

The former gives the preference to the operation of iridectomy, and objects to keratotomy on grounds that are, I think, scarcely tenable. Amongst other objections he states that the cicatrix left by the healing of an incised ulcer, yields after a time and becomes a source of pain and irritation. Though I am not prepared to say that this statement is wholly incorrect, I can after a pretty large experience positively affirm that I have never met with any such results. Soelberg Wells also speaks of the operation of keratotomy, but he, too, prefers to rely on iridectomy.

Pridgen Teale, however, in the Ophthalmic Hospital Reports, Vol. VIII, part I, strongly advocates the operation of keratotomy (which he designates median incision of the cornea), and is disposed to give it a wider range than Sæmisch has done.

He says: "The following principles seem to be indicated by the cases in which I have tested the operation during the last year and a half."

"That the suppurative affections of the cornea and iris which do not rapidly yield to atropine and opiates, ought to be dealt with by direct incision through the median part of the cornea into the anterior chamber just as much as a matter of course, as one would incise a whitlow, or a thecal abscess."

(b.) "That such an incision be made crucial or T shaped, if it be thought desirable that the wound should not heal up rapidly, thereby avoiding the necessity of springing the wound once or twice daily for a week or more."

(c.) "That an incision near the centre of the cornea, in length about $\frac{1}{3}$ of its diameter, passing vertically through its lamellæ into the anterior chamber, does not, as a rule, produce any serious damage to the cornea by way of opacity, nor to the iris by way of prolapse or anterior synechia."

(d.) "That in hypopyon a median incision of the cornea gives exit to pus and purulent lymph lodged in the anterior chamber more readily, certainly, and completely than a marginal incision."

(e.) "That an incision into the anterior chamber, through a suppurating cornea, can arrest destructive suppuration and