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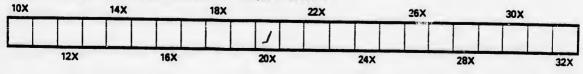
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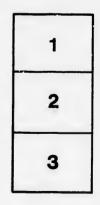
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# EXAMPLES OF MYELOID TUMOR:

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### GRNERAL OBSERVATIONS UPON THAT FORM OF GROWTH,

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### (Read before the Medical Students' Society of McGill College.)

GENTLEMEN,-The great progress which has been made in the pathology of morbid growths, within the past few years, and which has resulted mainly from two causes, the employment of the microscope in the examination of morbid structures and the great attention which has been paid to clinical investigation, has tended to alter materially our modes of regarding and classifying tumors. Formerly, and not very long ago, all tumors were either malignant or benign; and an individual specimen was placed in either class, according to its naked-eye characters, and the result of its removal. If it recurred either at the original site or re. tely from it, it was called malignant, even though composed apparently of fibrous tissue or cartilage. When the microscope began to be employed in the examination of structure, and it was discovered that those growths endowed with the greatest proclivity to recur and implicate parts far removed from the primary seat of disease, generally contained an abundance of cells with large nuclei, it was inferred that certain cells of specific character were the infallible test of malignancy, and tumors were pronounced malignant or benign, according as they exhibited or not, the alleged specific cells under the microscope.

More extended and accurate investigation, however, is now leading pathologists to abandon the idea that there is one structural element a cell—always capable of recognition by the practised eye—which is alone endowed with the fatal gift of malignancy, and to admit that growths composed of other elements, as nuclei, fibres, cartilage cells, and cells quite unlike the so-called "cancer-cells," may have most, if not all, the attributes of malignancy—such as rapid and enormous growth, tendency to frequent recurrence both locally and remotely, aptness to ulcerate and protrude, exhaustion of the vital powers, etc. Nay, even, that well marked encephaloid tumors may exhibit no cells; but merely nuclei possessed of no special characters. They are now recognising that the term malignant is purely relative,—that there are degrees of malignancy,—that some growths are highly so, others slightly so, and that between these there are all grades of malignancy. Thus there are growths which only occasionally and exceptionally recur after removal; others which habitually and repeatedly recur, though only or chiefly at the original site; others again which recur both locally and remotely; and yet others which not only recur locally and remotely, but infiltrate and absorb into their own mass the tissues in which they occur and the adjoining textures too, whether hard or soft.

Our knowledge is not yet sufficiently accurate and comprehensive to enable us to fix the *relative degrees* of malignaney possessed by the several varietics of tumors; but, if we should attempt to draw up a table of morbid growths, classified and arranged on that principle, perhaps, the following would approach the truth in its general outline, though, of course, it would not be accurate in all its details :--

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You will perceive that I retain the fibro-plastic as a distinct form. I do so, because, it is not quite certain whether the tumors included under that designation by Lebert, can all be assigned either to the myeloid, recurring-horoid, fibro-cellular, or fibrous class. To refer now to this table: the growths which occupy its extreme ends certainly differ very widely from each other, so that we have no hesitatic in calling a fatty tumor innocent, and an encephaloid malignant; still, the several groups pass insensibly into each other, and tumors having identity of structure, may be found occupying places both in the benign class and the locally malignant, or in the semi-malignant and the malignant.

The transition of the semi-malignant into the malignant is well illustrated by the cartilaginous tumor, which occasionally not only grows with great rapidity to an enormous size, but recurs when removed, and appears both in the lymphatics and in remote organs, as the lungs. Epithelioma, on the other hand, placed amongst the malignant, has little tendency to propagate itself, unless to contiguous parts; it occasionally does not recur when removed, and but rarely invades remote parts.

The fibro-plastic tumors placed at the lower end of the semi-malignant group, are plainly intermediate between that group and the locally malignant; for although they now and then recur after removal, it is generally only at the original site, and but seldom in remote parts. ticul

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Respecting the fibro-nucleated, enough is not yet known to justify their being placed elsewhere than in the locally malignant group; but, it is extremely probable, that, like the last two in the semi-malignant group, they will be found now and then to invade parts remote from that in which they first appear, and thus further corroborate the view I am now advocating.

