two days before. On November 13 the patient submitted himself to a complete laryngectomy. The difficulties attending this operation can only be appreciated by realizing the dangers which confront one in ordinary tracheotomy from inspiration of blood. Then the removal of the recently formed adhesions, the extensive invasion of granulomatous tissue, and the liberation of the trachea all necessitated about forty-five minutes work before we could drop the trachea tube three rings, which was necessary for the work. As soon as the trachea was liberated from the adhesions and recent exudate sufficiently to lower the trachea tube, skeletonizing of the cricoid and thyroid was done, but also with great difficulty, owing to the previous operation.

This operation took an hour and a half to an hour and three-quarters, where ordinarily a laryngectomy can be done in forty-five minutes. The reaction of the patient was excellent. He left the hospital in nine or ten days, with no complications except great difficulty in fitting himself with a tube. This was finally accomplished to his satisfaction. A marked improvement took place in the man for four months, when secondary deposits manifested themselves. Death followed in seven or eight months after the operation.

Prognosis:—In regard to the operative outcome, the prognosis is particularly good at the present time. Prognosis as to recurrence or rapidity of extension has largely to do with the age of the patient. Malignancies of the larynx in the young, as well as malignancies in the young in other fields, are more prone to rapid extension than in the aged, so that early diagnosis with early removal is absolutely essential to a good prognosis.

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Relying upon present knowledge, Brady affirms that cold, dampness, draughts, wet feet, exposure, etc., play a negligible part in respiratory disease. Our avoidance of them is purely instinctive, due to the bodily discomfort they create. Draughts, in fact, are necessary for thorough ventilation. The true predisposing factors of various respiratory diseases are dietetic abuses, unhygienic clothing, overheated apartments and defective ventilation. Ed.