GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE,

1 Wimpole Street, London, W. I.

Section of Laryngology.—The Opening Meeting of the Session 1927-28 will be held on Friday, 4th November, at 5 P.M. President, Mr Harold S. Barwell, F.R.C.S.; Hon. Secretaries, Mr W. M. Mollison, M.Ch., 23 Devonshire Place, London, W. I, and Mr Lionel Colledge, F.R.C.S., 2 Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. I.

Section of Otology.— The Opening Meeting of the Session 1927-28 will be held on Saturday, 5th November, at 10.30 A.M. President, Dr J. S. Fraser, F.R.C.S.E.; Hon. Secretaries, Mr Alexander R. Tweedie, F.R.C.S., 14 Oxford Street, Nottingham, and Mr Nicol M. Rankin, M.B., 56 Harley Street, London, W. I.

THE SEMON LECTURE, 1927.

Mr Lionel Colledge, F.R.C.S., has been invited by the Semon Lecture Board to give the Semon Lecture of the University of London. The address, which is entitled "The Present Position of Laryngectomy in Cancer of the Larynx," will be delivered in the Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, I Wimpole Street, London, W. I, on the afternoon of Thursday, 3rd November, at 5 o'clock. The Chair will be taken by Mr Harold S. Barwell, F.R.C.S., President of the Section of Laryngology.

COLLEGIUM OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGICUM.

The Second Meeting of the Collegium will be held at Zürich from the 7th to the 9th September, under the presidency of Professor F. Nager. Arrangements have been made for the members of the Society to receive accommodation at the Grand Hôtel St Gotthard. A very interesting scientific programme has been provided. Inquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Professor C. E. Benjamins, Groningen, Holland.

CONGRÈS FRANÇAIS D'OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGIE.

The Annual Session of the French Congress of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology will be held at the Faculty of Medicine, Paris, from the 17th to the 20th October under the presidency of Professor Collet of Lyons. The General Secretary is Dr Georges Liébault, 216 Boulevard Saint Germain (7^o), to whom all inquiries should be addressed.

The following two subjects will be discussed :---

- 1. The Therapeutic Indications in Laryngeal Tuberculosis, to be introduced by Doctor Caboche.
- 2. Nasal Respiratory Insufficiency, to be introduced by Doctor Worms.

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY.

The Congress will be held in Copenhagen from 30th July to 1st August 1928, under the presidency of Professor Schmiegelow.

The following subjects have been arranged for general discussion :--

1. The Modified Radical Treatment of Middle-ear Suppuration, introduced by Professor Tapia (Madrid) and Professor Neumann (Vienna).

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- 2. Septic Diseases originating from the Throat, introduced by Professor Ferreri (Rome) and Dr Uffenorde (Greifswald).
- 3. Surgical Diathermy of Malignant Growths in the Upper Air Passages, introduced by Dr Dan McKenzie (London) and Professor Gunnar Holmgren (Stockholm).
- 4. The Anatomical Structure of the Ear and its Influence on the Course of Suppuration of the Middle Ear, introduced by Professor Mouret (Montpellier) and Professor Wittmaack (Jena).

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, EDINBURGH, 1927.

After an interval of twenty-nine years the Association again held its Annual Meeting in Edinburgh, appropriately selecting, in the centenary year of his birth, the city in which Joseph Lister had lived and worked for fifteen years.

The Section of Laryngology and Otology under the presidency of Dr A. Logan Turner met in the Ear and Throat Department of the Royal Infirmary and, during the two days devoted to the proceedings, the attendance numbered close upon one hundred. Among the members present who, in addition to the President, had taken part in the work of the Section in 1898, were Dr H. S. Birkett of Montreal, Sir James Dundas-Grant, Sir William Milligan, Sir St Clair Thomson, Dr William Hill, Dr A. Brown Kelly, and Mr Herbert Tilley. Professor F. R. Nager of Zürich and Dr Henry Hall Forbes of New York were welcome guests, and Dr Edward Ballon of Montreal and Dr E. W. Gutteridge of Melbourne participated in the proceedings. The papers introducing the Discussions were of great scientific value and the debates, which were full of interest, were carried on with considerable keenness. Through the courtesy of the Editor of the *British Medical Journal* some of the work of the Section will, it is hoped, be published in the *Journal*.

