

ANEURISM OF THE ASCENDING PORTION OF THE AORTA.—Report of Case.

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Mrs. H., aged 32 years; occupation, housewife. Admitted to the Western Hospital, January 15, 1898. Notes taken January 17th, recorded by A. D. Irvine, M.D., Senior House Physician.

COMPLAINTS.—Shortness of breath, pain between shoulder blades and in both arms, especially the right. Swelling in right breast.

PREVIOUS HISTORY.—Born in Derbyshire, Eng. Was never seriously ill until she came to Canada. Has worked very hard since her arrival in this country seven years ago. No specific history to be obtained.

PRESENT ILLNESS.—Began about two years ago, by an attack of rheumatism, which confined her to bed for about one month. She had almost recovered from that when she received a fright, and putting her hand to her chest felt a pulsating tumour on right side, after which she was very short of breath, and her physician advised her entrance into the hospital. In June, '96, patient entered hospital; the dyspnoea was found to be due to an aneurism of the aorta. She was treated by rest in bed, dry diet and *pot. Iod.* for seven weeks, and improved considerably, but she had to remain in bed for nine months after leaving the hospital.

For the last seven months patient has been doing her household work, but has been troubled off and on with dyspnoea and pain in right chest; also has had pain in her arms and between the shoulder blades for the last seven months. Has been coughing for three months.

PRESENT CONDITION.—Rather well nourished, intelligent woman. Has to assume an upright position in bed on account of dyspnoea; can recline a little, but it causes a feeling of pressure in the right chest, which produces dyspnoea and causes her to cough. Cannot sleep on account of impossibility to assume a position favorable to sleep. Temperature normal.