwards soon recovered.

INFLAMMATION OF THE UTERUS AND ABSCESS.

Feb. 26, 1844. Mrs. Perry, aged 24, has had two children, the youngest is five months old; has been married nine years; twelve months ago she had a bad miscarriage; since then she has never felt so well; has menstruated regularly, and lost a good deal; a fortnight since she had a purulent discharge for a week; she then menstruated, and has continued to do so very freely up to the present time, with the exception of a few hours, when it ceased. She has had pain in her back and bowels the last fortnight, which gets worse; she is very sick, but does not vomit; has bearing down, and difficulty in making water; feels a weight in the uterine region; tongue slightly furred and reddish;

bowels relaxed; pulse slow and feeble; pain and tenderness in the left hypogastric region; no swelling externally. On examination *per vaginam*, the uterus was found very low down; the os nearly as low as the os externum; the uterus enlarged; hot and tender; the os patulous, lips swollen; pain in passing her motions, and for many weeks she has had pain during sexual intercourse; catamenial discharge copious and offensive, staining the napkin yellow. Examination *per rectum* showed the uterus enlarged more in that direction, (posteriorly,) great heat and exceedingly tender to the touch. Ordered saline mixture; calomel and opium; to keep in bed; to avoid all stimulants, &c.

February 7th. Pulse 116; tongue furred; passed a bad night; had very little sleep; wandering in her sleep; bowels not moved; urinates freely; *no discharge*; does not make water so often, but has great pain when she does; belly, below the umbilicus, swelled, and tympanitic, and painful on pressure. There is also great pain in the left inguinal region; cramp and numbness in the left leg. Ordered eight or ten leeches to the abdomen; warm fomentations, &c.; to continue the medicine.

8th. Tongue furred; pulse 90, and feeble; slight return of discharge; uterus still large and swollen, and very tender to the touch; complains of acute pain about the right sacro-iliac junction; there is some swelling; bowels not moved. Ordered a purgative enema; to continue the mixture and pill; anodyne fomentations to the abdomen, and injections *per vaginam*, three or four times a day, and afterwards a warm poultice to be applied to the vulva.

9th. Pulse 96; tongue furred and brownish; great thirst; a little discharge; a few small coagula; bowels moved three times; evacuations lumpy; pain each time; painful micturition. She has less pain in the hip, and less in the belly; less weight and bearing down; had very little sleep; finds great comfort from the fomentations and injections. Examination *per vaginam* showed both lips of the os uteri swollen; the uterus large and low down, not quite so tender. Ordered six leeches to the labia; continue the mixture and pill.

10th. About the same.

11th. Pulse 100, and feeble; complains of weight when she turns from one side to the other, more so on the left side; says there is a discharge of bloody matter from the rectum; difficulty in passing her urine; os uteri looks pale and oedematous, and is so low down as to be seen without the speculum; uterus very much enlarged posteriorly, and pressing upon the rectum, excessively tender, giving her acute pain on examination *per rectum*; tongue dry and brown. Perstet.

12th. Pulse 100; complains of great weight in the pelvis; there is a frequent and rather copious discharge from the rectum, of a transparent gelatinous character, like arrowroot and water mixed;

mouth a little sore. Ordered ten grains of Dover's powder every six hours, and a saline mixture.

13th. Better; less weight and pain; less discharge. Perstet.

14th. Better; less weight; there has been a very considerable discharge of very offensive pus from the rectum, whilst making water, and some discharge on the poultice.

15th. Better; passed a good night; discharge continues *per rectum*, escaping with the evacuations.

17th. Improving; discharge less.

20th. Improving.

27th. Has continued to get better; discharge *per rectum* stopped; slight leucorrhœa; no pain nor weight; she is regaining strength. Examination *per vaginam* showed the os uteri patulous, the anterior lip a little swollen; the uterus very much less, but still enlarged posteriorly and laterally; no tenderness. Examination *per rectum*:—still some enlargement, and at one point considerable tenderness; it feels as if there had been an ulceration. Tongue clean; pulse quick; no fever. Ordered one grain of the iodide of iron twice a day; alteratives at night.

March 19th. Health much improved; no discharge; has menstruated once since last report. Examination *per vaginam* showed the os and cervix uteri natural; the posterior part of the uterus rather larger and harder than natural; slight tenderness on pressure. Examination *per rectum* showed the same condition. Continue the medicines.

April 15th. Quite well.

PHLEBITIS PRECEDED BY OEDEMA AND CONGESTION OF THE BRAIN.

