

GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE,

1 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

Section of Laryngology—*President*, Sir William Milligan, M.D. *Hon. Secretaries*, Walter G. Howarth, F.R.C.S., and T. B. Layton, D.S.O., M.S. The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 30th June, at 4.45 P.M.

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, GLASGOW.

The Ninetieth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held under the Presidency of Sir William Macewen, F.R.S., from the 25th to the 29th July inclusive. The Sectional Meetings are arranged for the 26th, 27th, and 28th. Laryngology and Otology have been placed in the Single Day Sections.

The following Office Bearers have been elected :—

Section of Laryngology—*President*, Dr John M'Intyre, Glasgow. *Vice-Presidents*, Dr A. Brown Kelly, Glasgow; Sir St Clair Thomson, London. *Hon. Secretaries*, Dr Francis Frederick Muecke, 36 Cavendish Square, London, W. 1; Dr William Smith Syme, 11 Lynedoch Crescent, Glasgow.

Section of Otology—*President*, Dr A. A. Gray, Glasgow. *Vice-Presidents*, Dr J. G. Connal, Glasgow; Dr W. F. Wilson, Newcastle-on-Tyne. *Hon. Secretaries*, Mr F. J. Cleminson, 32 Harley Street, London, W. 1; Mr J. W. Leitch, 6 Clairmont Gardens, Glasgow.

The Section of Otology will hold its Session on Wednesday 26th. Discussion: Septic Sinus Thrombosis, its Diagnosis and Treatment, introduced by Sir William Milligan and Mr Hunter Tod.

The Section of Laryngology will meet on Thursday 27th. Discussion: Diseases of the Oesophagus, their Symptomatology and Differential Diagnosis, introduced by Mr W. G. Howarth and Dr D. R. Paterson.

On Friday 28th, a Clinical Meeting of the Scottish Otological and Laryngological Society will be held in the Western Infirmary, to which all visitors are cordially invited.

With a view to facilitating the arrangements, social as well as scientific, Dr Syme will be glad if those who propose to attend the Meeting will intimate the fact as early as possible, stating, at the same time, if they propose to be accompanied by ladies.

FRENCH CONGRESS OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY.

The Congress will be held on the 17th July at the Faculty of Medicine of Paris under the Presidency of Dr Georges Laurens of Paris and the Vice-Presidency of Professor Jaques of Nancy.

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The date of the Congress, usually held during the first fortnight of May, has been changed this year in response to the desire of many members who wished to see the Meeting coincide with that of the International Otolological Congress.

The subjects arranged for discussion are :—

- I. The Classification of Chronic Deafness, introduced by Drs Escat and Rigaud.
- II. Vaccine Therapy in Otology, Rhinology and Laryngology, introduced by Drs Baldenweck, Jacod and Moulouguet.

The detailed programme of Papers will be published later.

All communications should be addressed to Dr Georges Liebault, The General Secretary, 216 Boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris (VII).

TENTH INTERNATIONAL OTOLOGICAL CONGRESS, PARIS,
19th to 22nd July 1922.

The Meetings will be held in the École de Médecine.

The following subjects for discussion (*Rapports*) have been arranged :—

- I. Abscess of the Cerebellum.
- II. Otitic Meningitis.
- III. The Value of Functional Tests of the Vestibular Apparatus.
- IV. Syphilis of the Ear.

The speakers will be :—MM. Buys, Gradenigo, Hennebert, Hinojar, Jenkins, Quix, and Schmiegelow.

During the Congress, a Supplementary Meeting will be devoted to the discussion of the following subject :—

“The Treatment of Cancer of the Larynx by Operation
and by X-rays and Radium.”

The speakers will be :—MM. Chevalier-Jackson, Moure, Regaud, St Clair Thomson, Sebileau, and Tapia.

The subjects for discussion will be printed and distributed before the Congress meets.

The mornings will be occupied in visiting the Departments for the treatment of Diseases of the Ear, Throat, and Nose, and for the surgery of the Head and Neck. (Operations, presentation of patients, etc.)

A collection of instruments and of anatomical and surgical specimens relating to diseases of the ear, nasal fossæ and nasopharynx, will be shown at the Faculty of Medicine during the Congress.

The subscription, which entitles members both to a copy of the *Rapports* and to the résumé of papers, is £2 sterling, and should be paid to the Treasurer, Dr George Laurens, 4 Avenue Hoche, Paris (VIII).

In order to facilitate arrangements, members are requested to state whether they intend to be accompanied by members of their family.

Tentative arrangements have been made at the Hôtel St James et d'Albany, 211 Rue St Honoré, for the accommodation of British Members of Congress.

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Those who propose attending the Congress must make their own arrangements, both as regards their rooms at the hotel and their journey to and from Paris.

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The Congress of La Société Belge d'Otologie, de Rhinologie, et de Laryngologie will be held in Ghent in July 1922.

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SECTION OF OTOTOLOGY, ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

On the invitation of Dr Macleod, Hon. Aural Surgeon, Leicester Royal Infirmary, the Section of Otology met at Leicester on Saturday, 29th April. The Session, which was informal in character, was much enjoyed by those members of the Section who were fortunate enough to be able to travel to Leicester on that day. Spring, which had tarried so long this year, seemed at last to have asserted herself, and the brilliant sunshine gave additional warmth to the welcome extended to the visitors by their hosts.

