

Brown took my temperature. It was then 99.6°F. At 8 o'clock Dr. Weeks took it, and it was then 101.8°F. Next day (Friday), in the morning, I first felt soreness in the right axilla and on examination found the glands considerably enlarged and tender. I also felt soreness about the jaw, the ascending rami being quite tender to the touch. There was no indication of any trouble about the finger wound at all. It healed as an ordinary abrasion would, and there was no redness of the skin of the arm. All went well till Saturday night, when I experienced a very severe pain over the region of the heart, extending also down the left arm. This was accompanied by a feeling of constriction about the throat, making breathing difficult. These symptoms were relieved in about half an hour by hot applications and morphia hypodermically. Next morning (Sunday) I felt much better in every way. The swelling in the glands had almost disappeared and the tenderness was very slight. I got up on Sunday evening and have been quite well since. My temperature never exceeded 101.8°F. I had no definite chill and no other glands were enlarged except those of the right axilla.

This illness of Dr. Scane's is perhaps susceptible of some other interpretation, and at best the evidence of its having been due to streptococcus infection is very incomplete. Some of the symptoms, indeed, suggest rather a mild attack of tetanus, but the rapidity and completeness with which they disappeared, as well as the shortness of the incubative stage, render this theory untenable. On the other hand, the incidence of the symptoms within twenty-four hours of the injury, and the enlargement of the glands in the axilla, together with the character of the symptoms themselves, leave no doubt as to the illness having originated in septic infection of some sort, and as this was the very first autopsy ever performed in the building, it is only possible to attribute the infection to this case.

The third case is that of Mr. Fred. Carron, a student, who assisted at the autopsy in the Royal Victoria Hospital. During the autopsy he pricked the palmar surface of his left index finger with a scalpel. In the course of the evening the finger became painful, and at night it prevented him from sleeping.