

GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE,

1 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

Section of Otology—*President*, A. Logan Turner, M.D. *Hon. Secretaries*, Norman Patterson, F.R.C.S., and F. J. Cleminson, M.Ch. The next Meeting of the Section will be held at Leicester on Saturday, 29th April. Lunch will be served at the Wyvern Hotel at 12, noon. The Section will meet at the Infirmary at 2 o'clock. Members desiring further particulars should apply to the Senior Hon. Secretary, Norman Patterson, F.R.C.S., 16 Devonshire Place, London, W. 1, at least twelve days before the Meeting.

Section of Laryngology—*President*, Sir William Milligan, M.D. *Hon. Secretaries*, Walter G. Howarth, F.R.C.S., and T. B. Layton, D.S.O., M.S. The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 5th May, at 4.45 o'clock.

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, GLASGOW.

The Ninetieth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held under the Presidency of Sir William Macewen, F.R.S., from the 25th to the 29th July inclusive. The Sectional Meetings are arranged for the 26th, 27th, and 28th. Laryngology and Otology have been placed in the Single Day Sections.

The following Office Bearers have been elected :—

Section of Laryngology—*President*, Dr John M'Intyre, Glasgow. *Vice-Presidents*, Dr A. Brown Kelly, Glasgow ; Sir St Clair Thomson, London. *Hon. Secretaries*, Dr Francis Frederick Muecke, 36 Cavendish Square, London, W. 1 ; Dr William Smith Syme, 11 Lynedoch Crescent, Glasgow.

Section of Otology—*President*, Dr A. A. Gray, Glasgow. *Vice-Presidents*, Dr J. G. Connal, Glasgow ; Dr W. F. Wilson, Newcastle-on-Tyne. *Hon. Secretaries*, Mr F. J. Cleminson, 32 Harley Street, London, W. 1 ; Mr J. W. Leitch, 6 Clairmont Gardens, Glasgow.

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TENTH INTERNATIONAL OTOLOGICAL CONGRESS, PARIS,
19th to 22nd July 1922.

The following subjects for discussion (*Rapports*) have been arranged :—

- I. Abscess of the Cerebellum.
- II. Otitic Meningitis.
- III. The Value of Functional Tests of the Vestibular Apparatus.
- IV. Syphilis of the Ear.

The speakers will be :—MM. Buys, Gradenigo, Hennebert, Hinojar, Jenkins, Quix, and Schmiegelow.

General Notes

During the Congress, a Supplementary Meeting will be devoted to the discussion of the following subject:—

“The Treatment of Cancer of the Larynx by Operation
and by X-rays and Radium.”

The speakers will be:—MM. Chevalier-Jackson, Moure, Regaud, St Clair Thomson, Sebileau, and Tapia.

The subjects for discussion will be printed and distributed before the Congress meets.

The mornings will be occupied in visiting the Departments for the treatment of Diseases of the Ear, Throat, and Nose, and for the surgery of the Head and Neck. (Operations, presentation of patients, etc.)

A collection of instruments and of anatomical and surgical specimens relating to diseases of the ear, nasal fossæ and nasopharynx, will be shown at the Faculty of Medicine during the Congress.

The Committee of Organisation are desirous of obtaining the enrolment of members of Congress, not later than 1st April. Notification must be made to Dr A. Hautant, Secrétaire Général, 28 rue Marbeuf, Paris (VIII).

Further, they desire to receive the titles of papers and communications from members of Congress as soon as possible after their enrolment.

It is necessary to send, before 1st April, a short résumé of the papers to be read at the Congress.

The subscription, which entitles members both to a copy of the *Rapports* and to the résumé of papers, is £2 sterling, and should be paid to the Treasurer, Dr George Laurens, 4 Avenue Hoche, Paris (VIII).

In order to facilitate arrangements, members are requested to state whether they intend to be accompanied by members of their family.

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The American Laryngological Society will meet, under the Presidency of Dr Harmon Smith, in Washington, D.C., on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd May.

The American Otological Society, under the Presidency of Dr H. S. Birkett, Montreal, will meet in Washington, D.C., on the 2nd and 3rd May. *Hon. Secretary*, Dr Thomas J. Harris, 104 East 40th Street, New York.

A cordial invitation to attend the Meeting has been extended by the American Otological Society to the Section of Otology of the Royal Society of Medicine.