Lastly, on this topic, while fibrous, osseous tumors and proliferous cysts, are generally quite benign or innocent, sometimes they exhibit some of the characters of malignancy, and thus come to occupy places in two distinct groups of the scale.

It must then be admitted, that, tumors like all natural objects, do not admit of a classification inherently and absolutely correct; for the members of each group, by very imperceptible transitions, blend with the groups placed next in the scale, whether above or below them, and the chief utility of classifying them, is the practical convenience, resulting from collecting the individual varieties into groups, possessing several characters in common.

I have made these few remarks on tumors, by way of preparing you for some of the peculiarities of an interesting variety of morbid growth, which has only of late years been recognized, and described as a distinct variety.

Early in December last, my friend, Dr. Butler, of Waterloo, requested me to examine with him a patient of his, the particulars of whose case he thus describes :---

"L. H. K., farmer, aged 42 years, of sound constitution and temperate habits, consulted me for disease of the right knee, in the early part of last May. He informed me that in March, 1857, fourteen months previously, he had received a slight blow from a sleigh-tongue, upon the external aspect of the knee, a little above the condyle. A slight puffiness at the spot was the only immediate result, and it was not until a few weeks had elapsed that he began to experience slight pain at the injured part, which, however, was not severe enough to prevent his pursuing his usual avocations through the spring and summer. In early autumn, he found it difficult to walk upon an uneven surface without an increase of pain and some lameness. On several occasions, an incautious step or accidental blow on the limb, very much augmented the pain and lameness for a few days; but this augmentation would subside and leave him in his former condition. During the fall, and part of the winter, an irregular practitioner exhausted his resources in vain attempts to cure the disease. In February, 1858, Mr. K. once more injured his knee, by slipping, and since then has been unable to leave his room or bear the weight of his body upon the member.

I found the joint considerably swollen; fluctuation perceptible, particularly above, on each side of the patella; entire absence of pain on moving the joint in every direction it was capable of, or on forcible pressure of the articular surfaces against each other; no tenderness except over a small spot on the external condyle of the femur; he suffered a pain which he describes as of a 'burning or scalding character encircling the upper part of the knee-joint.' The pain was not influenced by the weather, and was most severe during the day. The treat-

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ment employed consisted of local counter-irritants, blisters, tincture of iodine, an issue; merenry, and iodide of potassium, in alterative doses for some time. The joint was put up in the manner recommended by Scott; and again, immobility was secured by the double-inelined plane. At first, the pain was relieved completely by the issue, and, although it returned in the head of the femur in October last, and was accompanied by gradual increase of the swelling, it did not regain its previous degree. All means having failed to arrest the disease, I now made an exploratory puncture of the joint with a fine trocar, and obtained chiefly a sangnineous-looking followed by a thin etraw-coloured fluid, a portion of which was forwarded by letter to yourself, for microscopic examination; but you have informed me you never received it."

At the consultation, we found Mr. K. in very good health for a person confined so long to the house (10 months); thin, but not much emaciated; slightly anxious-looking, but hopeful; pulse rather frequent, small and quick; digestive functions well performed, and appetite fair; no cough, and nothing abnormal discovered on physical examination of chest.

Since October last, he has suffered rather severe pain in the head of the femur or across the upper part of the knee, especially in the afternoons; but it has been easily alleviated by a small dose of morphia, and has never been of an intolerable or very severe character.

The right knee presents a smooth uniform enlargement, extending from the head of the tibia upwards, say four inches on the femur. It has very much the contour seen in thickening of the synovial membrane of this joint. The integument of the part is of the same colour as the rest of the limb; a few moderately large veins are visible beneath it; there is no tenderness at any point unless very firm pressure is made over the external condyle. A somewhat elastic, somewhat doughy sensation is experienced in handling this part, especially on each side of the patella Over the external condyle, the swelling is more yielding, and here two distinct plates of bones can be felt, apparently formed in the substance of the external lateral ligament, or in the thickened fibrous tissue of the part. Pressure on these osseous fragments easily forced them inwards, and proved that the lower one, situate at the lowest part of the outer condyle, is irregular, while the upper one, extending from the latter in the direction of the external ligament, is long and narrow. No distinct fluctuation present auywhere ; but it is somewhat simulated at this portion of the knee, and the opening made by the trocar is here situated. The patella does not float, and is but slightly moveable. The popliteal space is filled up by a firm material. No pain whatever, is experienced on percussing the heel or forcibly rotating the tibia on the femur. The leg is partially flexed on the thigh, and admits of some movements of flexion and extension, but not to any great extent; it has been kept in this position for several months. He cannot bear any weight on the toes of the right foot, and in raising the limb from the bed he grasps the leg in his hands to aid the pelvic and crural muscles.

