

Reviews of Books

The characteristics of the disturbances are the acute commencement, the quick progress and the unilateral lesion. Ophthalmological changes are sometimes negative; sometimes there is hyperæmia of the papilla, sometimes neuritis optica or blockage of the vessels.

Changes in the nose and nasal accessory sinuses may be extremely slight in spite of the fact that in a considerable number of cases they have led to severe orbital complications.

(2) Secondly, he deals with the manner in which these conditions are transmitted to the orbit and the optic nerve.

The purulent affections of the accessory sinuses are transmitted to the orbit through macroscopic or microscopic foramina in the bone by way of the marrow channels or by way of the vessels. All three possibilities can be shown in microscopical section.

(3 and 4) He next asks if there are any other illnesses which attack the optic nerve, and the means of diagnosing them.

Here we come to the interesting group of cases in which there is only catarrhal inflammation of the mucous membrane without any pus formation. Inspection shows a completely normal condition. Catarrhal inflammation has been found in the nasal accessory sinuses in a number of cases of retrobulbar neuritis. The passage of the inflammation to the optic nerve has not yet been anatomically demonstrated. However, the conclusion by analogy is that the inflammation can pass by way of the bone marrow spaces to the optic nerve sheath just as the purulent inflammation from the sphenoidal sinus attacks the optic nerve sheath as has been demonstrated anatomically.

(5) Lastly, Hirsch discusses the means at our disposal for treatment of these conditions. Like Meller, he advocates simple cocaineisation and adrenalisation of the nasal mucous membrane, and if these milder measures fail, then opening of the affected accessory sinuses. He also quotes cases to prove his statements.

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GENERAL NOTES

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, EDINBURGH, 1927.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Edinburgh, from the 15th to the 23rd July, under the presidency of Sir Robert Philip, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Professor of Tuberculosis in the University of Edinburgh.

During the meeting the Centenary of the Birth of Lord Lister will be commemorated. On the evening of Wednesday, 20th July, the Lister Centenary Celebration will take place in the McEwan Hall of the University of Edinburgh. The Earl of Balfour, K.G., O.M., will preside.

General Notes

The Section of Laryngology and Otology will meet on the 20th and 21st July, in the Ear and Throat Department of the Royal Infirmary.

On the morning of Friday, 22nd July, the Scottish Society of Otology and Laryngology will hold its Summer Clinical Meeting. The Society cordially invites the attendance of the members of the Section of Laryngology and Otology of the British Medical Association.

The following Office-bearers have been appointed:—*President*, A. Logan Turner, M.D., LL.D., P.R.C.S.E., Edinburgh. *Vice-Presidents*, John Smith Fraser, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., Edinburgh; W. Mayhew Mollison, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., London; Donald Rose Paterson, M.D., F.R.C.P., Cardiff. *Hon. Secretaries*, W. Tyler Gardiner, F.R.C.S.E., 18 Chester Street, Edinburgh; Allen Roy Dingley, F.R.C.S., 47 Queen Anne Street, London, W. 1.

Provisional Programme.—**Wednesday, 20th July:** Morning Session, 10 to 1 o'clock. Discussion:—Neurological and Mechanical Factors underlying Immobility of the Vocal Cords; their Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Principles of Treatment. The discussion will be introduced by Dr A. Brown Kelly, Glasgow, and Mr Herbert Tilley, London.

The following Papers will be read on the conclusion of the Discussion:—

“Some Diseases affecting the Thyro-Glossal Tract”—Mr Norman Patterson (London).

“The Study of Broncho-pulmonary and Pleural Lesions by the Bronchoscopic Method with the Aid of Iodised Oil (Lipiodol)”—Dr David H. Ballon (Montreal).

In the afternoon Dr F. H. B. Norrie (Calcutta) will demonstrate his technique of Ionisation and Electrolysis of the Nasal Cavities.

Dr G. Ewart Martin will give a practical demonstration of the treatment of a case of Bronchiectasis.

Preparations and Drawings illustrating pathological conditions of the upper air passages will also be exhibited.

Thursday, 21st July: Morning Session, 10 to 1 o'clock. Discussion:—Otosclerosis. The Discussion will be introduced by Mr G. J. Jenkins, London, Professor Nager (Zürich), and Dr A. A. Gray (Glasgow).

The following Papers will be read on the conclusion of the Discussion:—

“Radiography in Mastoid Disease”—Dr Stephen Young (Glasgow).

“To what Extent does the Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids prevent Ear Disease?”—Dr A. J. Wright (Bristol).

In the afternoon Dr J. P. Stewart (Edinburgh) will give a demonstration on “The Pathology of Mastoiditis.”

Dr J. S. Fraser and Dr Sarah Nelson will give a Lantern Demonstration of the microscopic appearances in the Right Ear and Auditory Nuclei, Paths and Centres in a case of Congenital Mutism (Deafmutism?) in a child of four years suffering from bilateral, chronic Middle Ear Suppuration.

Dr Douglas Guthrie will give a Clinical and Operative Demonstration of Mastoid Surgery at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

There will also be an exhibition of microscopic material illustrating

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the Changes in the Ear in Otosclerosis and Preparations and Drawings of various pathological conditions of the Ear.

Friday, 22nd July : Summer Clinical Meeting of the Scottish Society of Otolology and Laryngology, at 10.30 A.M.

Patients will be in attendance at 9.30 A.M., and the President of the Society, Dr Douglas Guthrie, will take the Chair at 10.30.

On the afternoon of Friday, the members of the Section and the members of the Scottish Society will be the guests of the Edinburgh members of the Speciality. A Golfing Excursion to the Archerfield Course has been arranged.

