

TRANSVERSE PRESENTATION.

DR. GEORGE H. BUTLER (Whitchurch, Hants) writes: Soon after 5 A.M. on October 2nd I was called to a case about two miles from my house. The husband, who brought the message, said his wife had been in labour since early in the afternoon of the previous day; that the midwife had been with her all night, and now had sent him for me, "as it was a medical case." He added that a part of the child had been born ever since 5 o'clock of the previous afternoon.

I found the woman to be a multipara, aged 42. The hand and arm of a fetus protruded from the maternal parts. The membranes had ruptured about 5 in the afternoon, and almost directly the hand was protruded from the vagina, and in a short time the arm as far as the elbow-joint.

The woman's strength seemed well maintained and the pains had not been very frequent or strong through the night, so I determined to make an attempt to push up the presenting arm and turn. This I was unable to do as the uterus became strongly contracted round the child as soon as my hand entered it. However, after putting the woman thoroughly under chloroform, after some difficulty and a good deal of perseverance I was able to reach a foot and bring it down. Delivery was accomplished in about twenty minutes, there being some delay as the head passed through the brim and outlet.

The child was a very large one, and when I saw its proportions I was surprised at the comparative ease with which version was accomplished after the membranes had been so long ruptured. It was stillborn, and its position in the uterus was abdomino-anterior. The mother is making an excellent recovery.

I took care to impress upon the midwife the necessity of sending directly she became aware of the nature of the case, if such a one came in her way another time.

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