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niefly, if not mur, and to be really an enlargement of that bone. The probe passed through the orifice made by the trocar, appears to enter the condyles of the femur, and, at the depth of 3 inches, touches bare bone. The diseased knee measures 3 inches more than its fellow; there is much wasting of the thigh and leg.

In discussing the nature of the case with Dr. Butler, I agreed with him that it was not an ordinary case of chronic articular disease with ulceration of the cartilages and disorganization of the joint, although there was probably some thickening of the synovial membrane; and gave it es my opinion, that it was probably an instance of myeloid disease of the end of the femur; but admitted the possibility of its being malignant disease.

My reasons for this opinion were the following: the blow received from the sleigh-tongue was not on the joint, but a little above the outer condyle ; it was not immediately followed by swelling and tenderness of the articulation, suggestive of synovitis; nor, for some weeks, by pain at the injured part. At no time throughout the case had the pain been severe, as if the articulation were becoming disorganized; the fluctuation observed when Dr. B. first took charge of the case, disappeared under suitable treatment, but there was no corresponding improvement in the other symptoms, and the enlargement continued to augment; although the disease had originated 21 months previously and had ren-dered the leg useless and incapable of bearing any weight, the ordinary symptoms of ulceration of the cartilages and caries of the articular surfaces, were absent, and had never been present; the trocar had evacaated chiefly blood and a thin straw-coloured fluid, very unlike pus; the enlargement, when seen by me, involved very plainly the condyles and a portion of the shaft of the femur, rather than the knee joint; it was a circumscribed globular enlargement of the end of the bone, and the outer part of the tumor contained moveable, yielding bony laminæ, a symptom which I had before noticed in a case of myeloid disease of the condyles of the femur.

These features indicated disease of the femur of the nature of a morbid growth, with slight secondary implication of the synovial membrane of the joint.

The circumstances which appeared to render it likely that the tumor was not carcinomatous, were its comparatively slow growth; the absence of severe pain throughout his illness; the unimplicated state of the integument, glands and internal organs; his tolerably fair state of health, without any distinct in lications, of cachexia; the enlargement not extending along the bone so as to form an oval, elongated tumor, which is the rule in carcimona of bone and osteoil cancer; and the non-existence of malignant disease in his family.

Malignant disease being thus excluded, it remained chiefly to decide between cartilaginous and myeloid tumor, for next to the carcinomatous, these are far the most frequent varieties of tumor found involving the condyles of the femur. It was not possible to say with positiveness, which of these growths was present in this instance, as their general characters are very similar—but, inasmuch as cartilaginous tumors of long bones, almost invariably begin on the outside of the bone and form irregularly nodulated tumors, as they consequently must, very seldom indeed, have osseous plates embedded, or set as it were in a yielding membrane, forming their exterior-and would be more likely, when punctured, to be found dry, or to emit a tenacious jelly-like or synovial looking, rather than a sauguineous fluid, I thought it highly probable that we had to do with a myeloid fumor. This species, begins almost exclusively in the cancellous tissue within the ends of long bones, and causes a gradual expansion of the osseons walls into a smooth globular shell; the ossific matter may be at points deficient, and replaced by a fibrous membrane, the periosteum, thus giving rise to a sign which I am disposed to regard as of much value as in indication of mycloid disease, viz : a distinct yielding of the tumor's walls under pressure, and a sensation, as if thin plates of bone, not unlike an egg-shell, yielded or even . "oke under the fingers. Myeloid tumors, moreover, being highly vascular and containing chiefly a substance of the consistence of flesh or spleen, would not only yield blood when punctured, but would permit a probe to be easily passed into their centre without its impinging on hard, resisting bone or cartilage.

