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**OBITUARY.**

PROFESSOR A. A. G. GUYE, M.D.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Professor Guye. Dr. Ambroise Arnold Guillaume Guye, Professor of Otolaryngology in the University of Amsterdam, was born on August 17, 1839, in Maastricht, where his father was a rector of the Eglise Wallonne. He studied in Amsterdam and graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in the University of Leyden on June 23, 1862, choosing as the subject of his thesis "Peyer's and Lieberkuhn's Glands." After a prolonged visit to Berlin, Vienna, and Paris, he settled in Amsterdam in 1865 as a specialist for diseases of the ear and nose. In 1874 he was appointed Privatdocent and Chief of the University Polyclinic for Diseases of the Ear, which appointment he held until his death. In 1886 he was appointed Professor Extraordinarius and opened his professorial lectures with an oration on the "Significance of Otolaryngology in Medical Science."

In 1893 he founded, with Zwaardemaker, Moll, Burger, Meyjes, and others, the Dutch Society for Laryngology, Rhinology, and Otolaryngology, over which he presided. Guye took a great interest in medical history, and after the death of Stokvis became President of the Janus Society.

As General Secretary of the Sixth International Medical Congress held in Amsterdam in 1879, he found ample occasion to bring

his polyglottic capacities into practice ; so he did at the many Congresses he visited, and where he always found a very hearty welcome. He will be remembered with respect and high regard by many with whom he came in contact when he visited London on the occasion of the International Otological Congress in 1899. His keenness in regard to matters of detail was extremely marked, and he was most indignant over some errors in the English translation of an important German text-book of otology, as also over an erroneous description of Troeltsch's method of gargling, quoting the Italian saying "*Traduttori traditori.*" He will long be identified with his observation of the incapacity for attention in the subjects of post-nasal adenoids, and with the excellent title "aproxesia" which his classical learning enabled him to devise for it. He estimated highly George Catlin's dictum: "Shut your mouth and save your life" which he paraphrased, when speaking about aproxesia, into "Shut your mouth and save your brain."

For five years he had been Editor-in-chief of the Dutch periodical for medicine *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Geneeskunde*, which position he ably filled, together with that of senior Secretary of the Society for the Advancement of Medicine. Thrice he was elected President of the Medical Society in Amsterdam, and since 1895 he presided with great tact over the Medical Council of Discipline. For some years he was President of the Amsterdam Committee of the Deaf Mute Institution in Rotterdam.

Guye invented several handy and practical instruments for the examination and treatment of diseases of the ear and nose. He was a prolific writer, and amongst his many contributions may be mentioned the following :

- "De Paracentese van het Trommelvlies," 1874.
- "Over het Ademhalen door den Mond en over de Middelen Daartegen," 1874.
- "Eenige Gevallen van Ontsteking in het Antrum Mastoideum," 1877.
- "Sur la Maladie de Ménière," 1879.
- "Over Oorlijden b'j Acute Exanthemen," 1885.
- "Ein Ringmesser für die Adenoiden Geschwülste," *Zeitschr. f. Ohrenh.*, 1885.
- "Über Nasale Reflexneurosen," *Ned. Tijdschr. v. Geneesk.*, 1887.
- "Über Aproxesia Nasalis," *Deutsch. Med. Woch.*, 1887 or 1888.
- "De l'Ombre Sonore comme Cause d'Erreur dans la Mesure de l'Acuité Auditive" (Congr. Internat. d'Otol., Bruxelles, 1888).
- "Sur l'Étiologie des Bouchons cérumineux" (*ibid.*).
- "Über die Ätiologie der durch Einspritzungen in die Nase Verursachten Entzündungen der Trommelhöhle," *Berlin Klin. Woch.*, 1891.
- "Zwei Fälle von Bezold, scher Perforation des Antrum Mastoideum," *Zeitschr. f. Ohrenh.*, 1891.
- "A hitherto undescribed Form of Rotatory Sensation in Labyrinthine Disease," *Brit. Med. Journ.*, 1895.

"On the Formation of Salivary Calculus over the Inferior Incisors, caused by Habitual Mouth-breathing," *JOURN. OF LARYNGOL., RHINOL., AND OTOL.*, 1895

"Über Behandlung von Erkrankungen der Nebenhöhlen der Nase mit dem Menthol-Insufflator und dem Politzer'schen Verfahren," *Therapeutische Monatschr.*, 1896.

"De la Surdit  Cons cutive   la Cicatrisation du Tympan," *Rev. Internat. de Rhinol.*, 1897.

"Les Signaux Acoustiques des Chemins de fer et l'Acuit  Auditive des M caniciens" (*ibid.*, 1897, II).

Professor Guye's lamented death took place as the result of pneumonia on the 15th of January last. He leaves behind him a widow, two sons, and a daughter.

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#### PRIZES FOR SPECIAL RESEARCH IN OUR DEPARTMENT.

IN a spirit both generous and highly commendable some of the senior members of the AMERICAN LARYNGOLOGICAL, RHINOLOGICAL, and OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY have offered prizes for the encouragement of special research in diseases of the ear, nose and throat. The topics selected and the names of the donors are as follows: "The Etiology and Treatment of Mycosis occurring in the Upper Respiratory Tract," Dr. H. Holbrook Curtis. "Atrophic Rhinitis," Dr. H. Braden Kyle. "What Operative Treatment offers the Best Results for the Cure of Chronic Suppurative Frontal Sinusitis?" Dr. Charles W. Richardson. "Original Work on Rarefication of the Labyrinthine Capsule," Dr. Norval H. Pierce. "Chronic Non-Suppurative Inflammation of the Middle Ear," Dr. Edward B. Dench. The prizes are each of the value of one hundred dollars. The competition is limited to members of the Society, which numbers about 270. The essays on the first four subjects are to be presented to the Secretary before April 15 of the present year. The prizes for the last two subjects will be competed for in 1906. The successful paper for each prize will be read at the Annual Meeting, which will be held this year, the eleventh of the Society, under the presidency of Dr. Frederic C. Cobb, at Boston, Massachusetts, on June 5, 6, and 7. We hope to be able to afford our readers the opportunity of perusing the papers.

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THE OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM will hold the Extra-Metropolitan Meeting this year at Manchester on Saturday, June 3. The next meeting of the Society will be held on Monday, May 1, when a discussion upon "Vertigo; its Pathology and Treatment," will be introduced by Sir Victor Horsley and Dr. Risien Russell.