the Estate, Water, Library and Museum Committees, and finally, in 1906, he was elected a magistrate, discharging the duties of the office with conspicuous ability. On two occasions he unsuccessfully contested Parliamentary constituencies in Lancashire, on the first occasion being defeated by Mr F. E. Smith, who represented the Conservative party. In 1924, Permewan became an adherent to the same political group as his whilom opponent, now Lord Birkenhead, believing that through it only could an efficient check be placed on the steady growth of Socialism.

A man of genial disposition, Permewan had many friends both in his own profession and among his fellow citizens. Much sympathy is extended to his widow and son from the fact that within the short space of six weeks a double bereavement has overtaken them, an only daughter having so recently predeceased her father.

A. LOGAN TURNER.

GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

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Section of Laryngology.—President, W. H. Kelson, M.D. Hon. Secretaries, Philip Franklin, F.R.C.S., 27 Wimpole Street, London, W. I, and Norman Patterson, F.R.C.S., 82 Portland Place, London, W. I.

The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 7th May, at 5 P.M. Members who are desirous of showing patients or specimens are requested to give notice to the Senior Hon. Secretary, along with a short précis stating the more important facts.

The Summer Meeting of the Section of Laryngology will be held on Thursday and Friday, the 3rd and 4th June. The first Session will open on Thursday at 4 P.M., and the second on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

On the evening of Friday, 4th June, the Annual Dinner of the Section will take the form of a Banquet in honour of Sir St Clair Thomson, M.D., for the purpose of recognising his position as President of the Royal Society of Medicine and as an appreciation of his many valuable services to Laryngology. The dinner will be held at 7 for 7.30 at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, W.C. 2. Applications for seats should be made to Mr Norman Patterson, F.R.C.S., 82 Portland Place, London, W. I.

The arrangements in connection with the Meeting and with the Banquet will be announced in the June number of the *Journal*.

Section of Otology.—President, G. J. Jenkins, F.R.C.S. Hon. Secretaries, F. W. Watkyn-Thomas, F.R.C.S., 14 Welbeck Street, London, W. I, and T. B. Layton, D.S.O., M.S., 10 Welbeck Street, London, W. I.

The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Saturday, 8th May, at 10.30 A.M. Communications regarding patients and specimens, along with a short précis of the notes of the case, should be sent to the Senior Hon. Secretary, Mr F. W. Watkyn-Thomas, F.R.C.S.

The Summer Meeting of the Section of Otology will be held on Friday and Saturday, the 4th and 5th June.

The first Session will open on Friday at 4 P.M., and the second on Saturday at 10.30 o'clock.

During the Session 1925-26 the Sections will meet on the following dates:—

Section of Laryngology, on Friday, 7th May (Annual), and on Thursday and Friday, 3rd and 4th June.

Section of Otology, on Saturday, 8th May (Annual), and on Friday and Saturday, 4th and 5th June.

SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF OTOLOGY AND LARYNGOLOGY.

The Twenty-third Meeting of the Scottish Society of Otology and Laryngology will meet at the Ear and Throat Department, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, on the afternoon of Saturday, 15th May.

As already announced in the *Journal*, the Society offers a prize of £20 for the best piece of Clinical or Laboratory Research Work in Oto-Laryngology. The prize is open to clinical tutors, house-surgeons, or clinical assistants attached to the Clinics of the Ordinary or Corresponding Members of the Scottish Society of Otology and Laryngology. The papers embodying the research work must be sent to the Secretary of the Society, Dr W. T. Gardiner, 18 Chester Street, Edinburgh, before the 1st November 1926.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, NOTTINGHAM, 1926.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in July at Nottingham, under the presidency of Mr R. G. Hogarth, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon to the Nottingham General Hospital.

The Section of Laryngology and Otology will meet on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd July. The following have been appointed as Office-bearers:—

President—A. Brown Kelly, M.D.

Vice-Presidents—John Francis O'Malley, F.R.C.S.; Norman Patterson, F.R.C.S.; H. Bell Tawse, F.R.C.S.; Alexander Robert Tweedie, F.R.C.S.

Hon. Secretaries — Oswald Otto Popper, F.R.C.S. Ed., the General Hospital, Nottingham; Fred Stoker, M.B., F.R.C.S. Ed., 8 Wimpole Street, London, W. I.

The following Programme has been arranged:-

21st July—Discussion.—The Treatment of Malignant Disease of the Upper Air and Food Passages.

Openers:-

Surgical Treatment.—F. J. Steward, M.S., F.R.C.S., London.

X-ray.—Robert Knox, M.D., London.

Radium-Sir William Milligan, M.D., Manchester.

Diathermy-W. S. Syme, M.D., Glasgow.

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22nd July—Discussion.—The After-Treatment and Results of the Simple and Radical Mastoid Operation.