An example of myeloid tumor of the condyles of the femur which I had an apportunity of seeing in the General Hospital of this eity, under the care of my colleagne, Dr. Scott, in the spring of 1854, also presented the last three signs, and indeed, corresponded in almost every other feature with the case forming the subject of this paper.

The patient was a tolerably healthy looking man, about 40 years of age, who, for a considerable time (some two years I believe) had been the subject of an affection of the lower end of the left femur, which had been long and unsuccessfully treated as disease of the knee, in Glengarry, and was then sent to this city for further advice.

There was a smooth, uniform enlargement of the member above the articulation; this enlargement was most manifest over the external condyle, at which part it was somewhat yielding and obscurely fluctuating; eareful manipulation detected at the lower part of the external condyle a thin shell of bone, which erackled under the fingers, and was continuous with the more yielding wall of the enlargement higher up. The day before the removal of the limb, an exploratory puncture was made, when blood alone escaped, and the probe readily traversed the heart of the tumor and touched its opposite wall, which was formed by the internal condyle. The movements of the joint were very little impaired, and not attended with pain. It proved to be a myeloid tumor, originating within the condyles of the femur, and causing at first their expansion, and nltimately the absorption of a portion of the outer side of the external condyle—but not implicating the articulation.

This case instantly recurred to my recollection when examining Dr. Batler's patient, and influenced my decision very materially. Removal of the limb above the tumor was recommended, and a fortnight subsequently, the patient having consented, Dr. B. amputated at the centre of the thigh, and kindly sent me the diseased parts for examination.

The integument covering the enlarged knee of natural color; very few moderately large veins being visible in it. The joint is much enlarged, and has a circumferance of 16 inches on the level of the upper part of the patella. The enlargement extends upwards to about the extreme limi

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limit of the reflection of the synovial membrane of the joint. The erural museles are wasted and rather pale about the articulation ; some portions of them at their attachments to the shaft, where it becomes continuous with the tumor are much altered in structure, being dense, indurated, semi-transparent, and infiltrated with a serous fluid; they cut as if they had undergone lardaceous degeneration. At two or three points, where in contact with the anterior surface of the tumor, the muscle to the depth of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch has been transformed into a pulpy detritus of a pale brick color, all trace of fibre being lost. A good deal of very dense fat in the popliteal space. On removing all the soft parts, a globular tumor is exposed, occupying the lower end of the femur, its con-dyles, and a portion of the shaft. This tumor, of a reddish brown hue on its auterior aspect, and a dark bluish colour on its posterior, is composed almost completely of a thin shell of bone anteriorly, a thin, firm membrane posteriorly, with the healthy looking articular cartilage and a layer of the adjacent osseous tissue forming its lower boundary. At several points besides the posterior aspect, the bony shell is replaced by membrane, and this is most remarkable over the lateral aspect of the external condyle, where two moveable plates of bone, continuous with the thickened periosteum, forms about a third part of the outer wall of the tumor. The troear had penetrated the tumor upon this aspect, and the probe introduced during life had here entered the cavity of the tumor, instead of the joint. The growth had not implicated the joint; the articular surfaces of which are free of ulceration and caries; the synorial membrane, however, is somewhat thickened, and covered by a pinkish, tolerably firm, though easily broken down exudation, which has produced adhesion of the patella to the femur, and the other opposed surfaces forming the articulation to each other. No fluid exists in the joint, indeed there is no place for any.

