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A CASE OF ABSCESS OF THE TEMPORO-SPHE-
NOIDAL LOBE PRESENTING UNUSUAL
FEATURES. — OPERATIONS. —
RECOVERY.

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William Reid, aged 28, admitted August 30, 1895, to Dr. Buller's ward, Royal Victoria Hospital.

History.—Six years ago patient's ear first troubled him. It suppurated and left a permanent perforation of the membrana tympani. Since that time his ear discharged occasionally. Present trouble dates from July 1, 1895, when symptoms of pain, raised body temperature, headache, attracted attention to the mastoid, which was tender and presented evidence of suppuration, at one time so superficial that his doctor wanted to incise in the expectation of reaching pus without entering the bone.

Condition on Admission.—August 30—Considerable redness and tenderness over mastoid, and inflammatory condition extending into neck. A free purulent otorrhea. Suffered considerably with headache, but rested fairly well at night.

September 1—Dr. Buller trephined the mastoid, but was unable to find pus, although going as far forward as the tympanum.

September 2—Intense headache. High fever, 104°. Vomiting and beginning delirium.

September 4—Delirious in a quiet way. Vomited six times. Retraction of head. Neck quite rigid.

September 5—Photophobia, stupor and subsultus tendinum.

September 6—Same, with short still cry every few minutes.

September 7—Less crying. Less headache. Disposi-

