

of "post-cricoid carcinoma" appear to me to be: (1) Its relative frequency in the female as compared with the male sex; (2) the early age at which it sometimes appears; and (3) the fact that one so often obtains a history of more or less difficulty in swallowing extending over many years. In many of these cases the patient volunteers the information that she "always had a small swallow," has been liable for years to "choking fits" during meals, and has had to eat with care and swallow only finely-divided food.

The atrophic changes in the buccal and pharyngeal mucous membrane which Dr. Paterson describes in cases of spasm are, I think, also rather characteristic of "post-cricoid carcinoma," and are apt to be associated with extremely bad teeth. Is there some ætiological connection between the buccal sepsis dependent on dental caries, the chronic atrophic glossitis and pharyngitis, the spasm in the lower pharynx possibly leading to injury by food particles of the thin mucous membrane, and finally, the development of "post-cricoid carcinoma"?

LIVERPOOL;

August, 1919.

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THOMAS GUTHRIE.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

THE NEW PRESIDENTS OF THE SECTIONS.

The new President of the Otological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine is Mr. H. Tilley, to whom we extend our heartiest congratulations as having attained the unusual double distinction of the Chair in both of our twin Sections.

The Chair of the Laryngological Section for the ensuing Session will be filled by Mr. E. B. Waggett, D.S.O., who in addition to occupying a prominent position in the speciality has earned for himself an enviable reputation in the Army during the war.

Mr. Waggett served with distinction both in France and in Salonika, and has had conferred upon him the *Distinguished Service Order*.

GENERAL H. S. BIRKETT, M.D., C.B.

On August 26 our colleague left England to resume his practice in Montreal and his duties as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University. He has served for five years with the colours, first in command of the Canadian Hospital at Boulogne, and then on the Military Headquarters Staff of the Canadian Army in London. During these spacious years he has won such esteem and admiration in the Motherland that we feel we are expressing the sentiment of his many friends in Great Britain in wishing him a happy and prosperous return to his own country.

DR. PERRY GOLDSMITH.

Dr. Perry Goldsmith has returned to his work in Toronto, leaving many friends behind him in the Old Country, where he has served with the Canadian Army for several years, after a period of service in France. He will be much missed at the meetings of our Section during the coming winter.

Many other medical officers of the Dominion Armies will also be missed, more particularly those who have served at the facial repair hospital at Sidcup—Col. Newland from Australia, Major Waldron and Capt. Risdon from Canada, and Major Pickerill from New Zealand—in addition to our colleagues from various other commands, as well as many visitors from the Medical Department of the American Army.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE: SECTION OF OTOTOLOGY.

The next meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, November 21, under the newly-elected President, Mr. H. Tilley. Notices of cases or specimens should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Buckland Jones.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE, LONDON: SECTION OF LARYNGOLOGY.

The First Meeting of the session will be held at No. 1, Wimpole Street, on Friday, November 7, when the incoming President, Mr. E. B. Waggett, will take the chair. Notices of cases or specimens should be sent to the Hon. Secretaries, Dr. Irwin Moore and Mr. C. W. M. Hope.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: SECTION OF OTO-LARYNGOLOGY.

The Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association was held in Atlantic City from June 9 to 13. Being a "Victory Meeting" there was almost a record attendance. Some 4500 members registered, and the Section of our speciality was frequented during every day of the meeting by some 300 to 400 members. There were many delegates from other countries—in fact, there were representatives from China to Peru. Great Britain was represented by Sir StClair Thomson and Mr. Frank Rose, who both participated in the work of the Section, and were elected Honorary Fellows of the American Medical Association.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of the above Association will be held in New Orleans, probably towards the end of April, 1920, under the Presidency of Dr. Braistead, of the U.S. Navy.

AMERICAN LARYNGOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this select body was held in Atlantic City on June 16, 17 and 18 under the presidency of Dr. Coakeley. The President for next year is Dr. Norval Pierce (Chicago), lately returned home from service in France. Amongst many other contributions a remarkable one was offered by Dr. J. H. Bryan (Washington) with several colleagues on "Streptococcus Infections of the Throat." Full abstracts will appear in our pages later. Several British members were elected Corresponding Fellows, and we will publish their names as soon as the election has been ratified.

AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The American Otological Society held its Fifty-second Annual Meeting in Atlantic City on June 16 and 17. Many valuable papers were contributed, and we hope to give full abstracts of them during the coming winter.

