

INNOCENT AND MALIGNANT TUMORS.

The Essential Similarity of Innocent and Malignant Tumors. A Study of Tumor Growth. By Charles W. Cathcart, M.A., M.B., C.M. (Edin.), F.R.C.S. (Eng. and Edin.), Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; formerly Conservator of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh. With 86 illustrations, mostly from photographs. Bristol: John Wright & Co.; London: Dushin, Marshall & Co., 1907. Price, 9s. 6d. net.

One of the ways to study pathology is to begin with the normal tissues. In the study of the malignant growths a comparison with the innocent forms of tumors is no doubt a good foundation. In this effort Mr. Cathcart has been very successful. He has made it quite clear that there is a close connection between what has often been regarded as innocent and what is looked upon as malignant. Such studies may throw new light upon the whole question of new formations. The present work is a good addition to the literature upon tumors, and will stimulate further research. We can recommend the book to our readers as one which will furnish much food for reflection.

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