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The Section of Laryngology and Otology of the American Medical Association, under the Presidency of Dr Joseph A. Stucky, will meet at St Louis from the 22nd to the 26th May.

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The Congress of La Société Belge d'Otologie, de Rhinologie et de Laryngologie, will be held in Ghent in July 1922.

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The late Sir Felix Semon has bequeathed his medical library to the Royal Society of Medicine. Mr Powell, the Librarian, is preparing a catalogue of the same, and we hope to be able to inform our readers of the chief works on Laryngology which have been added to the Library by this gift.

General Notes

Mr Charles Heath has presented, through Dr Irwin Moore, to the Section of Laryngology, for inclusion amongst the relics of the late Sir Morell Mackenzie, a fitted tray, containing a variety of laryngeal forceps for removing growths from the larynx, the forceps being designed and used by Sir Morell Mackenzie, and stamped with his name.

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We are indebted to Dr Perry Goldsmith, Toronto, for the two following extracts. The first, which recently appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post* (U.S.A.), is a lay criticism of a consulting-room or office :—"The real pest among reputable physicians is the young man who expects his patients to pay for his needlessly high overhead expenses. He may be known by his spacious and elaborate offices and waiting-rooms, buttoned door-boys, sleek secretaries, fluttering office nurses, and powder-monkeys of both sexes, and an all-pervading shimmer of white enamel, mechanical novelties and glittering metal work. Not infrequently the young practitioner who indulges in all these fripperies is trying to put over a poor piece by means of costly stage effects. He sometimes forgets, and his patients still oftener fail to realise, that what he really has for sale resides in his own cranium, and that mere style, atmosphere and scenery are poor substitutes for knowledge, experience, and technical proficiency."

(2) In a paper entitled *The Fads of Pseudoscience, Pertinent Queries and Musings*, by Geo. De Tarnonsky, M.D., Chicago, appears the following paragraph :—"The craze for novelty, love of the pseudomiraculous, and the fear of not finding himself 'in the procession' are prompting too many of our colleagues to discard methods of treatment which have stood the test of time for pseudoscientific measures which appeal to the imagination or inherent love of mysticism of our patients, and we, the conservatives, are called on to repair the often irreparable damage done by the faddist."

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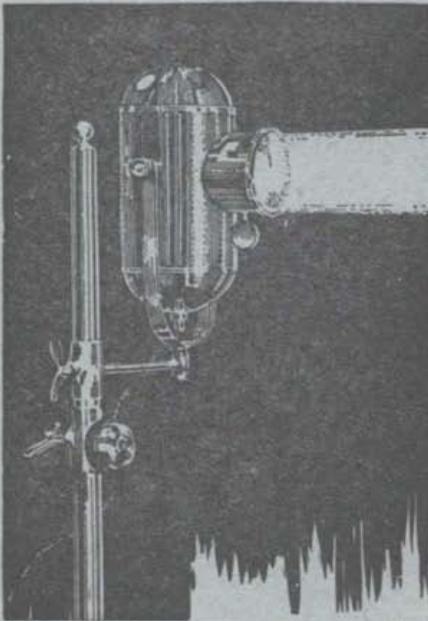
The First Annual Ordinary General Meeting of "The Journal of Laryngology and Otology, Ltd." was held at 11 Chandos Street, London, W. 1, on Friday, 3rd March. Sir William Milligan occupied the Chair and submitted the General Report and the Balance Sheet of the Company. The latter showed that the publication of the Journal for the year 1921 had resulted in a small margin of profit. The Report was approved and Mr Herbert Tilley, Mr W. M. Mollison, Sir James Dundas-Grant, Mr W. G. Howarth with Sir William Milligan, as Chairman, were re-elected Directors.

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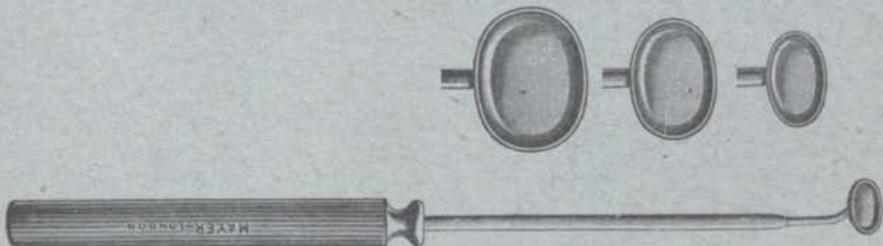


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