

be inserted with a reasonable expectation of obtaining healing by first intention.

CONCLUSIONS.

1. Every case of advanced tubercular testicle should be dealt with by operation, and if the disease is found to have spread up the vas to the vesiculæ seminales, the whole tract should be ablated as above described.

2. It should be the aim of the surgeon to remove every particle of the disease as clearly as in a case of carcinoma, but failure to secure every atom of disease is much less disastrous than in the case of carcinoma, since the resistance of the tissues to the ravages of tubercle is very considerable.

3. The patient should be placed under the same hygienic conditions as are found to be favorable for recovery from tuberculosis in other parts of the body.

ADENOID VEGETATIONS.

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This article is not intended as a complete presentation of the subject of adenoids, but rather as a collection of facts gleaned from the experience gained in seventy-eight operations for their removal, performed by myself during the last eighteen months.

Although the term "adenoid vegetations" has been adopted as the subject of this paper, and is as used by Meyer of Copenhagen, undoubtedly the most comprehensive one, it should not be considered as altogether synonymous with the term "hypertrophy of the pharyngeal tonsil." To make this point clear, let us consider Waldeyer's lymphatic ring as one, anatomically and physiologically. The whole is studded with crypts which are surrounded by lymphoid tissue. In three regions these crypts with their lymphoid tissue are closely bunched, and these spots we name the lingual, faucial and pharyngeal tonsils. The mucous membrane between these is practically of the same nature, but the crypts are placed farther apart and the lymphoid tissue is less abundant.

Now, if that concentration of lymphoid tissue situated in the vault of the pharynx, becomes enlarged, the term "hypertrophy of the pharyngeal tonsil" is applicable, but if the more scattered patches surrounding this centre are also hypertrophied we think the term "adenoid vegetations" the more suitable.