The Museum containing a large variety of pathological conditions illustrative of diseases of the ear, nose, and throat—the result of twenty years of work in the Department—formed a distinctive feature and attracted considerable attention. These were supplemented by a series of excellent skiagrams of the temporal bone exhibited by Dr Stephen Young (Glasgow), and by a microscopic demonstration illustrating the inflammatory changes observed in the mastoid process in cases of acute mastoiditis, the work of Dr J. P. Stewart (Edinburgh). Dr A. A. Gray's beautiful sections of the labyrinth were also exhibited.

On Friday, 22nd July, the Scottish Society of Otology and Laryngology held its Summer Meeting, postponed to this date in order to give the members of the Association the opportunity of participating in it. Dr James Adam (Glasgow), the President of the Society, occupied the Chair. A long and varied programme was submitted and an interesting and sometimes lively discussion took place on a number of the cases exhibited. The proceedings will be reported in a future number of the *Journal*.

In the afternoon the members of the Scottish Society and those attending the Section of Laryngology and Otology were the guests of the Edinburgh members of the specialty. Luncheon was partaken of in the Hall of the Royal College of Surgeons, after which the members accom-

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panied by their ladies proceeded by motor to Archerfield Golf Course, which had been put at their disposal by the courtesy of Mr Jackson Russell of Archerfield House. Those disinclined for golf were driven to Tantallon Castle and thence to Biel Mansion House, the residence of Lieut.-Colonel J. P. N. H. Grant, D.S.O., on whose kind invitation the gardens were inspected. The weather which, prior to the meeting, had been brilliant, unfortunately broke down on the opening day, and occasional heavy rain and the lack of sunshine somewhat marred the enjoyment of what was otherwise regarded as a highly successful week.

DIPLOMA IN LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY.

At the recent examination of the Conjoint Board the Diploma in Laryngology and Otology was conferred upon the following candidates; M. O. Abdeen, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; J. B. Baird, M.B., Ch.B., New Zealand; J. Bernstein, M.B., Leeds; C. H. C. Byrne, M.B., London; E. E. Day, M.B., C.M., McGill, Montreal; E. W. Gutteridge, M.D., B.S., Melbourne; D. R. Macgregor, M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh; R. M. Savage, M.B., Ch.B., Aberdeen; W. M. Snodgrass, M.B., B.Ch., Dublin; G. E. Tremble, M.D., C.M., McGill, Montreal; Mary A. Wiles, M.B., London; W. C. S. Wood, M.B., B.S., London.

SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF OTOLOGY AND LARYNGOLOGY.

The Society offers a prize of $\pounds 20$ for the best piece of Clinical or Laboratory Research Work in Oto-Laryngology. The prize is open to Clinical Tutors, House Surgeons and Clinical Assistants attached to the Clinics of Ordinary and Corresponding Members of the Scottish Society of Otology and Laryngology. The paper embodying the research must be sent to Dr W. T. Gardiner, 18 Chester Street, Edinburgh, before 1st November 1927.

We regret to record the sudden death of Professor R. Magnus of Utrecht, while on holiday at Pontresina.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

- Les Vertiges Labyrinthiques. By Dr André Moulonguet, Oto-rhinolaryngologiste des Hôpitaux de Paris; 166 pages with 17 figures in the text. Masson et Cie., Paris, 1927. Price 18 fr.
- The Ear, Nose and Throat in General Practice: An Informal Guide to the Main Principles. By D. A. Crow, M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), Oto-Laryngologist, the Royal Sussex County Hospital, The Sussex Ear and Throat Hospital, etc.; 150 pages with 2 colour plates and 45 illustrations in the text. Humphrey Milford, Oxford University Press, 1927. Price 105. 6d. net.

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