

which these complications have occurred, as well as of the period at which they have become manifest. It cannot be claimed that these details reveal any novelty in the familiar history of the infected wound.

STATISTICS COMPILED FROM THE LONDON HOSPITAL RECORDS JULY 1ST, 1900 TO AUGUST 15TH, 1904, BY MR. HUGH LETT, F.R.C.S., LATE SURGICAL REGISTRAR TO THE HOSPITAL.

TABLE C.—Table showing the Local Condition in 1,000 Cases of Appendicitis at the time of the Operation, compiled from the London Hospital Records July 1st, 1900 to August 15th, 1904.

Date.	Total number of Cases operated upon.	Operation during quiescent period.		Operation during attack. Local Peritonitis. No pus.		Operation in cases with abscess.		Operation in cases with general Peritonitis with or without abscess.	
		Re-covered	Died	Re-covered	Died	Re-covered	Died	Re-covered	Died
July 1st to December 31st, 1900 ....	86 (males 59, females 27)	33	0	0	0	39	1	1	12
1901 ....	189 (males 130, females 59)	75	2	6	0	60	1	10	35
1902 ....	230 (males 162, females 68)	75	0	11	3	96	9	8	28
1903 ....	299 (males 200, females 99)	100	1	12	1	124	20	7	34
January 1st to August 15th, 1904 ....	196 (males 130, females 66)	77	1	5	1	77	4	13	18
Grand total..	1,000	360	4	34	5	396	35	39	127

During the above period 290 other patients with appendicitis were admitted into the Hospital, but were not subjected to operation, either because the attacks were so slight or because they declined to submit to surgical measures.

If a patient has several attacks of appendicitis the latter attacks are less severe, and less likely to be accompanied by the formation of an abscess than the earlier ones. This is confirmed by the following table, which includes all the cases of abscess and of general peritonitis in this series. Cases of abscess with general peritonitis are included under the heading of abscess.

TABLE D.—(London Hospital Series.)

	Number of Cases.	Number of Previous Attacks of Appendicitis.				
		Not Stated	None.	One.	Two.	Three or More.
Abscess.....	499	200	187	67	19	26
General peritonitis without abscess.....	101	66	31	3	1	0
Total.....	600	266	218	70	20	26