Circuinference of the tumor above the condyles  $12\frac{5}{2}$  inches, around the condyles, including the adherent patella,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

A longitudinal section of tumor exposed the shaft of the femur terminating abruptly, as though broken off, half an inch within the osteo-membranous tumor. It now appears that the walls of the tumor are continuous with the periosteum of the bone, and apparently formed by or covered with it. Along the upper and anterior aspects of the internal half of the tumor there, is unequally distributed bony matter, evidently consisting of the expanded condyle, and perhaps of bone, newly formed from the inner surface of the periostenm; the latter, occupied the surface of the tumor, and the former, the lower extremity (articular). Besides three or four osseous lamina projecting inwards from the walls, the contents consisted chiefly of a deep-red, soft substance, generally of consistence of soft butter, but interspersed with irregularly branched lines of tougher and firmer consistence; various shades of redness exist in this material, and it is streaked here and there with opaque yellowish white lines and spots, so as to remind one of a hepatized portion of lung traversed here and there by bronchi. This material, save where mottled by whitish streaks, resembles very much the spleen pulp in color and consistence when that organ is slightly softened. Besides this red material, there is another of the colour of the marrow in the shaft, but softer;

it occupies a series of oval, cyst-like expansions or cells in the bone, forming the antero-superior aspect of the tumor. These loculi in the expanded bony portions of the tumor are unmerous, and vary in size from those capable of holding a pea, to one capable of holding a bantam's egg. The largest one contains a mixture of the red and the whitish material. the former greatly preponderating. Indeed, the oval globular arrangement is remarkable throughout the tumor, and the large central muss of pulp, is itself egg-shaped, and may be as easily turned ont, leaving the wall of the tumor free, as a kernel is out of a nut

The medullary canal of the femur for about one inch and a half from the cyst is filled with ossific, cancellated tissue.

The red pulp, examined microscopically, exhibited an abundance of large cells, enclosing numerons large oval nuclei; most of these polynucleated cells were circular or oval, and only two or three appeared to have caudate processes ; indeed, they resembled the mother cells figured by Lebert (place xiv. figs 5 and 9), rather than those delineated by Mr. Gray, Drs. Gull, Bristow, and others. In the white portions of the tumor, the many nucleated cells contained fatty granules, as though undergoing fatty degeneration. Many large cells also, contained numerous pigment granules. Innumerable fusiform cells, or elongated nuclei, were scattered throughout the tumor.

The term myeloid was proposed by Mr. Paget,\* for a class of tumors first described by M. Lebert in 1845, under the title "*Tumeurs fibro-plastiques ou sarcomateuses.*"<sup>†</sup> The latter pathologist included under this head growths whose histological structure consisted chiefly of clongated fibre-cells, like those found in granulations, or contained in addition, "mother cells," i. e. cells containing several distinct nuclei, identical in character with those of the diploe and marrow of fætal bones. The former pathologist regards growths composed chiefly of the many-nucleated cells as quite distinct in nature from those made up of clongated fibre-cells, although, he admits that both these structures usually co-exist in the myeloid growth; and to obviate objections, I have not, except in one instance, tabulated any tumor which did not contain the poly-nucleated cells in sufficient abundance to justify the application of myeloid; the exceptional case however, in its clinical history and anatomical nakedeye characters admits of no other allocation.

It is not my intention to furnish you with an account in detail of the history,—clinical, pathological and histological, of mycloid tumors—this you will find in the works of the authors above mentioned, and in two excellent papers, in the Medico-Chirurgical Transactions for 1856, and Guy's Hospital Reports for 1857; the former by Mr. Henry Gray; the latter by 1*n*. Wilks.

I purpose merely giving the results of my examination of some of the features presented by 38 specimens of the disease recorded by competent authorities. The table appended to this paper supplies the materials employed, and the sources whence they were derived. There are four additional cases tabulated separately, as some doubt exists as to whether they were purely myeloid growths or not. 4.

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1. Myeloid tumors appear to occor with about equal frequency in both sexes; thus, of the 38 cases, 15 were males, 18 females, and in five the sex is not stated.

2. An apparent exciting cause is mentioned in 10 instances; it is not alluded to in 15, and is said to be absent in 13. In the 10, an injury of the part is the cause assigned, which is about  $\frac{1}{2}$ th of the whole number, a larger proportion than is assigned to injuries ( $\frac{1}{2}$ th) by Mr. Paget in the causation of cancer. The nature of the injury was in 7, either a blow or fall, or succession of blows, and in the other 3, respectively, a sprain, a strain, and a slight injury while swinging.

