

would soon be in the same condition as before operation. I could not then answer this objection from personal experience, but I can now say most emphatically that such is not the case. In proof of this statement I have here to-night the first patient on whom I operated in August, 1887. On three different occasions since the operation he has developed small ulcers upon the same leg, which absolutely refused to heal until they were scraped and skin grafted upon them. In every instance, moreover, the ulcer appeared, not upon the skin which had been transplanted and which remained perfectly normal, but just outside the border of the transplanted area. Three cases of this series (2, 22 and 25) returned for operation a second time. In all three the ulceration had begun in the old skin outside the originally transplanted area and at the time of operation in each case more than half of the originally transplanted skin remained sound, while extensive ulceration had occurred outside its border. Cases 2 and 3 were first transplanted from an amputated leg, the operation beginning in the first one hour and in the second two hours after the removal of the limb; no result. Case 2 of my first series was a professional beggar and returned to the hospital since I reported his case with ulceration of his leg, which, like the preceding cases, was much more extensive in the surrounding skin than in the previously transplanted area. He declined to have his leg operated upon a second time, as he depended upon this ulcerated condition to secure him his livelihood from a sympathetic public. Case 28 was that of a man aged 41 who came to hospital twenty-nine days after having been burnt with ignited varnish. His whole face, neck, forearms and hands were extensively and in places deeply burnt. He was delirious and very ill (thought to be suffering from iodoform intoxication). One eye was destroyed and the other seriously damaged. On this account Dr. Buller was associated with me in the treatment of the case. Seven weeks after admission I proceeded to transplant skin, and in order to give Dr. Buller an opportunity to complete the treatment of the eye, I transplanted skin from the patient's thighs to his forearms and hands, while Dr. Buller transplanted