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NOTES ON SOME RECENT GALL-STONE CASES.¹

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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN :

It is not my intention to read a paper on the subject of cholelithiasis, nor even on any portion of the subject, but simply to present, in connection with the specimens removed by operation, very condensed reports of the cases upon which I have operated during the past summer and autumn. They are as follows :

CASE I.—Mrs. T., æt. 40, a slight woman, normal weight 100 lbs., married 13 years, the mother of three children, the youngest eight years of age, came under observation on the 11th of May, 1897. Her first attack was nine years ago and is described as a severe aching pain through the right side and more or less through the whole upper zone of the abdomen, lasting about half a day, accompanied by vomiting and followed by a tumour the size of a man's fist, just inside the right anterior superior iliac spine. This was tender and painful and she was confined to her bed for seven weeks. During this time the tumour was painful on movement of the body. She was then quite well for three years, except that she felt some pain in the side after every unusual exertion. Six years ago she had a second attack, accompanied by nausea and vomiting and lasting about the same length of time ; although she was not confined to her bed for so long a period and had no tumour following the attack. She then remained well until March, 1897, except that on exertion she felt some pain in the right side. She had a series of attacks similar in character about

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