

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The Journal of Laryngology and Otology.

CARCINOMA OF THE LARYNX

SIR,—In the *Journal of Laryngology* for April, 1941, there is a clinical record of a case of carcinoma of the larynx occurring after an injury at the same site. The writer says that he “ knows of no case of injury to the larynx which has developed malignant change ”. The subject is discussed in *Cancer of the Larynx*, by St Clair Thomson and Colledge (p. 7), and in more detail in *Post-graduate Surgery* (Maingot), Vol. III, pp. 4855 and 4856, where a case carefully described by Denker is related.

In the *Journal* for May, 1941, the same writer describes a case of recurrent nerve paralysis in which the recurrent laryngeal was united to part of the phrenic nerve. He mentions a case in which this operation was performed by Ballance and leaves it to be inferred that the case described is the second to be performed on the human subject. In the *British Encyclopædia of Medical Practice* (Rolleston), Surveys and Abstracts, 1939, p. 92, an account is given of a number of cases in which this operation has been done with the results, and also how to avoid a technical error into which the writer appears to have fallen. There is also reference to further papers which are not mentioned in the *Journal*. I am fully aware of the present difficulties, but all this is easily accessible.

I am, Sir, yours, etc.,

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