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*Pro., Birmingham.*—Tumours are said to be simple or benignant when they resemble normal tissue, such as bone, fat, fibrous tissue, etc. They are called malignant when they are not like normal tissue. The characteristics of malignant tumours are early ulceration, a tendency to infiltrate the surrounding tissues, the tendency to recur after apparently complete removal, and generalization—that is to say the disease is conveyed to other parts of the body by the blood, or lymphatics and so appears in a new region.

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*Novice, Leamington.*—You should make yourself acquainted with the appearance of all the bones in the body, first of all, if possible, by studying them in position in an articulated skeleton, when you are well acquainted with them in the skeleton, you should accustom yourself to distinguish them when disarticulated.

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