

posterior part of the head. Nothing in the history of the case showed that any of these different characters were present.

Aneurism of the middle meningeal artery has, on the skull, a seat different from the one occupied by the fungus in this case. It shows itself naturally in the course of the artery, that is, on the lateral parts of the head. The pulsations, in aneurism, are besides a great deal more energetic than those noticed in the cancers of the bones, whatever may be the vascularity of the latter. Under the influence of pressure, the aneurism is reducible, it is true, but as soon as pressure is removed the tumour resumes its primitive volume almost suddenly, after two or three cardiac pulsations, whereas, in encephaloid, it is not until after a larger number of these pulsations, and slowly, that the neoplasm comes back to its primitive form. Blowing is absent in the fungus, and the compression of the carotid, which suppresses the pulsations in aneurism, has no influence upon the beatings with which the fungus is agitated. As far as the differential signs are concerned between encephaloid of the bones of the skull and fungus of the dura-mater, I must confess that they are very often wanting, especially at the last period of the disease. Perhaps, in the fungus of the dura-mater the cerebral symptoms are of a more frequent occurrence, as well as certain functional symptoms, such as neuralgias, deafness, and so on; the error, however, would be of little importance, the prognosis being similar in both cases, and also the indications of treatment, which are total abstention of all surgical interference. In fact, the nature of the morbid product and its situation amply suffice to restrain the hand of the surgeon. Nevertheless, it has been advised to largely lay bare the fungus, circumscribing it by a sufficient number of crowns of trephine, and to make a complete extirpation of the growth. Grossman, Peccholi and Nelaton seem to have obtained real success by this means. But these cases are not numerous enough to justify the surgeon in resorting to such a grave operation, especially when one has to deal with a disease the nature of which is, sooner or later, certain of reproduction. Upon the whole, every time we have to deal with a tumour, dense, elastic, semi-fluctuant, situated on the