They may be due to disturbance of the gland, and perhaps to excess of absorption of thyroid matter during the operation. Large eysts are often more easily removed than small ones, being often less adherent. If the cyst contents be solid I open the cyst and turn as much of the contents out as possible, and then treat the cyst wall as I have described above. In most of the fluid cysts there are usually some solid masses attached to the base. Healing in these eases is marvellously rapid.