

Hospital, as well as several other medical gentlemen, amongst whom was Dr. Moore, of Troy, N. Y., who had previously had charge of the case.

Chloroform having been administered by Dr. Cameron, Assistant House Surgeon, the skin of the neck was drawn down by the operator's left hand, and an incision made directly upon and along the clavicle for a distance of four inches; a second incision was then carried upwards from the inner angle of the foregoing for a distance of two inches along the posterior edge of the sterno-mastoid muscle. The included flap was carefully dissected up, and the external jugular vein exposed; this was readily drawn inwards by a blunt hook, and thus held away from injury during the remainder of the operation. The deeper layers of fascia were then disposed of, partly by division on a director, and partly by scratching through with the nail and knife-handle, all vessels being carefully avoided. There was no bleeding and the posterior edge of the scalenus anticus was soon reached. What was believed to be the vessel was now felt against the rib, but on passing an aneurism-needle beneath it and compressing it, no effect was produced upon the aneurism. This was, no doubt, the suprascapular artery much enlarged and tortuous. It was, therefore, immediately released. Although the subclavian could now be distinctly felt between the finger and the first rib, yet, owing to the depths of the parts, it was not easy to pass the needle fairly around it. The lower branch of the brachial plexus of nerves was thus mistaken for the artery for a moment, but careful examination soon exposed the error. Finally, the needle was gently passed round the subclavian from below upwards, just outside the edge of the anterior scalenus muscle. It was secured by a ligature of carbolised silk, the end being allowed to hang out of the wound. The flap was closed by sutures of carbolised catgut, and the wound dressed with carbolic water—1 to 40. A small opening was left at the depending corner for drainage. He was then laid on a hair mattress, his shoulders being kept as low as possible with comfort.