

rally also of the spleen, disseminated lymphatic growths in the viscera, and anæmia with more or less cachexia. To the morbid process in the glands, the names of Lymphadenoma, Lymphosarcoma, Malignant Lymphoma, Desmoid Cancer, &c., have been given, and they indicate the diversity of opinion that prevails with regard to the nature of the growth. In the majority of instances, perhaps the term lymphadenoma is applicable, as the enlargement is due to an increase in the normal tissues of the gland, though the relation between the constituent elements is scarcely maintained so closely as in simple hypertrophy from irritation. In other cases the growth resembles an actively-growing sarcoma, and may involve contiguous tissues, or even infect distant organs. The following cases illustrate many of the chief features in the clinical history and morbid anatomy of the disease :—

CASE I.—*Lymphadenoma of the Retro-peritoneal glands—Enlargement of the Spleen—External Glands not affected.*—C. C., an immensely stout man, aged 40 years, first complained in May, 1876, of severe pain in the lumbar region. It evidently followed the course of the lumbar nerves, and there was tenderness over the same parts. This was called and treated as lumbar neuralgia, which it certainly was. There was at this time no alteration in the general condition of the patient, who maintained his usual appetite and strength. Some months later, and after the lumbar pain had continued with varying intensity, other symptoms occurred. Pains were felt down both legs, but more especially the left, and occupying mainly the anterior aspects. He began to feel weak and to lose flesh, and the pulse became soft and habitually rapid. The loss of weight was neither rapid nor excessive, but his muscles became soft and flabby, and he kept throughout an enormous corpulency of abdominal fat. After this a new direction of pain was experienced, viz., along the left spermatic cord, sometimes very severe. Then chills appeared; these occurred at irregular intervals, sometimes slight, but at other times amounting to well-marked rigors. After these, the temperature would be quite high, 100°F. to 104°F., and during the interval, though much lower, it was nearly always a degree