

BLACKADER: *A Case of Congenital Hypertrophy.*

have been made in Germany, England, and America. Of a few of the more interesting cases I present you here with sketches and short notices.

Anderson defines the condition as follows: A gigantic growth, probably congenital in origin, of various segments of the body, exclusive of the viscera. It is almost invariably unilateral, and is generally limited to one extremity or portion of an extremity. It tends to implicate especially the bony, ligamentous and integumentary tissues, and is frequently associated with lipomata and with angiectases, and angiomas in connection with the circulatory and lymphatic system. It does not, as a rule, impair to any important extent the functional capacity of the part.

With regard to the term "congenital" he says, "although there is little doubt that the abnormality has its origin in fetal life, as yet direct evidence of its existence at birth has seldom been adduced. In only three cases, Owen, Higginbottom, and Friedberg, has it been averred that the deformity was seen immediately after birth of the child. In one case an operation seems to have been the exciting cause.

To the term "hypertrophy" Anderson also objects, stating that although in a few cases the general characters of true hypertrophies are present, in most their histological character and associations should delegate them to a lower pathological status than that occupied by the true hypertrophies.

Of the etiology little is known. It does not appear to be hereditary. There was certainly no such history in my own cases for several generations back. Mental impressions on the mother during gestation are quoted. In Anderson's case the mother referred the deformity to the fact that she had been trodden on by a cow while carrying the child. In my own case the mother is firm in the belief that the whole trouble is owing to a somewhat prolonged fright about the tenth week of her pregnancy. She was out driving with her family in an open wagon, with her left foot, for want of room, hanging out-