

bony, fibrous, or epithelial growth from a product of inflammation of the same histological characters? Not by the atypical form, for the most spinous exostosis is not more atypical than the callous needles which often form in the healing of a splintered fracture, and a cutaneous horn is not more atypical than a pointed condyloma. One may examine the respective objects with the most extreme care, macroscopically, microscopically, and even chemically, and the etiology remains, the only distinguishing characteristic. When a leg becomes enormously enlarged, elephantiac, in consequence of repeated inflammation of the skin and lymph vessels, it remains an inflammatory product. An elephantiasis of the scrotum or nympha, on the other hand, coming on without inflammation, either hereditary or even congenital, *i. e.*, in consequence of some peculiarity of race, is a tumor. A true neuroma is a tumor consisting of nerve fibres, which has formed either singly or in numbers along a nerve, but when at the stump of an amputated nerve, in accordance with the principle of nerve regeneration, a mass develops out of the old fibres and forms an inextricable coil, it is not, in spite of its atypical form, a true tumor.

(Conclusion in Next Number.)

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—Never since the history of literature, has there been so much written upon mental science and mental diseases as in the present day, and these writings are not by the rank and file of the profession, but by the officers. To name all would occupy too much of your time. I would, however, give the names of Maudsley, Clouston, Hach, Tuke, Savage, Bucknell, Creighton Browne, Ferrier, Hughlings