Openers:

G. J. Jenkins, F.R.C.S., London.

J. S. Fraser, M.B., C.M., Edinburgh.

23rd July.—To be devoted to the reading and discussion of Papers. The following has been offered by Wm. Hill, M.D., London;

Pharyngeal and Œsophageal Pouches.

INTERNATIONAL CLINIC OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY AND FACIO-MAXILLARY SURGERY.

Acting upon the experience gained in 1925, Dr Fernand Lemaître has decided to arrange a further course of graduate intensive study at the St Louis Hospital, Paris, during the coming summer. The period of instruction will extend from the 15th May to the 12th August, and will comprise clinical demonstrations, hospital visits, operative work, lectures, and laboratory attendance.

The staff of teachers will include men from America, the British Empire, and the Continent of Europe, all of whom have gained a recognised position in their special branches. In addition to the clinical work of the course, special attention will be paid to plastic surgery, endoscopy, and operative procedures on the cadaver.

Those desirous of joining one or more sections of the course should make application to Mdlle. Jeanne Gobereau, 129 Avenue Victor Hugo, Paris^{xvi}, who will supply detailed information as to the arrangements and fees.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE AMERICAN SPECIAL SOCIETIES.

Arrangements have been made for holding the following Meetings at Montreal, Canada, between 20th May and 5th June inclusive.

The American Bronchoscopic Society, on 29th May, with Dr W. B. Chamberlin of Cleveland as Chairman.

The American Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society from 31st May to 2nd June, with Dr J. M. Ingersoll of Cleveland as Chairman.

The American Otological Association on 2nd and 3rd June, with Dr Thomas J. Harris of New York as Chairman.

The American Laryngological Association on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th June, with Dr Greenfield Sluder of St Louis as Chairman.

Dr Georges Portmann has been appointed Professor of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Bordeaux, in succession to Professor E. J. Moure, resigned.

AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH SCHEME.

A representative Committee of the American Otological Society has been appointed to administer the Research Fund, which is being raised for

the purpose of carrying out an investigation into the subject of Chronic Progressive Deafness (Otosclerosis). The Committee is empowered:

- 1. To collect a permanent endowment Fund of at least 500,000 dollars, to be known as the American Otological Society Research Fund.
- 2. To utilise the interest of this Fund, together with such subscriptions as it may collect for maintenance and management, primarily in an intensive study of Chronic Progressive Deafness.
- 3. In addition to the work on Otosclerosis, the interest on the permanent Fund is to be devoted to investigations of other problems in Otology or allied branches of medicine.

In connection with the above Research, the Committee has already made a commencement:

- 1. It has instituted a Central Bureau of activities in Chicago for the correlation of such work as may be done, and in which will be kept a card catalogue of the names of all who wish to be informed of the progress of the research.
- 2. It has tentatively mapped out a programme of scientific investigation to be conducted in various laboratories.
- 3. It has commenced to collect subscription towards the Permanent Endowment Fund. Dr Arthur B. Duel is acting as temporary Treasurer at 780 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Subscribers to the Fund will be entitled to receive from the Committee all the important bulletins and communications that may be published.

The Committee appointed to deal with the Fund consists of Drs Norval H. Pierce, George E. Shambaugh, J. Gordon Wilson, Eugene A. Crockett, and Arthur B. Duel, and is a guarantee that the administration will be most efficiently carried out. The investigation into this difficult problem in otology cannot fail to make a strong appeal to every otologist.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh: Historical Notes from 1505 to 1905. By Clarendon Hyde Creswell, F.S.A. (Scot.), late Officer and Sub-Librarian of the College. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh & London, 1926.

Aphasia. By S. A. Kinnier Wilson, M.D., B.Sc. (Edin.), F.R.C.P. (Lond.), Physician for Out-patients, National Hospital, Queen Square, London. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co., Ltd., London, E.C. 1926. Price 2s. 6d.

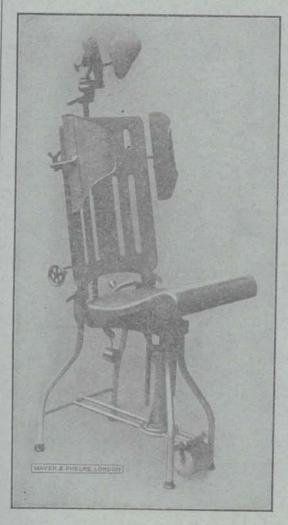
The Medical Annual: A Year Book of Treatment and Practitioner's Index. Forty-fourth year. 1926. Bristol: John Wright & Sons, Ltd. Price 20s. net.

OPERATION CHAIR

Devised by MUSGRAVE WOODMAN, F.R.C.S.

Surgeon to Throat and Ear Department, General Hospital, Birmingham.

Exhibited at the meeting of the Section of Laryngology, Royal Society of Medicine, 6th November 1925.



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