February 29, 1844. Mrs. Grove, aged 42, mother of six children, and about seven months advanced of her seventh child. She is weakly and hysterical; has been troubled during the whole of her pregnancy with varicose veins; was taken ill about five o'clock this morning with violent pain in the stomach; she thought it was spasm, and took brandy and water; the pain appears to have been caused by taking frizzled kidney for supper. The pain at the stomach continued more or less the whole day. About five o'clock, p.m., she had pains of an uterine character, followed by a great discharge of liquor amnii. She took a dose of pills this morning, and has been purged four or five times. On Sunday last she felt unusually well, and exerted herself a good deal. The next day she perceived that her feet, hands, and face were swollen. She thinks she has not felt the child since, and fancies it must be dead; has been much annoyed by a distressing cold sensation about the umbilicus; she has sunk in size; her pulse is now (8, p.m.) 80, and rather strong; pains frequent, violent, and of a spasmodic character; she has had some hæmorrhage; frequent vomiting. Os uteri a little dilated at the vaginal portion, but not the uterine portion nor cervix; she says her head has

been rather painful, her face is a little swollen. The pains although frequent and severe, did not act upon or dilate the os. I left her about ten o'clock, and was called to her again about three o'clock the following morning; before I arrived the fœtus and placenta were expelled.

March 1st. Pulse 72; frequent vomiting; passed very little urine; pain and tenderness of the epigastrium and over the kidneys; headach, and great swelling of the eyelids. Ordered aperients, &c.

Vespere.—Pulse 96; sickness abated; headach; urine very scanty and very albuminous. Ordered leeches to the temples, and saline diaphoretic mixture.

2nd. Pulse 100; very much relieved by the leeches; made water directly after the leeches were applied, and twice since; slept comfortably; no sickness; still complains of her head; eyelids œdematous; sight dim; some secretion of milk; after pains; lochia pretty free; urine less albuminous.

Vespere.—Pulse 100; has had frequent shiverings or fits of chilliness; severe pain in the uterine region, and great soreness in the course of the femoral vessels and external iliacs; hysterical; still complains of headach, but the pain is not so bad as it was yesterday; urine scanty and albuminous. Ordered twelve leeches to the lower part of the abdomen; hot fomentations, &c.; a purgative enema; a pill of calomel and colocynth, and saline mixture.

3rd. Pulse 116; more developed; purged four times freely; tongue furred; passed more urine; sickness stopped; leeches bled freely; less chilliness; less pain about the uterus, but there is constantly some degree of pain; pain and great tenderness in each groin and iliac fossa, but worse on the right side. Ordered six leeches to each groin; a saline diaphoretic mixture; calomel, and hyosciamus every four hours.

Vespere.—Much relieved by the leeches; she says the pain is now bearable; the uterus still enlarged, and very tender on pressure; great pain and tenderness over the right iliac artery; pulse 116; bowels moved twice; passed more urine; it is still albuminous; skin hot; head free from pain; slept a little; has had two or three slight rigors this afternoon; some milk; lochia plentiful, and still coloured. Ordered ten leeches to the right groin; continue the medicine as prescribed in the morning.

4th. Better; pulse 100; no pain except when she moves; much less tenderness on pressure; tongue slightly furred; bowels not moved; urine more plentiful and less albuminous; no rigors; still a little œdema of the face and eyelids.

Vespere.—Better; pulse 104; purged four times. Omit the pills.

5th. Pulse 104; purged four times; evacuations dark; passed water freely; half a pint at one time;

no trace of albumen; no pain; some little tenderness on pressure over the iliacs, but not over the uterus; discharge copious, watery and offensive; face still swollen; gums rather sore. Ordered vaginal injections of tepid water with yeast; continue the saline mixture.

6th. Has slept two or three hours; pulse 108; bowels not moved during the night; she was purged very much yesterday, but it was stopped by a starch enema; she perspires freely; no pain; discharge copious and offensive; mouth a little sore; urine more plentiful; no trace of albumen in it. Continue the saline mixture and tepid injection.

7th. Better in all respects; discharge less, and very little offensive; no pain; urinates freely; no albumen; the purging returned last night, but was stopped by a starch injection; pulse 108.

8th. Decidedly better.

13th. Pulse 110; slight rigor; slight soreness and swelling of the femoral veins. Ordered an aperient, hot applications, &c.

14th. She has had a violent attack of spasm during the night, from taking improper food yesterday; veins still painful on pressure. Continue a warm aperient every morning, and the saline mixture in the day.

15th. Better.

From the date of the last report, she gradually improved, but was unable to walk for some weeks. When she first began to move about she was much troubled by a bearing-down, and sense of weight in the pelvis, and by pain in the hips and inability to move; the femoral veins continued swollen and hard for some time; she is now, April 27th, convalescent, but not able to walk far. I think this patient might have been relieved, and probably saved much after-suffering, if I had bled her the first time I saw her, when labour pains came on, but at the time she was flooding, although not to any extent, as she is naturally weak and hysterical. This case clearly justifies the opinion of several accoucheurs, as to the risk of cerebral affection when there is œdema of the face and upper extremities during the last months of pregnancy.*

PHLEBITIS AND ABSCESS.

Saturday, April 6, 1844. Mrs. Greaves, aged 31, mother of five children, and has had one abortion, a patient of the Lying-in Hospital, was delivered this night week by Mr. Clarkson; she had a severe and lingering labour. On Monday night she had a severe rigor, followed by pain in the lower part of the belly; she had been suffering for many weeks before her confinement, from chronic abscess in the right breast; there were two or three sinuses in the breast which had existed nearly ever since her confinement; she had been

*Dr. Johnson, of Dublin, now Master of the Lying-in Hospital in that city, considers this to be a certain premonitory sign of convulsions. Ed.

badly off for some time, scarcely having a necessary supply of food.

