

for recurrence of the disease; however, two-thirds of the nineteen patients survived an average period of three years and five months without any return of the disease. The following table shows the interval which elapsed without recurrence between the removal and the date of publication of each case :

No. of cases.		Interval.
6	2	1 month
	3	2 "
	1	6 "
	1	14 years
	2	2 "
12	1	2½ "
	1	3 "
	1	4 "
	2	5 "
	1	6 "
	1	7 "
	2	10 "
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Comparing pure myeloid with cancerous tumors, it may be said, that whereas recurrence is the almost invariable rule in the latter, it is the rare exception in the former; and while the great malignancy of cancer is shown in the rapidity of its recurrence after the removal, the interval being 7 months in medullary cancer and 14 months (*) for scirrhus, the comparative innocence of myeloid is proved by its non-recurrence after an average interval of 26 months.

11. That malignancy is but a comparative term, as remarked at the commencement of this paper, is shewn by the disease now under consideration. In one instance, related by a competent observer, Dr. Wilks of Guy's Hospital, a pure myeloid tumor recurred in the stump two years after the ablation of the original disease, and similar pathological structures were found in the lungs; the disease in fact, re-appeared both locally and remotely. The lymphatics were, however, not affected, the patient exhibited no signs of cachexia, and his death was due to acute pleurisy. (c 37).

Mr. Paget also, relates a case in which, while the microscopic and naked-eye characters of the tumor were those of myeloid, it exhibited some features of malignancy, for besides the presence of "four small masses of similar substance in the lungs," a "similar material was diffused in one of the cervical glands" (c 39). In this instance then, one lymphatic gland was contaminated, as well as the lungs; still, the patient exhibited no cachexia, but was of "healthy appearance."

(*). This rate is obtained by calculation made from Mr. Pagets' table at p. 525 of his work, American edition.