

INFANTICIDE.

Dr. C. C. P. Silva Dismissed in Disgrace from His Position as Police Surgeon.

Another Retrospective Glance at the Work Accomplished by "The Times."

The Black-List of Unprincipled Physicians Growing Larger Every Day.

But Men of Sterling Character Are Found in One of the Noblest of Professions.

Indorsements and Encouraging Letters Pouring in from All Directions to This Journal.

The Girl Reporter Continues Her Story and Shows Up Another Scoundrel.

Dr. Hale and Chamberlin Make Explanations That Will Hardly Hold Water.

A Visit to Colwell's Lying-In Hospital--The Law Concerning the Crime of Abortion.

It is interesting now and then in the course of this investigation to take a glance backward for the purpose of seeing what THE TIMES has accomplished. And here it may be said in perfect candor and all sincerity that it has not been any part of the plan of this newspaper to cast a shadow upon the character of a single man or woman, or to maliciously or wantonly assault a good name. THE TIMES would be far more proud of its work up to this time if its reporters had failed to discover a solitary midwife or physician who would lend a hand to that species of civilized murder known as criminal abortion. The characters of some men whom THE TIMES held in high estimation have, it regrets to say, been dragged down to the mire, and justly so, by this rigid and thorough inquiry.

To uncover villainy is one of the duties, unpleasant though it may be, of a great newspaper. If crime exists it should be suppressed. If immorality is gaining headway it must be checked. If hypocrites are visiting our families under the guise of many respectability and causing ruin when they should be foremost in protecting us from it they ought to be exposed. If the press will not expose such crimes what are the people to look to?

In the present case THE TIMES congratulates the public and itself that it has received substantial aid from the best men in the medical profession. Among the first letters to arrive was the following:

"CHICAGO MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, 2406 PRAIRIE AVENUE, CHICAGO, DEC. 15, 1888. To the Editor--DEAR SIR: I desire to thank you for your investigation of the crime of 'infanticide' as committed in this city. On behalf of the Medico-Legal Society of Chicago--composed of representative physicians and lawyers--I can promise you moral and financial support in bringing these abortionists to justice, as one of the objects of this society is the punishment of criminal practices by members of the medical profession. The most infamous, the foulest of all crimes, is the murder of the unborn, and its punishment should be death, nothing less, as it is murder in the first degree. Hoping that public sentiment will be aroused and opportunity given to this city of these human monsters, whose very existence is a plague and a public calamity, I am, very respectfully,

"ROYD J. DORNING, M. D., President Chicago Medico-Legal Society."

And on the heels of this came another, expressing sentiments equally as honorable: "CHICAGO, Dec. 15--To the Editor of The Chicago Times: Your articles on the subject of infanticide will be a power for good and much needed in this city. The position taken by THE TIMES in this matter is simply unassailable and it will be a terror to evil-doers. For years in Chicago the cry has been from reputable physicians for some powerful aid to expose and eradicate abortionists from the ranks of respectable practitioners of medicine.

"You can rest assured that all doctors falling under the ban of THE TIMES in its present line of exposures will be promptly handed over to the judiciary committee of the Chicago Medical Society, who will handle them without gloves.

"Let Hercules go on with his good work and he will find a staunch ally in the Chicago Medical Society. J. H. SPENCER, D. O., President Chicago Medical Society."

Letters poured in from citizens generally and from members of the medical profession saying one and all in effect, "Now that you have taken this bold step don't let anything influence you to turn back."

Then came a meeting of the Chicago Medical Society, which decided to investigate the charges made. Now comes the removal in disgrace of Dr. C. C. P. Silva, surgeon of the police department, by Mayor Roche, who was undoubtedly satisfied that THE TIMES reports were well founded before taking this step.

But as to the work of THE TIMES reporters engaged in the investigation. Below is presented a complete summary of their work up to yesterday's publication.

- Midwives Who Would Commit Abortion. Name. Address. Mrs. Keri, 117 North Halsted street. Mrs. C. River, 303 Redwark street. Mrs. Schenlein, 383 Larrabee street. Mrs. Simon, 302 Illinois Island Avenue. Mrs. Caroline Hiltner, 302 North Halsted street. Mrs. Mary K. Thiel, 317 Illinois Island Avenue. Mrs. C. Lambert, 412 West Van Buren street. Mrs. Amelia Hooper, 373 Illinois Island Avenue. Mrs. Bell, 373 Illinois Island Avenue. Mrs. Elizabeth Wagner, 302 Redwark street. Mrs. Caroline Hiltner, 302 North Halsted street. Mrs. Pauline Cook, 317 North Halsted street. Mrs. Lauretta Kool, 311 North Avenue. Physicians Who Would Commit Abortion. Name. Address. Dr. Knutla Hingquah, 70 North street. Dr. Charles, 202 Indiana street. Dr. H. H. Thurston, 302 Indiana Avenue. Dr. V. A. Mearns, 30 North Michigan street.