After partaking of the hospitality of Dr Macleod at luncheon in Wyvern Hotel, the members met at the Royal Infirmary, where a very interesting programme had been provided. A Demonstration of the Oral Method of teaching the Deaf-Mute was given by Miss Carter and by three ladies of her teaching staff. Three groups of pupils, each representing a different stage of pupilage, demonstrated to an interested audience how the deaf-mute acquired the power of speech and a progressive mental development, and they showed how successful the results might be in the hands of sympathetic and conscientious teachers. Miss Carter is Headmistress of the Deaf School in Leicester and works under the City Education Committee. This branch was inaugurated as far back as 1875.

In the Out-patient Department, Dr Macleod and Mr A. A. Keen, F.R.C.S., exhibited a number of children who had been under their care in the School Clinic on account of chronic middle ear discharge. The children were divided into four groups, the basis of grouping having been determined according to the method of treatment which had been adopted for the cure of the aural suppuration. The main interest was centred in the two groups in which Mr Keen had found it necessary to perform a mastoid operation on account of the failure in effecting the cure of the suppuration by attention to the nose and throat, and by daily antiseptic treatment through the external auditory meatus. In the first of the two groups a conservative mastoid operation had been performed; in the second, the complete operation had been found necessary. The results obtained in the first series of cases were good; in 50 per cent. the ear was dry, while the hearing power was very satisfactory in all. After the complete operation the cavities were dry with one exception, and in more than one child very useful hearing power was conserved.

The Discussion which followed was taken part in by Dr A. Logan Turner (the President), Dr A. R. Friel, Dr William Hill, Mr E. D. D. Davis, Sir William Milligan, Mr Mark Howell, Mr A. R. Tweedie, Mr Musgrave Woodman, Mr W. M. Mollison, Dr Macleod, and Dr Keen. From the general trend of the remarks made by the speakers, it was evident that opinion was in favour of improving the preventive side of treatment. More should be done in the acute stage of aural suppuration to avoid

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chronicity by such measures as early paracentesis and by a more prompt opening of the antrum ; by removing not only the adenoids but also the faucial tonsils ; and by bringing cases of suppuration under the supervision of an aurist in Child Welfare Centres and in the Fever Hospitals. A conservative mastoid operation, when the discharge had become chronic, was to be preferred to the complete operation, the latter procedure in children being regarded as one which should, if possible, be avoided.

Through the courtesy of Dr Warner, the School Medical Officer, the members were shown through the Leicester School Clinic ; the present building, which was opened in 1921, is well adapted for the purpose which it serves. A large number of school children suffering from eye, ear, throat, and skin affections are attended to annually in the Clinic, and many thousand complete case records are preserved. There is an operating theatre and a ward containing ten beds. All adenoid and tonsil operation cases are treated as in-patients for at least twenty-four hours. The mastoid cases remain in the ward until they have progressed sufficiently to be treated as out-patients. The financial position of the parents of the children coming under treatment is most carefully investigated. The very poor children receive free treatment. Those who are able to pay something are charged on a scale according to their means. As much as twenty-five shillings may be charged for an adenoid and tonsil operation. When the parents are deemed in a position to pay more than this sum, their children are not operated upon at the School Clinic. The system works well, and the Leicester Educational Committee is to be congratulated upon the efficiency of the Clinical Department, which has been in operation since 1913.

In addition to those members of the Section already mentioned, there also attended the Meeting, Sir Charles Ballance, Mr Lionel Colledge, Mr Powell (Reading), Mr Pavey-Smith (Harrogate), Mr Gilhespy (Birmingham), Mr Carter (Stoke-on-Trent), Mr Bennett (Leicester), Dr M'Call (Bournemouth), and the two Hon. Secretaries, Mr Norman Patterson and Mr F. J. Cleminson.

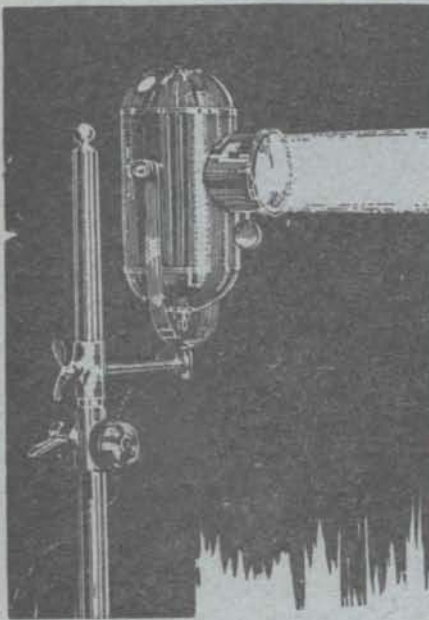
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The Badge presented by Sir William Milligan for the use of future Presidents of the Section of Laryngology of the Royal Society of Medicine is in the form of a Star in white enamel and gold, surrounded by a circle in royal blue enamel and gold, with the motto : "*Sine amicitia vitam esse nullam.*" In the centre of the Star is a replica of Signor Manuel Garcia taken from a photograph in 1857, at the time his epoch-making paper upon *the discovery of the Laryngoscope was read to the Royal Society. The presentation was made at the Annual Dinner of the Section held on May 5th.*

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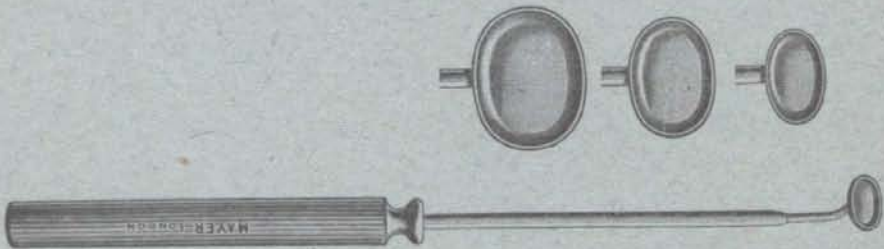


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