3. The frequency of mycloid disease at various epochs of life was as follows:

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4. It is an interesting feature in the history of myeloid tumors of bone as compared with cancerous, that the former occur chiefly before 40, while the latter are almost as frequent after 40; thus, of the 30 cases of mycloid tumor in which the ages are shewn, 27, i. e. 90 per cent were under 40; 3, i. e 10 per cent were over 40. Of 54 cases of cancer of bone (\*) 33, i. e. 61 per cent were under 40; 21, i. e. 40 per cent were over 40. On the other hand, it is not a little singular that cancer is of equal frequency with myeloid in early youth, say under 20 : thus, of 54 cases of cancer, 21, i. e. 30 per cent were under 20; of 30 cases of myeloid, 9 i. e. 30 per cent were under 20. If the comparison be extended to the decade between 20 and 30, it will be found that myeloid disease of bone becomes much more frequent at that period of life than cancerous. Thus, of 30 cases of myeloid, 14, i. e. 47 per cent occurred between 20 and 30 while of 54 cases of eaneer, only 11, i. e 20 per cent occurred between, 20 and 30. Hence, if such limited numbers may be relied on, it follows, that if the patient be over 40, the chances that a tumor of a bone is cancer rather than myeloid are as 40 to 10; if between 20 and 30, the chances are in favor of myeloid, as 47 to 20; but if under 20, they are about equal.

5. The proclivity of the bones, especially of the long bones, and of these, their articular extremities, to mycloid tumors is shown by the table; thus, in 34 of the 38 eases, the bones were the parts affected; of these, 25 were long bones, or 73 per cent; and of the whole 25 the discase occupied the articular ends.

Even in the 4 cases in which osseous tissue was not involved, the growth was attached to the periosteum 3 times, and the dura-mater (analagous to periosteum) once.

(\*). Paget's Surg. Pathology, p. 55.

The special sites of the tumors were as follows :--

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In one instance, (c 28) the growth had extended from the femur into the articulation and involved the patella and tibia; and in another, (c 38), the synovial cavity and space between the articular surfaces of the femur and tibia was occupied by the growth, and yet the cartilage covering those surfaces was intact. Myeloid disease, like carcinomatous, is extremely little pror to implicate cartilage.

6. The irritation exerted by the growth in the head of the bone may, and frequently does excite inflammation in the contiguous articulation, but this is of an adhesive, rather than of a suppurative and destructive character. In the specimen now on the table, the cavity of the joint was obliterated by tolerably firm adhesions. In one of Sir, B. Brodie's cases, (c 7), old adhesions were found between the articular surfaces. The circumstance that the inflammation of the joint which supervenes npon myeloid disease of the articular extremity of a bone, is adhesive rather than suppurative, is not peculiar to that growth, for it has been observed to obtain in cancer invading the same locality, and is no doubt also the rule in cartilaginous tumors.

7. The cases collected furnish no positive information as to the duration of life when myeloid disease is permitted to pursue its course without surgical interference. Case 34, in which the growth engaged the duramater, terminated fatally two months after the first manifestation of the head symptoms; case 24, in which the cravial vault was the site of the growth, closed with head symptoms three years after the first indications of the disease; how long these patients might have lived, had not the growths interfered with the functions of an organ essential to life, it is impossible to say; case 39, besides being of a doubtful nature, had its natural course modified, probably much accelerated by 35 tappings, 6 injections with iodine, and 2 setons.

8. An examination of these cases however, proves that the average duration of life after removal of mycloid tumors far exceeds its average duration after removal of cancer. Mr. Paget assigns as the average duration of life under these circumstances, 28 months for medullary and 49 months for scirrhous cancer. But of 24 persons who survived the removal of mycloid tumors, and the duration of whose disease is

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9. It is significant moreover to observe, that the cause of death in one at least of the two defunct persons, was of an accidental nature; he succumbed to phthisis five years after the removal of the disease, and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  years after its first discovery (c 1). Acute pleurisy, which succeeded an operation performed "a few days" previously, induced the fatal termination in the other case, but myeloid tumors were also found in the large (37).

