



THE MIDWIVES' UNION SECTION

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Members are asked to send any helpful notes of cases, and articles for this Section to the Secretary.

A CASE OF PLACENTA PRAEVIA

The following has been received from a Nurse training for the C. M. B. at the Leeds Maternity Hospital:-

The patient, a frail looking woman of 41 years, was a ? placenta praevia. It was her fourth pregnancy, the other three having been normal full term deliveries. She was admitted to the Leeds Maternity Hospital at 38 weeks with a history of having had a sudden gush of blood on getting out of bed that morning at 7.0 a. m. There was a continuous trickle of blood for a hour, and she stayed in bed, but at 3.0 p. m. on getting up to pass urine she had another gush and it was then that her doctor ordered her to hospital.

On examination the position was L. O. A. foetal heart heard and the head free. Nothing abnormal was noticed on rectal examination and the patient's general condition was good.

At 6.30 p. m. a vaginal examination was performed by one of the Honorary Obstetric Surgeons. This revealed the cervix to be one finger dilated and a central placenta praevia. An external podalic version was performed under anaesthetic, the cervix dilated to two fingers and a leg was with some difficulty brought down. The leg was then tied to the foot of the bed and 1 lb. weight put on. There was now very little bleeding.

At 11.30 p. m. the leg began to move further and I was to told to scrub up and if I was lucky I'd get a breech delivery. The Surgical Tutor was hovering around all this time waiting for things to happen. He sent for all the students as it was going to be an unusual case, so you can imagine what an audience I had!

When the leg was as far down as the knee, the placenta arrived with a leg sticking through it, then the rest of the baby followed enveloped in membrane. The Surgical Tutor said he had never seen one quite like it. The baby was stillborn, but I believe the chances of a live infant in a case of central placenta praevia are nil. The mother is doing well now.

I felt very thrilled to get this delivery because all breeches are delivered by the doctor.

CARE OF THE BABIES' EYES

By the Health Visitor, Gosha Hospital, Madras.

Among all the organs of the body the eye is one of the most important. Therefore the care of the eyes is very essential.

In this country young and old men and women suffer from many diseases of the eye. Some lose the sight of the eye and hence