- Dr. C. P. Ely, 103 State street. Dr. C. G. P. Silva, 103 State street. Dr. Chamberlin, Oak and 24th street. Dr. E. T. Haulding, 500 North Clark street. Dr. H. Geiger, 651 North Clark street. Dr. H. Richards, Central Music hall. Dr. H. W. Boyd, 5025 Indiana Avenue. Dr. Chamberlin, 350 Indiana Avenue. Physicians Who Recommended Others Who Would Commit Abortion. Dr. E. W. Edwards, 507 Opera-House block. Dr. Reynolds, 125 State street. Dr. J. A. Robinson, 70 State street. Dr. Gore, 2506 Prairie Avenue. Physicians Who Would Not Commit or Abet It. Dr. Norman Bridge, 352 West Jackson street. Dr. A. H. Cook, 324 Dearborn Avenue. Dr. Ogden, 170 State street. Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, Central Music hall. Dr. W. T. Bellfield, 412 Chicago Opera-house. Dr. H. M. Howard, 609 Center street. Dr. E. C. Gwynne, 222 Center street. Dr. J. K. Gilman, Central Music hall. Physicians Who Were Too Busy to Do It. Dr. E. H. Pratt, Central Music hall. Physician Who Cared Nothing for the Girl or Her Social Standing. Dr. J. Soydan Knox, 70 Monroe street.

To the above list are added some others this morning. Additions may be looked for from day to day. Dr. N. S. Davis was perfectly correct, as he generally is, in stating before the Medical Society Tuesday night, when a member wanted the accused members of the society whitewashed at once, that there was no rush about this matter, as the newspaper had not concluded its publication of these articles and others might want to be expunged later on. He was very correct in making this statement, for THE TIMES has quite a number of names on its list as well-known as any which have thus far been published.

The investigation, must be thorough to be satisfactory to the public. It must not be a mere skimming over. It will not be. In the meantime what is to be done with those who are guilty of practicing abortion or assisting in its practice? Will respectable families countenance such conduct? Will child-murder be approved of in this community?

Mayor Roche has set an example for the people. It was right that he should do so. The law may not be able to reach the scoundrels who follow this nefarious business, but public opinion can reach them, and if Chicagoans have any regard for virtue, for honor, or for human life--if they do not care to see abortion flourish in this community--they will starve out the creatures who for a paltry fee are ready to murder unborn children, legitimate and illegitimate, even at the cost of ruining or killing their mothers.

DR. SILVA REMOVED. "The Times" Investigation Was Too Much for the Police Surgeon. Dr. C. C. P. Silva, the surgeon of the police department who has attracted some attention the last few days from his prominence in the infanticide articles in THE TIMES, was yesterday summarily dismissed from the public service by order of Mayor Roche. So far as the mayor was concerned it was a very quiet proceeding, for as near as could be learned he simply sent Supt. Hubbard and told him to inform the doctor that his services were no longer needed in the department, and that his name had been dropped from the city's pay-roll.

The cause of the dismissal was, of course, the position he had been placed in by the investigations now being prosecuted by THE TIMES, and he may be said to have been a victim of his own conduct. He was appointed to the position of police surgeon a year or more ago, vice Dr. Henriott, resigned, and prior to this very little had been known of him. Who his successor will be will be determined in a few days, but whoever it may be the public can be assured that he will not be selected until his practice, methods, and standing have been thoroughly investigated.

THEY TALK ABOUT IT. Dr. Clevenger Handles Some of the Medical Gentlemen Without Gloves. CENTRAL MUSIC HALL, CHICAGO, DEC. 15, 1888. To the Editor: Among other suggested reforms (which my friends have been pleased to consider) I wrote upon the very subject in question for a daily paper about six years ago, attacking some of the identical parties you have so effectually demolished, but the articles were suppressed, after their drift was understood, as inexpedient.

The "doctors" I tried to expose were "influential members of church and society." For twenty years some of these wealthy scoundrels have been protected by church and social influence while enjoying open reputations as abortionists. Of course this does not argue that the churches are to blame, but the exposure may be drawn that villainy fares thus when "cloaked" "serving the devil in heaven's livery."

