

MIDWIFERY PAGE

A Difficult Case

On December 6th, 1928, a patient "x"—a primipara, aged 20 years, was brought to hospital from a village about 15 miles away. She had been in labour $12\frac{3}{4}$ hours and had been examined by a barber-widwife then a trained midwife and lastly by a doctor before leaving the village.

The patient's general condition was very exhausted—Temp. 101° . Pulse 160 and of poor volume, and the uterus in a state of tonic contraction, whilst a large head was felt floating freely above the brim.

Vaginally.—The os fully dilated and a non-pulsating prolapsed cord visible.

Operation.—An anaesthetic was given, and the uterus found tightly wrapped round the child. The size of the head was reduced by the Cranioclast and cephalotribe—after which forceps were applied and the head extracted with great difficulty.

After freeing the head, it was found impossible to get the shoulders out, and a double Cleidotomy had to be done and the child extracted. On examination afterwards the uterus was found to be ruptured posteriorly, and was plugged with gauze, after the expression of the placenta.

The weight of the child after perforation etc., was $7\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Treatment.—Immediately following the operation, the treatment consisted of: Hypodermic Injection Pituitrin 1 c.c., Hypodermic Injection morphia gr. $\frac{1}{4}$ and submammary saline O. II. The extremities were tightly bandaged. As the pulse remained poor, adrenalin 1 c.c. was given an hour later.

7th December, 1928.—Temp. 101° Pulse 154. Condition poor with slight abdominal distension. Under CHC 1, the uterine plug was removed and replaced by a lighter one. Pituitrin 1 c.c. given—the head of bed raised and stimulants ordered 4 hourly. Puerperal vaccine 1 c.c. given.

The same evening there was marked improvement and no distension, but as the bowels had not even opened, an enema Tereb. was ordered.

8th December, 1928.—Plug removed.—Patient's general condition improving. Pulse 144. Turpentine stupes applied for abdominal pain.

9th December, 1928.—Urine turbid—Hexamine given by mouth and an Injection of Collosal Iodine given intravenously.

11th December, 1928.—Patient had a cough—Rhonchi at R base with some congestion. Pulse 126—volume good.

13th December, 1928.—Uterus drained by Budin's tube—much pus was found to be present.

15th December, 1928.—Uterus again drained—discharge reddish brown. General condition better.

19th December, 1928.—Patient developed double parotitis for which Ichthol and Glycer applications were ordered, later changed to Anti-phlogistine.

On December 27th, the temperature was normal for the first time and afterwards continued normal—with pulse rate in accordance, and general condition daily improving.

On 9th January, 1929.—The patient was thoroughly examined and Uterus and appendages found completely recovered.

The patient was discharged on 11th January, 1929 cured—but in possession of a "danger" card to be brought to hospital when she again becomes pregnant.

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Live for something

Live for something, have a purpose,
And that purpose keep in view,
Drifting like a helmless vessel
Thou can'st ne'er to life be true.
Half the wrecks that strew life's ocean,
If some star had been their guide,
Might have now been riding safely,
But they drifted with the tide.

Live for something, and live earnest,
Though the work may humble be,
By the world of men unnoticed.
Known alone to God and thee,
Every act has priceless value
To the Architect of fate :
'Tis the spirit of thy doing
That alone will make it great.

Live for something—God and Angels,
Are thy watchers in the strife,
And above the smoke and conflict
Gleams the victor's crown of life.
Live for something : God has given
Freely of His stores divine ;
Richest gifts of earth and heaven,
If thou wilt, may be thine.

Everyday Philosophy

You can climb to the top of the loftiest hill,
You can make of yourself whatsoever you will,
If you try,

A faith you must have rooted deep in your soul,
A purpose unshaken, a firm self-control ;
Strive on, without ceasing ; You'll reach to the goal
If you try

You can be of some good to yourself and your kind,
A name and a place in the world you can find ;
If you work

Wherever you turn there is plenty to do ;
The harvest is great, but the reapers are few ;
You'll find opportunities waiting for you
If you seek