

large cysts; and, though it may be true that elsewhere they do not form so large a percentage of the cases of goitre operated upon as they do here in Dr. Shepherd's practice, nevertheless since surgical literature shows that they are very common, and now that operative interference with the thyroid is becoming increasingly frequent and increasingly successful, it may be opportune to draw more attention to their structure and characters than has hitherto been accorded to them.

Dr. Shepherd has described the surgical features of his cases in detail in the *Annals of Surgery*.* It will, therefore, be only necessary to append here a table of the cases, giving a brief epitome of the main points in connection with each.

Case.	Name.	Age.	Size, position, and contents of tumour.	Duration.
I.	Mrs. S.	56	Two cysts in the right lobe—one the size of a Tangerine orange, the other that of a walnut. <i>Contents</i> : a thick, reddish-brown material.	Ten years ago, when crossing the Atlantic, she was violently seasick. Lump on right side of neck was noticed shortly afterward. This continued to grow steadily, and had increased in size considerably during the last thirteen months.
II.	Mrs. G.	25	Two cysts in right lobe, the larger more superficial. <i>Contents</i> : a thick, greenish-brown fluid.	Noticed for six years. Growth at first small, slowly increased until a year before operation; then grew rapidly, the position becoming somewhat altered.
III.	Miss L.	28	Solitary cyst the size of a lemon in the right lobe. <i>Contents</i> : grumous, containing cholesterine crystals; extensive papillomatous projections into cyst.	Present for three years; very slow enlargement until a year before operation, when there was a sudden increase in size.
IV.	Miss C.	21	Solitary cyst the size of a hen's egg in the left lobe. <i>Contents</i> : dark, yellowish-brown fluid with clots of blood.	Gradual enlargement noticed for a year; then sudden increase in size three months before operation.
V.	Mrs. J.	30	Solitary cyst the size of a small orange in the left lobe. <i>Contents</i> : straw-coloured fluid.	Noticed for twelve years.
VI.	Miss McL.†	19	Single enormous cyst the size of a turnip in the left lobe. <i>Contents</i> : dark brown, thickish fluid.	Present for six years; more rapid enlargement a few months before operation.
VII.	Miss McP.†	19	Large solitary cyst the size of a grape-fruit in the right lobe, extending beneath the sternum. <i>Contents</i> : dark-yellow fluid.	Two years; had enlarged rapidly during the six months preceding operation.

* F. J. Shepherd, *Annals of Surgery*, September, 1895.

† Cases VI and VII were operated upon shortly after Dr. Shepherd's article in the *Annals of Surgery* had gone to press, and consequently are not referred to in that article.