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tube that will enter the main bronchi "will readily pass through the normal larynx." While this may settle the question for Professor Jackson with his great skill and probably unrivalled experience, one cannot help feeling that for those of less ability and experience who are called upon to remove a foreign body from the bronchus of, say, an infant under one year of age, the following points are worthy of consideration.

(1) Subglottic swelling necessitating an emergency tracheotomy may, in such a case, follow upper bronchoscopy, especially if the case has been a difficult one, and the manipulations prolonged. It can hardly be questioned that an emergency tracheotomy to relieve urgent dyspnoea following some hours after the main operation will entail a much greater risk to life than a preliminary tracheotomy.

(2) In order to remove a foreign body from a main bronchus, it may, in some cases, be sufficient to pass the tube down to the orifice of the bronchus without actually entering its lumen. In such a case a wider tube can be used by lower than by upper bronchoscopy.

(3) It is surely important to consider not only the diameter of the tube which can be employed, but also its length, and I would suggest that to the average operator when dealing with the class of case to which I refer, it is of very great value to be able to use as short a tube and get, so to speak, as near to the foreign body as possible. Whether the latter be in a main bronchus or in one of the smaller branches, proximity to it will be much favoured by approach through a tracheotomy opening. Most people will agree that, other things being equal, it is much more easy to remove, say, an impacted tooth-plate from near the upper than from near the lower end of the œsophagus. To me, at least, every additional inch of tube appears to increase the difficulty, and the narrower the lumen of the tube the more is this the case. Surely the advantages of a short tube such as one may use through a tracheotomy wound in an infant are not to be despised?—I am, yours etc.

THOMAS GUTHRIE.

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE,

1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

*Section of Otology*—President, Dr A. Logan Turner. *Hon. Secretaries*, Norman Patterson, F.R.C.S., and F. J. Cleminson, M.Ch. The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 20th January 1922, at 5 o'clock. Members proposing to show patients or specimens, etc.,

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should send notice along with a short written description 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, 3rd February, at 4.45 o'clock. Members intending to show patients or specimens should intimate the same to the Senior Hon. Secretary, Walter G. Howarth, 75 Harley Street, London, W.1., at least twelve days before the Meeting.

The Council has decided to devote the Meeting on 3rd February to a formal discussion upon "The Treatment of Malignant Disease of the Accessory Nasal Sinuses."

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We are indebted to Sir St Clair Thomson for the following letter. M. Delstanche, rue du Congrès 20, Brussels, would be grateful to those of his confrères in this and other countries who could furnish him with notes or references which would assist him in the preparation of his *rapport*.

"MONSIEUR ET CHER CONFRÈRE,—Chargé par la Société belge d'Oto-Rhino-Laryngologie d'un rapport sur les 'Rhinites professionnelles,' je me permets de faire appel à votre obligeance pour me communiquer les documents (observations personnelles ou renseignements bibliographiques) que vous posséder à ce sujet."

A request on similar lines is made by Dr Baldenweck, 83<sup>bis</sup> rue de Courcelles, Paris (XVII.), Dr Jacod, 5 rue Childebert, Lyon, and Dr Moulouguet, 6 rue Marbeuf, Paris (VIII.), who are preparing a *rapport* on Vaccine Therapy for the forthcoming Meeting of "La Société Française d'Oto-Rhino-Laryngologie."

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### BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, GLASGOW, 1922.

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.

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### TENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTOLOGY, PARIS, 1922.

The Congress will be held in Paris from the 19th to the 21st July inclusive. The subscription to the Congress has been fixed at 100 francs (£2). *Secretary-General*—Dr A. Hautant, 28 rue Marbeuf, Paris (VIII).

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The American Laryngological Association will meet under the

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Presidency of Dr Harmon Smith at Washington, D.C., on 1st, 2nd and 3rd May, 1922.

The American Otological Society, under the Presidency of Dr H. S. Birkett of Montreal, will meet in Washington, D.C., on 2nd and 3rd May.

These two Societies meet in Washington this year as two of the component parts of the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons. A cordial invitation has been extended by the American Otological Society to the Section of Otology of the Royal Society of Medicine to take part in the Meeting at Washington.

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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 22nd to 26th May.

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The *Archives Internationales de Laryngologie, d'Otologie, et de Rhinologie* ceased publication in the fateful days of August 1914. We are pleased to announce that it will make its reappearance in January 1922, under the direction of Dr F. Lemaitre and Dr L. Baldenweck, Oto-rhino-laryngologistes des Hôpitaux de Paris.

The journal will appear monthly, and proposes to maintain its international character. Hence it appeals to the sympathy of the profession not only in France but in other countries. In the preliminary notice which we have just received, it is announced that each copy of the *Archives* will contain:—

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The Annual Subscription is 50 francs in France and 60 francs for abroad. Subscriptions should be sent to 120 Avenue Victor Hugo, Paris (XVI.)

We note, with some envy as Editors, that the *Archives* will not be published during the vacation months, August and September.

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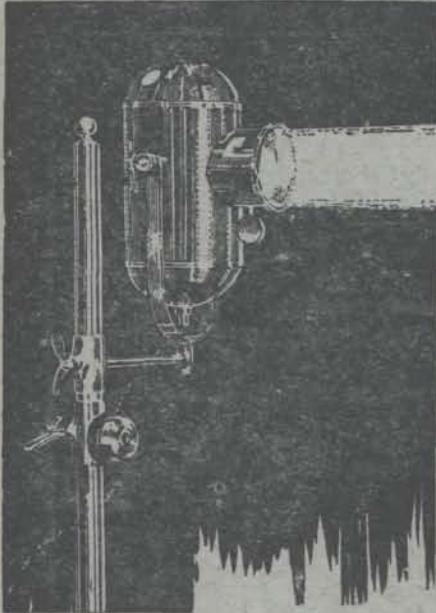
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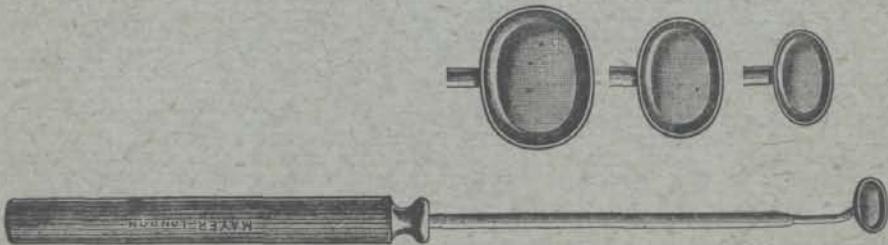


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