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## THE SEMON LECTURESHIP IN LARYNGOLOGY.

ALL laryngologists, both at home and abroad, will receive with warm gratification the intimation that the funds collected for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Sir Felix Semon, on the occasion of his retirement from active practice, have been handed over to the University of London in order to found a Lectureship in Laryngology. According to the conditions attached to the foundation the lecturer will be appointed annually, and for one year only, and will be selected from among those persons who may be deemed to have advanced in their time the science and practice of laryngology or rhinology, particularly in relation to general medicine, whether by scientific investigation, clinical research, or by means of work devoted to the history of the specialities. The Trust is primarily intended to encourage work of this kind amongst the laryngologists and rhinologists of Britain; but foreign laryngologists and rhinologists, and medical men, British or foreign, who do not habitually confine their practice solely to laryngology and rhinology, will be eligible for the post. The lecture, or lectures, to <sup>be</sup> delivered annually, must deal with some aspect of laryngology or rhinology, but these terms are defined by the Trust deed so as to include the medicine and surgery not only of the nasal, pharyngeal, and laryngeal regions, but also of the trachea, the bronchial tree, and the œsophagus.

On behalf of the general body of British laryngologists and

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rhinologists we have much pleasure in expressing our deep sense of indebtedness to Sir Felix Semon for this further token of a life-long aspiration to elevate to a position of the highest dignity the speciality of which he himself is so distinguished an ornament. As is well known, laryngology owes to him not only many of its most striking scientific advances, but also many a victory won over adverse and reactionary forces which, in the earlier stages of its career, threatened it with a secondary place in the ranks of medical specialities.

As an indication that these days of difficulty and conflict are passing away, no less than for its encouragement to British science, we hail with pleasure the foundation of the Semon Lectureship.

In conclusion, we may be permitted to express the hope that the veteran founder may long be spared to welcome many representative laryngologists to the lectureship, and that the distinction of each successive lecturer may ever increasingly add lustre and renown both to the University of London and to British Laryngology.

## **OCULAR SYMPTOMS PRODUCED BY NASAL DISEASE.**<sup>1</sup>

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In recent years attention has been drawn to the frequency with which various ocular signs and symptoms are directly and indirectly engendered by disease of the nose itself or in one or other of its accessory sinuses. Moritz,<sup>2</sup> writing on this subject, stated that the eye symptoms most frequently connected with nasal disease are -(1) Obstruction of the nasal duct; (2) conjunctivitis; (3) inflammatory ædema of the eyelids.

A considerable amount of work has been done on this subject, in connection with which the names of Onodi, Logan Turner, Birch-Hirschfeld, StClair Thompson, Axenfeld, and Fish, at once occur to one, and the patient researches of Onodi<sup>3</sup> may fairly entitle them to be placed in that category yclept classical work.

- <sup>1</sup> An address read before the Biological Club, Dublin, on January 31, 1911.
- <sup>2</sup> Siegmund Moritz, Brit. Med. Journ., January 28, 1905.
- <sup>3</sup> "The Optic Nerve and Accessory Sinuses of the Nose," A. Onodi, 1910.