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## Original Communications.

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TUMORS OF THE RECTUM.\*

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BY GEORGE BINGHAM, M.D.  
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GENTLEMEN,—The specimen which I have to show you to-night is one of malignant adenoma of the rectum. I believe the specimen will possess for you some intrinsic interest of its own, and meanwhile it will serve in part as a text for a few remarks upon tumors of the rectum. This wide subject I shall not attempt to exhaust, but shall merely indicate the more common, benign and malignant neoplasms to be found in the large intestine, and more particularly in the rectum, pointing out the distinctive pathological characteristics of each.

Owing to the fact that a peduncle is a characteristic common to most benign growths in the lower bowel, the term rectal polypus has been used in a manner altogether too indiscriminate, from a

\*Read before the Pathological Society of Toronto.