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY.

At a Meeting of the Danish Society of Oto-Laryngologists held in Copenhagen on the 16th February, it was resolved to hold an International Congress in Copenhagen from 30th July to 1st August 1928, under the presidency of Professor Schmiegelow.

An invitation will be sent to all Oto-Laryngological Societies throughout the world inviting their participation in this, the first International Congress of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology.

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BELGIAN SOCIETY OF OTOLOGY, RHINOLOGY AND LARYNGOLOGY.

The Society will hold a Meeting at Liège, on Saturday and Sunday, the 2nd and 3rd July, under the Presidency of Dr Paul Lejeune. During the meeting Drs Heyninx and Hicguet will communicate the results of the use of Ultra-violet Rays in diseases of the ear, nose and throat.

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COURSE ON BRONCHO-ŒSOPHAGOSCOPY, UNIVERSITY OF PARIS.

Professor Chevalier Jackson, on the invitation of Professor Pierre Sébilleau and the Faculty of Medicine, will commence a Course on Broncho-Œsophagoscopy at the Hôpital Lariboisière, Paris, on Monday, 11th July.

The Course will extend to the end of the month. It will consist of five sessions. The sessions conducted by Professor Chevalier Jackson are gratuitous, and are open to all practitioners and students for whom registration is unnecessary.

The Practical Course, on the other hand, conducted by Professor Jackson's assistants, is limited to six persons, all of whom must register with M. le Doyen, Faculté de Médecine, Paris. The laboratory fee of the Faculty is 500 francs.

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THE SEMON LECTURE, 1927.

Mr Lionel Colledge, F.R.C.S., has been invited by the Semon Lecture Board to give the Semon Lecture of the University of London. The address, which is entitled "The Present Position of Laryngectomy in Cancer of the Larynx," will be delivered in the Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1, on the afternoon of Thursday, 3rd November, at 5 o'clock.

General Notes

Sir St Clair Thomson, M.D., has been elected a Fellow of King's College, London.

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The first Congress of the newly-formed Sociétés Françaises d'Oto-Neuro-Oculistique was held at Strasbourg on the 25th and 26th May. The conjunction of these three special branches is an interesting sign of scientific progress and is a practical illustration of the value of co-operation between the specialities. At both sessions of the Congress, nystagmus was the only topic of discussion. It formed the subject of the three "Rapports" communicated by MM. Baldenweck, Roger and Redslof. At the afternoon session, the twenty-six papers on the agenda dealt with nystagmus in its otological, neurological and ophthalmological aspect.

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SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF OTOLOGY AND LARYNGOLOGY.

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 and Clinical Assistants attached to the Clinics of Ordinary and Corresponding Members of the Scottish Society of Otology and Laryngology. The papers embodying the research must be sent to Dr W. T. Gardiner, 18 Chester Street, Edinburgh, before 1st November 1927.

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SECTIONS OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY. THE ANNUAL DINNER.

On the evening of Friday, 10th June, the members of the Sections and their guests dined in King Edward VII. Rooms at the Hotel Victoria. The company numbered over one hundred. Following the precedent which was established last year, when the Section of Laryngology entertained Sir St Clair Thomson at a Complimentary Dinner, ladies were included and a dance followed. The duties of the Chair were shared by the two Presidents, Dr Andrew Wylie and Dr Dan McKenzie. Amongst the guests were Professor Georges Portmann of Bordeaux, Dr and Mrs Segura of Buenos Aires and Sir James Berry, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, and Lady Berry. The health of the guests was proposed by Dr J. S. Fraser and responded to by Professor Portmann and Mr Stanley Tubbs.

The arrangements were very successfully carried out by Mr W. M. Mollison and Mr Norman Patterson.

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BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

Le Cancer du Nez, des Fosses Nasales, des Cavités Accessoires et du Nasopharynx. By Professor Georges Portmann and Dr Henrie Retrouvez, Bordeaux. 184 pages, with 248 illustrations in the text. Paris: Gaston Doin et Cie. 1927. Price 150 francs.

Lister Centenary Exhibition at the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum. Handbook, 1927. The Wellcome Foundation Ltd. London. 1927.

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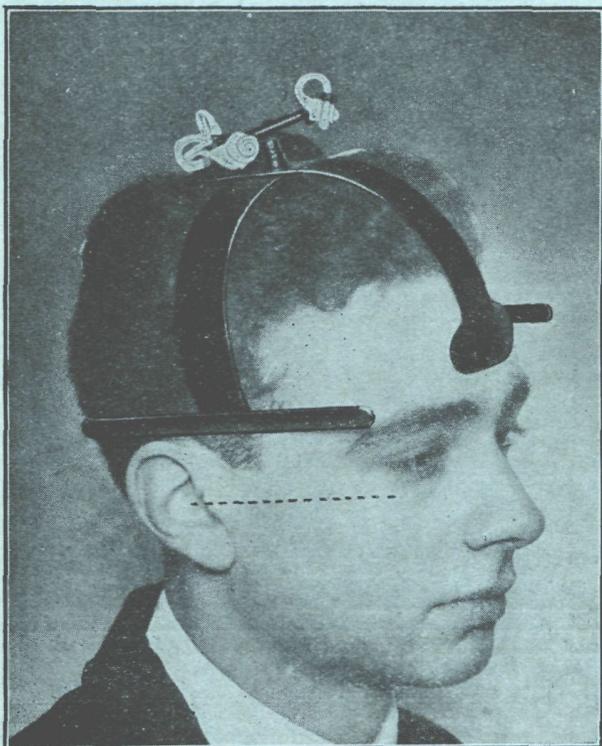
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