

openly, a condition doubtless due to the limited posterior drainage.

In the majority of cases of suppurative mastoiditis opening the bone seems to be the most satisfactory and certain procedure, for, though many cases get well without it, they do not balance those that are lost through palliative treatment.

In support of the plea for earlier and more frequent operations in suppurative mastoiditis, three considerations have been brought forward.

1. The frequency of chronic cases.
2. The frequency of intracranial involvement.
3. The fact that all cases of middle ear disease mean involvement of the antrum if not the mastoid.