

as a cause of death. Much more can be said in favour of the suggestion that death resulted from the injury to the pancreas. Further evidence, either experimental or pathological, regarding the effects of injury to and disease of this viscus must be obtained before any positive statements can be accepted. One can hardly read the pathological report without wondering whether or not a drain inserted through the abdominal incision, or better yet, from behind through the loin just beside the injured kidney, would have altered the result. There is the positive evidence of the bacteriologist that the wounds and retro-peritoneal wound cavity were not infected. Drainage, therefore, could only have given a chance of escape to the serous exudate and pancreatic fluid if present.

One fact comes out very clearly, and that is that the medical attendants had to contend with a serious injury in a patient whose recuperative and reparative power was woefully low. An overworked man, with imperfect heart and kidneys, falls an easy prey to injury and disease.

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