10. So far as we yet know, mycloid resemble innocent tumors in their little proneness to recur after removal. The first recorded instance of the re-appearance of pure mycloid tumor as mycloid, was published in the Medical Times and Gazette last January (e 37). About two years after the amputation of the patient's leg for mycloid disease of the head of the fibula, he discovered three tumors on the stump, which on excision proved to be mycloid; and at his death, which followed the removal of the tumors in a few days, the lungs were each found occupied by three or four mycloid tumors, the largest the size of the heart.

It is true, that it is only in 19 of the whole 38 cases of myeloid that it is stated whether the disease recurred or not, and in some of these, the period that had elapsed between the removal of the growth and the report of the case, appears rather short to have afforded the opportunity for recurrence of the disease; however, two-thirds of the nineteen patients survived an average period of three years and five months without any return of the disease. The following table shows the interval which elapsed without recurrence between the removal and the date of publication of each case :

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Comparing pure myeloid with cancerous tumors, it may be said, that whereas recurrence is the almost invariable rule in the latter, it is the rare exception in the former; and while the great malignancy of cancer is shown in the rapidity of its recurrence after the removal, the interval being 7 months in medullary cancer and 14 months (\*) for scirrhous, the comparative innocence of myeloid is proved by its non-recurrence after an average interval of 26 months.

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11. That malignancy is but a comparative term, as remarked at the commencement of this paper, is shewn by the discase now under consideration. In one instance, related by a competent observer, Dr. Wilks of Guy's Hospital, a pure myeloid tumor recurred in the stump two years after the ablation of the original disease, and similar pathological structures were found in the lungs; the discase in fact, re-appeared both locally and remotely. The lymphatics were, however, not affected, the patient exhibited no signs of cachexia, and his death was due to acute pleurisy. (c 37).

Mr. Paget also, relates a case in which, while the microscopic and naked-eye characters of the tumor were those of myeloid, it exhibited some features of malignancy, for besides the presence of "four small masses of similar substance in the lungs," a "similar material was dif-fused in one of the cervical glands (c 39). In this instance then, one lymphatic gland was contaminated, as well as the lungs; still, the patient exhibited no cachexia, but was of "healthy appearance."

12. Our present knowledge of myeloid tumors not only proves that malignancy is not peculiar to cancer, although both terms are generally regarded as equivalents in pathological meaning, but tends to show furthur, (A) that the same growth may contain the comparatively innocent myeloid cells and the so-called specific cancer cells, and, (B) that a tumor apparently myeloid in structure, or, (C) mixed myeloid and fibro-plastic, may after removal be succeeded by genuine eancer both at the original site and in the internal vicera.

(A) The same growth may contain "myeloid" and "cancer-cells." A lad, ætat 18, had his leg amputated for a growth from the head of the fibula, which, in its general appearance, resembled other myeloid tumors"; but "it contained a large amount of bone mixed with the soft material." "Much of the myeloid matter was of a milky white colour, and to the naked eye resembled cancer. The microscope, however, showed true mycloid cells, but at the same time some very large single nucleated cells, elsewhere called "cancer cells" by the reporter. A few months after, the boy became paralysed, and growths, also containing myeloid and cancer cells, were found in the spine and in the lungs. This patient was markedly cachectie (c 42).

(B.) I have said a tumor apparently myeloid may be followed after removal by genuine eaneer, both locally and remotely.

Mr. Paget records the history of a tumor of the mamma, which he concluded after careful examination to be "a myeloid tumor, suppurated or possibly mingled with eancer." Six months after its removal a tumor re-appeared in the axilla, grew large, ulcerated, bled freely, and was really open cancer (c 41).

(C.) A mixed fibro-plastic and myeloid tumor may likewise be followed by cancer. A remarkable case is related by Mr. Hutchinson of a

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tumor consisting of fibro-plastic and my l structures, the former largely predominating however, and involve he head of the humerus, the removal of which was succeeded in 10 ceks by genuine medullary cancer, both at the site of the previous operation and in the lungs. The lymphatic glands, although enlarged, contained no cells resembling cancer cells (c 40.) This last example is a further illustration of the difficulty of a rigidly accurate classification, for in the original tumor, two histological elements, now considered quite distinct and different, the fibroplastic and the mycloid co-existed; teaching us in fact, that tumors in their structure are often compound, and are competent therefore to the occupancy of one, two, or three locations in the scale of classification, according as one or other of their histological elements is regarded as their essential characteristic.

