The Canadian Iournal of Medicine and Surgery

A Iournal published mouthly in the interests of Medicine and Surgery

Vol. XXVIII

TORONTO, JUNE, 1910

No. 6

Original Contributions

THE DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF CEREBELLAR TUMOURS

ERNEST JONES, M.D., B.S. (LOND.), M.R.C.S. (ENG.), M.R.C.P. (LOND.), D.P.H. (OANTAB.),

Demonstrator of Psychiatry, University of Toronto. Pathologist to the Toronto Hospital for the Insane.

THE problems relating to the diagnosis of intracranial tumours are matters no longer of theoretic interest only, but of urgent practical importance. This is so because in every case the question of operation, whether with a radical or a palliative object, arises, and in few conditions does success in treatment depend more closely on accuracy in diagnosis than it does here. In no condition so desperate as that of intracranial tumour have the results of treatment shewn in recent years a more marked and sustained progress and at the present time they compare by no means unfavourably with those obtained in the case of intra-abdominal tumours. In order to secure still better results improvement is necessary on the part of both the diagnostician and the operator; it is only with the former possibility that this paper is concerned. It is very rare that a physician can attain to any high degree of skill at the same time in the niceties of neurological diagnosis and in the elaborate technique of intracranial surgery, so that collaboration is usually necessary between the neurologist and the surgeon. The surgeon demands that the diagnosis be made as accurately as possible, so