diarrhœa, dropsy, &c., produced by a determination of the disease to the more important internal viscera.

I hope it will not be presumed that I view this remedy as infallible ; yet I do believe, if rightly and judiciously administered in this disease, according to its symptoms and appearances in this section of the country, it will prove to be a most valuable and successful one. It must be recollected that we are mortals, and all remedies will sometimes fail ; when death marks his victim, the art and ingenuity of man sinks into insignificance before that power which pronounced the awful decree.

It is desired that the profession give it a fair trial, in the best mode and form which their judgment may dictate. And this is my object in requesting you to give these remarks a place in your very useful and widely circulated Journal.

I am very respectfully, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD DELONY.

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REMARKABLE LOCATION OF PARTURIENT PAINS.

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THE succession in the locality of the pains of parturition is so regular and uniform, that any considerable deviation from their common order, excites the notice of every accoucheur.—Such deviations may be interesting in a pathological point of view, or merely as matter of curiosity or speculation. Of this latter description is the case which I wish here to record.

The lady who was the subject of this case usually enjoys good health. With the exception of occasional headaches, she has seldom been ill, except at the periods of her confinement. She has had three children, at the birth of all which I have assisted her. The eldest is about seven years old, and the youngest about as many months. Her labors have been severe, and lasted from six to ten hours ; but in no period of either have the pains been referred to the back or the groin, or the uterine region. They have all been confined to the muscles around, and particularly in front of the femur. They have been most severe about midway between the upper and lower extremity of this bone. Here she has solicited pressure, and here, at the commencement of each pain, her own hand has been involuntarily placed. In every other character but their location, the pains have been such as we always find them ; but to this location they have been confined—no sensation of pain having been at any time referred to the vicinity of the uterus.

This case may stand on record as undeniable. The lady is altogether above deception or pretence. Her moral sense is of the highest order ; and being accustomed to the most refined society she would shrink from, rather than court, any notoriety on a subject of this nature.

It may not be amiss to add that the after-pains have also been confined to the same region. Dr. Dewees remarks in an article on after-pains, in that excellent compend, Dr. Hays' Cyclopedic, that he once knew after-pains located in the knee ; and once, in the jaw.

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