

**PARTURITION WITHOUT
PAIN OR LOSS OF
CONSCIOUSNESS**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649320899

Parturition without pain or Loss of Consciousness by James Townley

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

JAMES TOWNLEY

**PARTURITION WITHOUT
PAIN OR LOSS OF
CONSCIOUSNESS**

PARTURITION
WITHOUT PAIN
OR
Loss of Consciousness.

PARTURITION WITHOUT PAIN

OR

Loss of Consciousness.

BY

JAMES TOWNLEY,

Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh,
Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England,
Fellow and Councillor of the Medical Society of London, F.L.S.,
Etc. Etc.



SECOND EDITION.

LONDON:

JOHN W. DAVIES, 54, PRINCES STREET,
LEICESTER SQUARE.

EDINBURGH: MACLACHLAN AND STEWART.

DUBLIN: FANNIN AND CO.

MDCCLXII.

~~150. 8. 41.~~

157. 6. 165



LONDON:
BAYLIE AND EDWARDS, PRINTERS, CHANCERY STREET,
COVENT GARDEN.

PREFACE
TO
THE SECOND EDITION.

A SECOND edition of my little work being required at the expiration of only a few months is gratifying to me, as evidence that my views regarding the use of an Anodyne in Parturition have attracted considerable attention. I may take this opportunity of stating, that I have never had any intention of undervaluing the merits of others who have laboured in the field of anæsthetics, my only claim to attention consisting in the novelty of my mode of applying the agent, by which its effects are so remarkably modified.

When chloroform is administered in the usual way it is given slowly, and “ goes the round of the circulation” before it relieves

the pain or produces anæsthesia. Whereas, in my plan of using the "anodyne," the rapidly repeated but interrupted impressions made on the nervous system produce the anodyne without the anæsthetic effect—before, indeed, the mass of the blood has become affected. In this consists all the originality to which I lay claim. I have used the word "anodyne," instead of "modified chloroform," in consequence of this peculiarity of its effects. I cannot but regard this as an improvement on the old plan of using chloroform—which relieved pain, it is true, but it produced loss of consciousness also, and was not unattended with danger.

2, Harleyford Place, Kennington, S.,
October, 1862.

ADVERTISEMENT

TO

THE FIRST EDITION.

THE following remarks on the administration of an anæsthetic agent during parturition are reprinted from the *Lancet*. I have appended a series of Letters, illustrative of the efficacy of the mode of proceeding I adopt.

2, Harleyford Place, Kennington, S.,

June, 1862.