

clamped, as also are the small feeders, coming in from the sides beyond the area of dissection. These are all simply clamped, until the whole strip has been removed, when they may be ligated.

The dressings are not disturbed until the tenth day, when the skin sutures are removed, the leg firmly bandaged, and the patient allowed up. Gradual use of the limb is permitted, and he is discharged three weeks from the time of the operation.

The only objections to this operation are its seeming magnitude, the length of the incision, the time required, and the possibilities of infection in such a large wound with altered circulation. In practice the only real objection is the time required, about an hour and a half for each leg, but this is certainly worth while when the radical nature of the resulting cure is considered. With regard to healing of the large wound, and the possibilities of infection, we have been agreeably surprised at the uniformly good results. We have carried out the same no-hand-contact technique that we do in our bone work, and feel that this is an important item. As soon as the longitudinal incision is made, towels are stitched to the skin edges, to prevent the operator's gloves or instruments coming in contact with the skin of the patient's leg.

The results have been extremely satisfactory. No case has shown any tendency to recurrence, and several have subsequently been accepted by the military authorities as fit for overseas service, and of these no case has been subsequently discharged owing to any disability to use the leg for any of the duties of military service. When it is recollected that the 215th Battalion, for whom I did a number of these cases, were recruiting in Brantford for about a year, and that most of the operations were done during the earlier months, the results thus, as it were, being on trial for that period, it seems to me that a more strenuous test could hardly be imposed.

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### FALSE SYSTEMS OF HEALING, NO. 3—CHIROPRACTIC.

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#### ITS ORIGIN.

THE purpose of this article is to discuss one of the later false systems of healing, namely, chiropractic. This cult has taken its name from two Greek words that mean done by the hand, or hand practice. These Greek words are *cheir* and *praktikos*, and we are informed that D. D. Palmer, who founded this system of treating disease by the hands only, was acquainted with Mr. Weed, who knew something about the Greek language, and that this person coined for Palmer the name chiro-