

areas of erysipelas for examination, but with a negative result. From this time he began to improve and is now convalescent.

The fourth case is that of a man named Michael Smith, aged 44, on whom I operated in the hospital for inveterate club foot, one hour after having operated upon Carron, the patient being on the same table and in the same operating room, and my assistant being the same House Surgeon as in Carron's operation. The table, a wooden one, covered with rubber, had been scrubbed as usual after operation, and my assistant and myself had taken the routine precautions to cleanse our hands. The operation consisted in the removal of the astragalus, scaphoid, cuboid and portions of the two inner cuneiforms and the head of the os calcis, as well as the overlying bursa which had been in a suppurating condition with sinuses for seven years. The operation was long and tedious and required much manipulation. The patient was as comfortable as could be expected for the next three days. On the 29th, as he was complaining of pain, the dressing was changed. There was some redness and swelling of the skin of the foot which I then thought was possibly due to the rough manipulation during the operation. For the next four days the patient was not so well. He complained of much pain and his temperature ran up to 102°F. at night. On the second of February the dressing was again changed, when the whole foot and leg were found to be red, swollen and vesicated—an undoubted erysipelas. Then for the first time the connection of this with the previous case (Carron's) was brought home to my mind. On the 5th instant, the dressing was again changed in order to enable Dr. Adami to collect some serum for examination. The inflammatory process had, however, so definitely subsided that nothing was done, except to collect from a vesicle which had remained unbroken. The serum thus collected has yielded a negative result. No suppuration whatever occurred about the wound, and the patient is progressing most satisfactorily. It is, of course, much to be regretted that the conditions were not recognized earlier in the third and fourth cases in order that bacteriological investigation might have been systematically and successfully carried out, and the presence or