

should procure a silver drainage tube, such as they use of late in the Montreal General Hospital, and, with antiseptic precautions, introduce and drain the cavity. That advice I followed out to the letter, with the exception of the antiseptic precautions, and with what result you will presently hear.

*July 14th.*—I administered chloroform with difficulty, and with a scalpel made an opening in the intercostal space, below the inferior angle of the scapula, and introduced the tube, when over three quarts of very fetid matter escaped. She coughed considerably, and with each cough the matter was ejected to a distance of at least three feet through the tube. I gave a hypodermic of morphia, which allayed the cough and eased the patient. When fully recovered from under the influence of the anæsthetic, I had her assume the sitting posture, and then washed out the cavity with a warm solution of carbolic acid (1-40), and continued to do so until the fluid returned quite clear, being careful at the same time to have the air of the chamber both warm and moist. I then applied lint over the tube, followed by a layer of cotton batting, and over this a bandage to keep the dressing in place. Her usual weight had been 145 lbs., but now she scarcely turned the scales at 90 lbs. Next day I visited her, and washed out the cavity again, a good deal of matter having drained away. I instructed the nurse how to wash out the cavity and dress the side, insisting on her using the solution warm and repeating twice daily. When I returned in two days I found her cheerful and bright, and her temperature now for the first time during my attendance was below 100°F. Not nearly so much discharge. I washed out the cavity and dressed as before, this time using plain tepid water for the injection, and left instructions as before; but using tepid water now instead of the acid solution. I visited her tri-weekly, and each time found her improving rapidly, her temperature never going above 99°, and pulse never above 80. She weighed every week, and reported an increase each time. The discharge became less and less in amount, and on August 31st, or 48 days after the tube had been introduced, no matter appeared on the dressing, and on washing out the cavity, the fluid returned quite clear. I now