April 6th. Her present state:—pulse 120, very weak; tongue very red; papilla raised; respiration quickened; milk in the left breast but none in the right, and the sinuses are closed; the discharge stopped; no lochia; urinates freely, rather oftener than natural; bowels rather relaxed; inflammation of the saphena vein of the right leg, and a small abscess on the calf of the leg. Uterus large and tender; complains of weight in the pelvis and bearing down when she makes water, accompanied by pain; belly swollen and slightly tympanitic; there is some effusion; has had very little sleep. Ordered compound powder of ipecacuanha, ten grains, every six hours, and saline mixture with sesqui-carbonate of ammonia every four hours. A linseed poultice to the leg.

7th. Pulse quick and feeble; tongue very red and dry in the centre; she says she feels rather better; slept two hours; bowels moved twice; abdomen more swollen and very tender over the situation of the left ovary; leg suppurating. Perstet.

8th. Pulse 130, small and feeble; tongue very dry; slept all night; bowels not moved since last report; belly more swollen but less tympanitic, and less tender; there is a greater fulness and hardness, (a circumscribed swelling), in the left side, in the left iliac fossa, and streaks of redness about the lower part of the belly. The abscess on the calf of the left leg opened yesterday and discharged a good deal; the ulceration is looking unhealthy; there is a fresh abscess forming. Inflammation along the veins at the inner and back part of the leg, extending along the inner condyle to the upper part of the thigh; there is not much pain nor tenderness in the course of the vein; the inflamed part is swollen, and of a very deep red. Ordered a common enema; liniment of mercury over the left side of the belly, and to take saline mixture, and pills of calomel with opium and tartarized antimony. She complains of a difficulty and straining in making water, with frequent desire to pass it. Ordered to pass the catheter.

9th. Pulse 130, and feeble; tongue dry; bowels moved six times after the enema; leg and thigh about the same; there is a swelling on the right side of the neck; the uterus is less and scarcely felt above the pubis; the swelling in the left iliac fossa is larger, firmer, and distinctly circumscribed. She has less difficulty in urinating. Perstet. Ordered beef-tea, port-wine negus, &c.

10th. Weaker; pulse more feeble; tongue dry and chapped; bowels moved six times; passed urine more freely, and without straining. Abdominal swelling less; the swelling on the left side of the abdomen is also less, but reaches nearly to the mesial line: there is very little tenderness on pressure; thigh more swollen; leg rather less so; the sore looking more healthy. The swelling in

the neck under the right sterno-cleido-mastoid muscle is larger. Passed a restless night; complains of her mouth being sore. Omit the pills; to take a mixture with sesqui-carbonate of ammonia; negus, &c.

11th. Better; leg and thigh better; pulse rather stronger and slower; tongue moister; bowels moved five times; tumour in the neck a little larger. The swelling in the left iliac fossa less; distinctly circumscribed, and about the size of a large orange.

12th. Pulse 100; tongue dry and chapped in the centre; moist at the edges; cheeks flushed; bowels moved twice; passed a bad night; no sleep; free from pain, but feels low and worse; breathing still quickened; skin moist; no milk; no lochia; urinates more freely; neck about the same; belly less; the swelling in the left iliac fossa much less; the leg and thigh less swollen, and much less inflamed; three or four abscesses forming in the course of the saphena vein, one a little above the inner condyle, and one on the upper part of the thigh, perhaps about the origin of the arteria profunda. Ordered a linseed cataplasm to the leg and thigh, and to the neck; continue the mixture of ammonia, beef-tea, and wine, and to take fifteen grains of Dover's powder at bed-time; omit the liniment.

13th. Better; pulse 110, but stronger; tongue dry; slept all night; abscesses progressing; abdominal swelling less.

14th. Pulse 96; tongue moist, but chapped; leg and thigh better; the abscesses not broken; right hip inflamed; erysipelas of the right ear and cheek. Ordered a pill, with disulphate of quinine, one grain with each dose of the mixture; the anodyne at bed time.

15th. Something better; pulse 100; tongue moister; bowels not opened; swelling in the neck rather larger; a little tenderness on pressure over each groin, and over the external iliacs; the swelling in the left iliac fossa less; the abscess over the right hip has broken; discharged freely; the ear and face better. Ordered to have each abscess in the thigh opened; to have a purgative enema, and to continue the medicine, &c.

16th. Better; ear and cheek better, but the erysipelas has extended to the forehead; pulse feeble; tongue moist; hip still much swollen; thigh and leg better. She has had a purulent discharge from the vagina. To continue the tonics, wine, &c.

17th. Better.

18th. Improving; erysipelas nearly gone; better in all respects.

20th. Very much better. Ordered a quinine mixture, meat, ale, &c.

24th. Improving.

May 7th. Nearly well: a small abscess on the inside of the thigh, over the inner condyle.

20th. Well.

Sept. 20th. She is again pregnant.