

angle to reflect the rays of light directly down upon the field of operation. The light was excellent and under such complete control that perfect light was provided wherever it was required.

Professor Krönig illustrated well the active habits of some of our German colleagues. He rides every morning at six o'clock, and begins his operating at eight.

Professor Kraske, whose name is well known in connection with the operation for excision of the rectum, is the head of a very large hospital clinic, in which he controls no less than three hundred beds. On enquiry regarding his supervision of such a clinic, one was told that a great deal of the work necessarily devolved upon his assistants, and in fact many of the patients were not seen by him. It is interesting to note also that this is the type of hospital which is to be found all over Germany. The hospital is a Government institution, and the surgeon, such as Kraske, receives a small salary (\$1,500) for attendance upon the patients of the hospital clinic. He then receives fees from students, and, in addition, is provided with a private theatre and wards for the treatment of his private patients. It would appear that under such circumstances the head of the clinic does all his surgical work within the walls of the hospital.

One sees from time to time in Germany, even among men well known for their contributions to surgery, work which would not appeal to an advanced surgeon in this country; as an example, the operation of gastro-enterostomy performed by Kraske. After completing the anastomosis, he proceeded to close the abdominal wound. This he did by passing in some three or four aluminum sutures, which extended through the peritoneum and muscles, and were twisted. The length of the incision was about eight inches, and the whole of its superficial portion was left open to granulate without a single suture, gauze being laid in the gap.

In Basel one visited the magnificent hospital operating theatre of Wilm's, the most complete and perfect to be seen anywhere. Here, too, if one might advise the visitor, one would suggest that he should, if possible, gain access to the beautiful private surgical hospital, which has recently been opened in Basel by Professor Haegler, a surgeon of eminence, and who is most thorough in his technique, more particularly in the development of aseptic methods. He has written an interesting monograph on "The Cleansing of the Hands for Surgical Work."