

# Heart Surgery On Baboons

JOHANNESBURG (South Africa).—A series of experiments on baboons to perfect a rare and difficult heart operation is being carried out by a team of surgeons under Professor W. E. Underwood, head of the department of surgery at the Johannesburg Medical School.

The operation is the grafting of new sections to the aorta, the

heart's main artery, something that never has been carried out successfully.

So far there have been ten successful operations, mostly on baboons. Forty more must be

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performed successfully before the operation is tried on a human being.