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### \*APPENDICITIS

*(A Plea for Early Operation)*

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In bringing before your notice the subject of Appendicitis, I feel some excuse or apology is in order, as it is one which has been fully dealt with by the various Medical Journals during the last few years.

To begin with, I have nothing new or original to offer, but as we are all called upon from time to time to treat and attend such cases, which by the way seem to be on the increase, I therefore thought it would be a subject of general interest, and one which would lead to some discussion, and an exchange of ideas.

With a limited experience of 268 operative cases of my own, a large number of which were first seen by other practitioners, I am firmly convinced that many of the men do not grasp the fact, that appendicitis is essentially a surgical disease, and should be treated surgically at a much earlier period than it usually is.

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