

TUMOR OF BRAIN.

Dr. Wishart reported a case of brain tumor. Male, aet 67, abstainer, previous health good, active business life. Sept., 1901, fell on head at height of eight feet. Recovered in a week. Dec., 1901, had an attack of tremors and spasms, beginning in the thigh of left side and extending to leg. Attack lasted five minutes. Similar slight attack in Jan., 1902. April, 1902, had severe attack and whole left side convulsed. A less severe attack in Aug. There were attacks in Sept. and Oct., during which he lost consciousness, and mind did not recover. He became confined to bed and lost flesh. Nov. 3, 1902, saw patient in consultation. Speech was perfect, but memory deficient. Involuntary micturition, knee-jerk increase and ankle-clonus on left side, Babinsky's sign not present, pupils equal and respond to light, discs normal, no paralysis, headache or vomiting, but emaciation, pulse 89, temp. 99°, urine normal.

Operation. Right side of skull trephined over leg centre; the dura was incised and a tumor half an inch in diameter removed (psammoma). Recovery slow, but by Jan. 1, 1903, his mind was clear. Feb. 17, spasm of leg.

During summer, became weaker and suffered from constipation and insomnia. Aug. 11, unable to take food. Mind remained clear, but death took place Aug. 20, from inanition.

ALEXANDER'S OPERATION.

Dr. H. Meek, of London, gave his personal experiences with Alexander's Operation for Retroversion of the Uterus. He considered:— I. The class suitable for operation. II. The advantages of this over other methods of treatment, and III. Results.

Cases Suitable for Operation. (a) Simple, uncomplicated retroversion with free mobility of organs; (b) Some cases complicated by disease of appendages, non suppurative, and where adhesions are not too dense. Cases with much fixation of the parts or cases of suppurative disease are better treated by abdominal incision.

Advantages of Alexander's Operation. Treatment by pressary is simply palliative; it can never be worn comfortably for any length of time; it may become misplaced and cause ulceration of mucous membrane of vagina; it may be a factor in causing infection of uterus and appendages. Over the operation of ventro-suspension it has the advantage of less risk, as it has also over shortening the ligaments after abdominal section. It is also safer than shortening the ligaments through the vaginal route.

Results. No deaths in over 200 operations. In suitable cases there has been no recurrence of symptoms. In earlier cases and in some un-