So decent physicians have had to witness the increasing grandeur of the unprincipled practitioner, whose foot steps unceasingly rustled silk, and whose art of attempting to invoke the law against him.

LOOK over the files of the board of health and ascertain what physicians have the largest number of female deaths from peritonitis, or abdominal complaints, or even "pneumonia," which may be substituted for cholera, or the real cause of death. These have back for ten or twenty years and the tale will be told.

It is a matter of congratulation that the physicians who agreed to attempt the crime are in the minority, while midwives preponderate. There are many who are ready for many such evils that should be exposed for.

The cheap American medical colleges turn out 6,000 graduates yearly to practice their ignorance upon the community. Prof. Adams of Cornell university called attention to this fact. The struggle for existence among so many poorly educated men prompts them into notorious feuds; but what of society that creates a demand for such practices?

Is there not something radically wrong in common-school and home education that sends daughters into the world unacquainted with physiological knowledge that would have prevented false steps--lamb's among wolves?

Would it not be far better to forego silly prudishness and frankly instruct children in the physiological evils entailed upon transgression?

There are unprincipled members of my profession using their calling for a cloak of vice in others and at the rebuke of mercenary crime in themselves needs with my unqualified approbation.

The degradation of honorable reputations is not a pleasant spectacle, but the interests involved in your present exposure are too precious to be in the least degree sacrificed to sentimentalism and I trust you will not be deterred from going as far as you know fully man remains satisfied with the mark of his gross venality.

ALISON PROSS, M. D. Dr. Chamberlin Denies a Part of the City's Interview With Him. "CHICAGO, Dec. 15, 1888. To the Editor: I observe in this morning's paper an article referring upon my professional character in a manner wholly unwarranted by the facts in the case. The personage as touched by your 'splendid exposure' is, in fact, the only man for the published interview in this issue whose name was a physician who was a stranger to me and who had never seen me. My name is not on the list of those who were interviewed, and I am sorry to say that I have never seen him.

stranger to me; that she was three months pregnant, and that she desired to consult me for the purpose of obtaining a better and safer method which had directed her to me for such a purpose. She replied that she came to me on account of my general reputation as a competent physician. I told her at once that no fee would tempt me to commit an act of that character, and that such a thing was never justifiable except when the health or life of the person was in jeopardy. There was no allusion in the conversation to an after appointment with a brother or with any other person. She indicated to me upon the safety of the matter, as she was a stranger in the city and was willing to pay liberally for the service. I said emphatically to her that there was no safety to any physician making such an attempt and that she must know that such a thing was criminal. She who intended to use my name to occupy five minutes and she left without any suggestion on my part that she should return or any one for her or that I would engage in such a matter.

Believing that you have no reason knowingly to do me an injustice, I ask you to publish this communication in your next issue. G. M. CHAMBERLIN, M. D. [The above letter is published simply because THE TIMES believes that the accused physicians have a right to be heard; but it has no reason to doubt the perfect truthfulness of its girl reporter's veracity. This is the first instance in which it has been necessary for THE TIMES to recur to any of Dr. Chamberlin and all others involved in this disgraceful business that some of the charges have been published without any application.--EDITOR CHICAGO TIMES.]

Dr. E. M. Hale Claims that His Conduct Has Been Misconstrued. TO THE EDITOR: In your published interview with me in your issues of today and yesterday and the conclusions you draw therefrom I feel that you have done me great injustice. I do not think that you intended to do so, for you would thereby nullify your efforts in exposing criminal practices. But it is painful to feel that one's motives are impugned when one knows they are honorable.

I believe those who know me personally will believe me when I solemnly assert that I had no intention to perform a criminal act. My sole object was to induce the girl to expose Dr. Chamberlin, and to treat, for I supposed her, that she pretended to be--an unfortunate girl, accompanied by her brother, fleeing from Memphis to hide her shame in some way. Such cases come to reputable physicians very often, and if the physician does not see fit to take any action he is generally asked to persuade them to go to some retreat and bear the child at full term. We feel justified in resorting to some subterfuge to induce them to enter such a place even for a brief time, hoping that they can be induced to remain until they are confined at full term.

I know that the arguments I used to the girl and her brother are open to misconception, but I hoped by such arguments to save her from a life of shame or disgrace. Dr. Colwell's recent is above reproach. He has, with the aid of physicians and clergymen, saved hundreds of women from disgrace or suicide and many infants born to fortunate mothers. Do not believe that a criminal abortion has ever occurred at his house.

