

Obituary

Is there any danger in enucleating these tonsils at once? The Sluder-Sauer method leaves a smooth surface which cannot absorb to any extent.—Yours faithfully, T. A. MACGIBBON, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.

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TO THE EDITORS,

The Journal of Laryngology.

SIRS,—In the October number of the Journal, Dr T. A. MacGibbon, New Zealand, says in reference to my method of employing “The Blood-Clot Method of Closing the Mastoid,” that he accepts my statements, but they do not satisfy him.

It may encourage him to give the method a fair trial if I enclose a letter from Mr Wilfrid Glegg, of Birmingham, who has given me permission to publish it.

DEAR MR TILLEY,—In reference to your letter in the May number of the *Journal of Laryngology*, it may interest you to know that “The Blood-Clot Method of Closing the Mastoid” has been the method of choice at the Ear and Throat Hospital in acute cases since first you advised it, and it has been attended with such satisfactory results as to call for no comment other than approval.

W. GLEGG.

At the least, such testimony shows that my experience is shared by other aural surgeons of experience, and in this category I may mention Mr Woodman of Birmingham, and Dr Macnab of Johannesburg.

At the risk of repetition I would say again that there are two indispensable factors in obtaining a successful result: (1) The complete removal of all infected areas; (2) Effectual sterilisation of the bone and soft parts involved in the acute mastoid suppuration.

I believe the second factor to be more easy of attainment if the field of operation is anointed with the mixture of bismuth, iodoform, and liquid paraffin, which is generally known as B.I.P.

HERBERT TILLEY.

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It is with deep regret that we record the death of Dr James Donelan, well-known amongst Laryngologists, which occurred with tragic suddenness on 25th August, in his sixty-sixth year. He had been in poor health for some time owing to cardiac disease, but his general health had given no immediate cause for anxiety.