AMERICAN LARYNGOLOGICAL, RHINOLOGICAL, AND OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of this Society, which, for brevity, is frequently referred to as the "Triological Society," was held in New York from June 6-7. Unfortunately the President, Gen. H. S. Birkett, C.B., was prevented from being in the chair, owing to his military duties in England, to the regret of all present.

There was a very large and enthusiastic gathering and a most cordial dinner presided over by Dr. Thomas J. Harris. A feature of the evening, which presented a delightful novelty to visitors from Europe, was the song-sheet handed round and the excellent musical programme. These songs varied from "My country! 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty," and "Gaudeamus Igitur" down to "Auld Lang Syne," which, though of Scottish origin, appears to have been adopted as the universal national hymn of the English-speaking race! Amongst other contributions were verses, written by Dr. Mosher and others, specially associated with the war.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Blind: Their Condition and the Work being done for them in the United States. By *Harry Best, Ph.D.* New York: The Macmillan Co., 1919.

National Health: From Magic, Mystery and Medicine to a National Health Service. By *Ferdinand Rees, M.D.* Price 1s. 6d. net. Bristol: John Wright & Sons, Ltd. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co. 1919.

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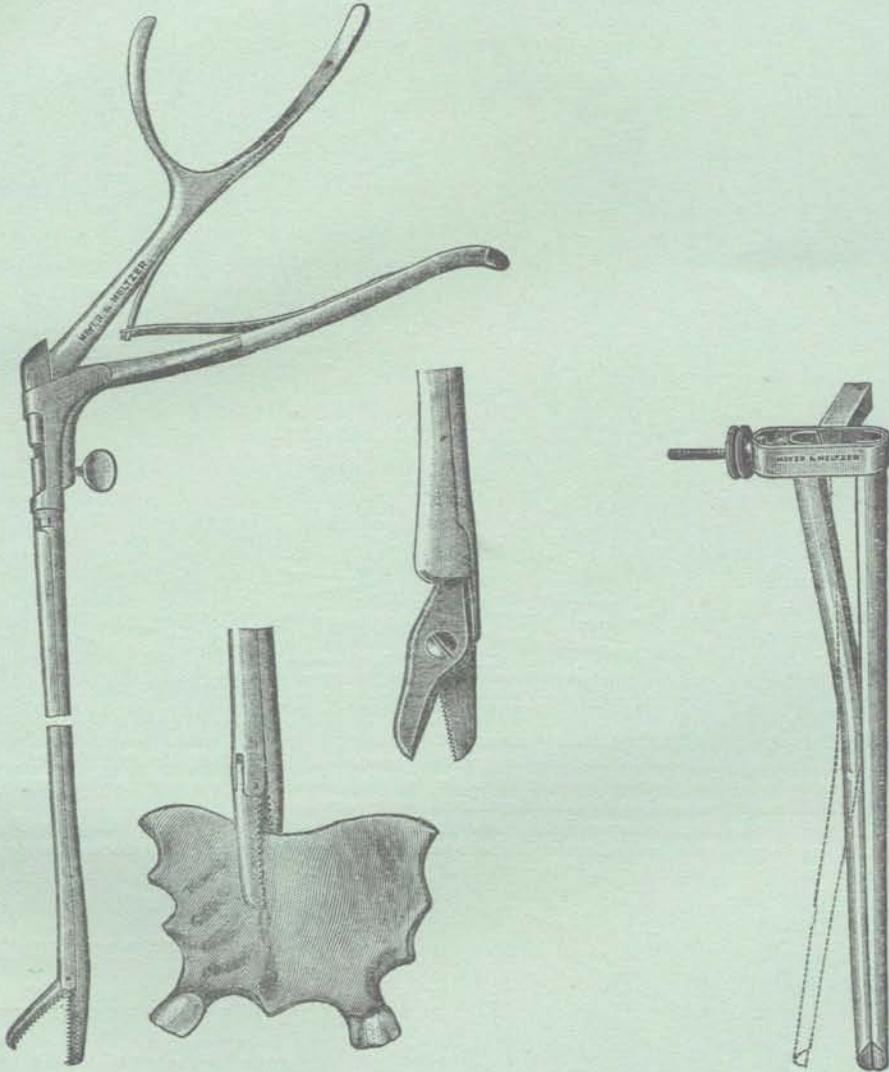
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