THE TIMES is engaged in a laudable crusade against a great crime, but it should avoid undue injustice to any one. EDWIN M. HALE, M. D. Dr. J. P. Mills Wants "The Times" to Keep Up the Warfare. CHICAGO, Dec. 15--To the Editor: I most heartily approve of the work THE TIMES is doing in exposing criminal malpractice.

It is a pity that such disgusting and wicked practices must be held on in a city where we know of no other way to reach the offenders. Besides, it is so convenient for those who would shirk the responsibilities of motherhood to quote their consciences with the apostolical thought that "the father does not begin until birth, or the mother until after the birth," that a little wholesome education--a clear-cut statement--that to willfully abort is murder will tend to reduce the number of applicants for the doing of murder, for the great majority of applicants are not of the unfortunate or wicked young women, but of those who are in good social standing--often members of our churches.

LET THE TIMES GO ON. Let it ring out the fact that the looking up of the monthly cycle in such cases is caused by the new life, and from that moment it is as sacred as at any period in its existence. Let Hercules make it as hard as possible to find a physician who will divorce himself or his profession--the civil or the higher law. J. P. MILLS, M. D.

A Friend of Dr. Paull Makes an Unsatisfactory Explanation. CHICAGO, Dec. 15--To the Editor: Your infanticide reporter in his account of his visit to the residence of Dr. G. C. Paull certainly does not do credit to his profession, as an infanticide reporter. I remember a conversation, which happened when I remember a right, three weeks ago last Sunday. I can remember very distinctly the way in which the doctor answered, and he mentioned Dr. Brooks' name only when your reporter and his "sister" stood at the library door on their way out and certainly he held on to that man who said that physician to his visitors, but was very earnest in his efforts to discourage them, in what he proposed to do. When the reporter had left I asked the doctor if there were not other physicians in Chicago who would not answer their purpose, and he said he would hold on to that man who had a large number of them, but that Brooks' name was the first that came in his head, as he was one of the most notorious.

Being a member of the doctor's household I have for years understood his views on this question and know that the sum of money had been offered him and that he has been applied to on the ground of friendship very often, but he has been proof against it.

Those who know the doctor best will certainly hesitate long before they believe that the spirit of the reporter is what it should be. I trust you will give my version of the visit an equally conspicuous place with that of the article I seek to correct. Respectfully, JOHN P. McDOWELL.

O. L. Dudley Writes All the Way from Boston to Indorse "The Times." "THE CITIZENS' LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES, BOSTON, DEC. 16, 1888. To the Editor: I have been reading your Chicago article at the present time trying to recuperate my health after a severe illness I read THE TIMES every day and have been very much pleased to see you attack and show up in their Avar Light such people as Miss M. Simons of Hine Island Ave. I am a mother and I have had many a sleepless night for leaving a child on the steps of the foundlings' home with scarcely any covering on one of the coldest nights of the winter. This she did after taking \$10 from the "poor girl" mother for getting some one to adopt it and claiming to the mother that she had given it to her for adoption. This woman should have been sent to state prison for life, but for some reason I could never get the case brought to trial. Officer Gallagher of the West Lake police station and myself had our witness on hand at once, but she had run away from Chicago and consurances were granted each time. Finally the state's attorney asked to have the case stricken from the docket as he thought it very doubtful if a conviction could be had. In the meantime one of the principal witnesses had gone to a missionary to India and we were helpless. If I am right about this being the same woman you will find a record of it in the clerk's office of the Criminal court about two years ago. Respectfully yours, O. L. DUDLEY.

Dr. D. S. Clark of Rockford, Ill., Writes to Thank "The Times." ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 17--To the Editor: As a member of the medical profession I wish to thank you most heartily for the good work in the interest of morality and the saving of human life. No physician who is true to his profession will ever stoop to the performance of that meanest of crimes--the murder of an innocent little being, who is utterly unable to defend itself, do so on your noble work and expose the miscreants. Sincerely yours, D. S. CLARK.

THE GIRL REPORTER'S STORY. She Had Her Eyes Opened as the Want Always. I have taken pains during the course of this investigation to make inquiries in other quarters regarding other phases of the crime of abortion. Doubtless it will be shown to you that the girls who were so often taken advantage of by the most noble work and expose the miscreants. Sincerely yours, D. S. CLARK.

I believe that what I said which is given here is a true and honest account of the facts as they were. I am a member of the medical profession and I am sure that I am not a miscreant. They are all true and I am sure that I am not a miscreant. They are all true and I am sure that I am not a miscreant.

