CASE NOTES

ADENOMA OF THE CONJUNCTIVA*

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REPORTING a case of adenoma of the limbal conjunctiva, François and Rabaey (1951) commented on the extreme rarity of this condition. They epitomized four cases (and a doubtful fifth) found in the literature. To these may be added the following.

Case Report

An African (Muganda) woman, aged 30 years, had had for many years a small lump on the right eye between cornea and plica but nearer the latter. It had slowly grown larger and was now about the size of a rather small pea. With the lids gently closed the surface of the lump could just be seen. The conjunctiva appeared to be movable over it, for which reason it was thought to be an epibulbar dermoid or a dermo-lipoma.

At operation (April, 1953) the conjunctiva was reflected and the tumour easily removed after dividing a thin flat pedicle.

Pathological Report (Dr. B. G. T. Elmes).—Adenoma of a lacrimal gland. The histological structure closely resembles a salivary gland tumour (Figs 1–4). An interesting and rare tumour.

FIG. 1.—Epithelium of stratified squamous type covering an adenomatous tumour and separated from it by a layer of fibrous tissue infiltrated by chronic inflammatory cells. $\times 75$

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FIG. 2.—Tumour consisting of irregular alveoli lined with cubical epithelium, lying in a fibrous stroma. $\times 75$

It is noteworthy that although no doubt was felt at the time of operation that the conjunctiva had been cleanly separated from the surface of the tumour, the latter shows a well-defined epithelium.

FIG. 3.—Inspissated secretion in alveoli and loose stroma of fibrous tissue. $\times 75$

The histological structure is shown in the photomicrographs and described in the appropriate legends.

FIG. 4.—High-power view of alveoli showing a double layer of cubical cells. $\times 250$

The photomicrographs were taken by Mr. T. N. Salthouse, using a Vickers projection microscope with Wratten B filter. The descriptive legends are by Dr. J. N. P. Davies, Head of the Department of Pathology, Makerere College Medical School.

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