

*Case of Puberty and Pregnancy in a Girl of Ten Years of Age.*—The following remarkable instance of this is related by Dr. D. ROWLETT, of Kentucky, in our cotemporary, the *Transylvania Journal of Medicine* for October, 1834.

“Sally Deweese, daughter of John Deweese, was born in Butler county, Kentucky, on the 7th of April, 1824. She was of the ordinary size, but her hips and breasts began to grow rapidly in a few weeks after she was born, and at twelve months of age she began to menstruate, and her hips and breasts had become so large as to be the objects of common remark; and as she took no pains to conceal her condition, her menstruating so young, became a fact of public notoriety, which continued regular till some time in the year 1833, when she became pregnant, and on the 20th day of April, 1834, she was delivered of a healthy female child, weighing seven and three-fourth pounds. Thus, at the age of ten years and thirteen days, she became the mother of a child of ordinary size; which, however, refused to suck her, and has been so far raised by the bottle. It is as healthy as is usual for children to be when raised from the bottle, and at the time of taking these notes it weighed eight and three-fourth pounds, and its mother weighed one hundred pounds. She was four feet seven inches high and had the countenance of a girl not exceeding her in years, but is as intelligent as girls generally are at her age.

“She was the fifteenth child her mother had given birth to, and was born when her mother was forty-five years of age. There had been no previous case of early puberty, or premature old age in either the family of the father or mother.

“Her father lived in Butler county until she was two years old, and then removed to the place on which he now lives, in Hickman county, one mile south of Mayfield's Creek, and ten miles east of the Mississippi river, in latitude 36° 59' N.; but I presume that latitude nor atmosphere has had any influence in this truly, (to me,) astonishing case. I think it is an over-match for the case of the Swiss girl spoken of by Haller.”