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PRIMARY CARCINOMA OF THE GALL BLADDER.

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PRIMARY carcinoma of the liver occurs in one-eighth of all cases. Primary carcinoma of the gall bladder and biliary passages is not so infrequent as one might suppose. Musser, in an exhaustive paper read at the meeting of the American Association of Physicians in 1889, made a collection of 159 cases, and Norman Moore, in a recent Bradshaw lecture on the distribution and duration of visceral growths, gave the results of 129 cases of new growths in the internal organs of the body. There were, for instance, twenty-nine cases of cancer of the stomach, fifteen of the cesophagus, and ten cases in which the gall bladder and biliary passages were the seats of disease. This will give some idea of the frequency of primary malignant disease in this portion of the body.