12. If case 39, about whose real nature Mr. Paget expresses some doubt (not that it wanted the naked eye and microscopic characters of myeloid, but that it differed from all that was then known of that form of tumor), be regarded as genuine myeloid, then there are two instances on record in which that growth implicated the internal organs as well as the external, and one in which a lymphatic gland in addition was involved, *i.e.* two out of 39 cases.

RECAPITULATION OF CONCLUSIONS RESPECTING MYELOID TUMORS.

1. They occur with about equal frequency in both sexes.

2. Local injury was the apparent exciting cause of the growths in about one-fourth the entire number, and in 13 of the 38 cases no cause could be assigned.

3. Mycloid tumors occur chiefly before 30 years of age, for 76 per cent of the cases were under that age, and 90 per cent were under 40; they may occur at as advanced an age as 74.

3. While mycloid and cancerous tumors arc of about equal frequency under 20, mycloid are more frequent than cancerous in the ratio of 47 to 20 at the decade between 20 and 30.

5. The bones are of all parts of the body most prone to myeloid growths; in about 4ths of the cases it is the long bones which arc implicated; and in perhaps all cases, the disease begins in and is confined to the articular extremities of such bones.

6. The condyles of the femur is the part of the body most obnoxious to these tumors, probably the head of the tibia next, and the superior maxilla next. Several other localities exhibit about equal susceptibility, viz: the head of the humerus, the head of the fibula and the inferior maxilla.

7. No bone is probably exempt.

8. Of the soft parts, it is chiefly the fibrous tissues, and especially those in proximity to bones and articulations, that are most liable to mycloid growths; but they have been rarely seen in the lungs, in the neck, in a lymphatic gland, and in the mamma; in the last site, it was probably associated with cancer. .

9. These growths very seldom extend into an articulation; this event having been noticed only twice in 25 eases, in which the disease occupied the articular extremity of long bones: even should the articulation be entered by the growth, the cartilages are not usually implicated.

10. Secondary inflammation occasionally is excited in the contiguous articulation, but it is of an adhesive, rather than a suppurative character.

11. Data are wanting to determine the average duration of life when mycloid tumors are not interfered with.

12. The average duration of life after removal of myeloid tumors far exceeds its average duration after removal of cancerous; a large proportion of the subjects of the growth were alive five years and eighth months subsequently to the operation.

13. Of two deaths which followed removal of the tumor at the respective intervals of five and two years, the cause was accidental and not connected with the disease.

14. So far as we know, pure myeloid disease exhibits little proneness to recur after removal, there being only one instance yet recorded of that event (c 37); (\*) but, then, in only half the cases collected is the subject of recurrence mentioned, and in many others sufficient time had scarcely elapsed to justify any opinion.

15. While medullary cancer recurs on the average in 7 months, and seirrhous cancer in 14, myeloid tumor in 18 instances, had not returned after an average interval of 26 months, and in 12 of these or twothirds, the period of non-recurrence, was three years and five months.

16. Myeloid may exceptionally recur as myeloid both locally and in remote organs; the lymphatics enjoying immunity, and there being no cachexia.

OF MYELOID TUMORS.

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17. It may co-exist in an external part, in the lungs and in a lymphatic gland, and even prove fatal without the presence of constitutional cachexia (c39).

18. The same growth may comprise both myeloid cells and so-called "cancer cells," although in general appearance resembling myeloid tumors, and be succeeded by similar compound tumors in the lungs and spine, with marked cachexia (c 42.)

19. A tumor apparently myeloid, even on microscopic examination, may be followed after removal by genuine open cancer in the vicinity of the original tumor (c 41).

20. A tumor composed chiefly of fibro-plastic structure and partly of myeloid, may be attended with enlargement of the glands, and when removed, be rapidly succeeded by cancer at the site of removal and in the lungs, the glands though enlarged not being cancerous (c 40).

21. Of 42 examples of growths apparently inyeloid, two of which, however, probably contained cancer cells, and one fibro-plastic elements; there were five in which the growth either recurred after removal, or had involved remote internal organs.

10 Bonaventure street, March 11th, 1859.

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