

General Notes

surgeons put the time limit down to ten days, and I am inclined to agree, provided careful local treatment has been used beforehand.

My cases sometimes take three to six months to heal, but the membrane, as a rule, becomes whole in a short time. Politzerisation during the later stages prevents contractions in the middle ear, and the resultant hearing is good.

To allow the wound to heal slowly from the aditus to the surface brings about almost complete obliteration of the antrum, and thereby lessens the risk of subsequent ear infection. Only a few cases show after-deformity, *i.e.*, a hollow behind the pinna. In these cases the disease has been more than a suppurative mastoiditis; there has been bone necrosis, peri-sinus abscess, or extra-dural abscess in almost all instances. The early closure seems to me to defeat the purpose we have in view. The proposal to insert a cigarette drain from the aditus to the skin, to allow the cavity to fill with blood, and to suture the wound, appears to me to be open to very grave objections. If a drain be needed, the infected material must, after twenty-four hours, when the bactericidal power of the blood has disappeared, affect the clot and disintegrate it. Where success has been achieved, it seems to me to be due to luck or to the fact that the operation was not necessary.—
Yours, etc., J. A. MACGIBBON, M.D., F.R.C.S. Edin.

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE,
1 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

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 March, at 4.45 o'clock. Members intending to show patients or specimens should intimate the same to the Senior Hon. Secretary, Walter G. Howarth, 21 Devonshire Place, London, W. 1.

A discussion will be held on "The Treatment of Malignant Growths of the Nasal Accessory Sinuses." Mr E. Musgrave Woodman and Dr Reginald Morton will open the discussion.

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 on Friday, 17th March, at 5 o'clock. Members proposing to show patients or specimens, etc., should send notice along with a short written description of the same to the Senior Hon. Secretary, Norman Patterson, F.R.C.S., 16 Devonshire Place, London, W. 1, at least twelve days before the Meeting.

The Meeting of the Section in April will be held at Leicester on Saturday, the 29th of that month.

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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.

Dr John M'Intyre (Glasgow) is President of the Section of Laryngology, and Dr A. A. Gray (Glasgow) is President of the Section of Otology.

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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.

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

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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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Through the courtesy of Dr Bryson Delavan of New York, we are able to bring to the notice of our readers the regulations for the de Roaldes Prize of the American Laryngological Association. A gold medal, of the value of 150 dollars, is offered for the best original thesis upon a subject pertaining to Laryngology or Rhinology. It is now open for competition to non-members of the Association. Theses must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Prize Committee prior to 1st April 1922. Chairman, Dr D. Bryson Delavan, 40 East 41st Street, New York, U.S.A.

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A "CONSULTATION DAY" AT THE CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL.

A valuable addition to the clinical attractions at this well-known London special hospital has recently been provided in the general meeting once a month for consultation, to which members of the active surgical staff arrange to bring their interesting and puzzling cases.

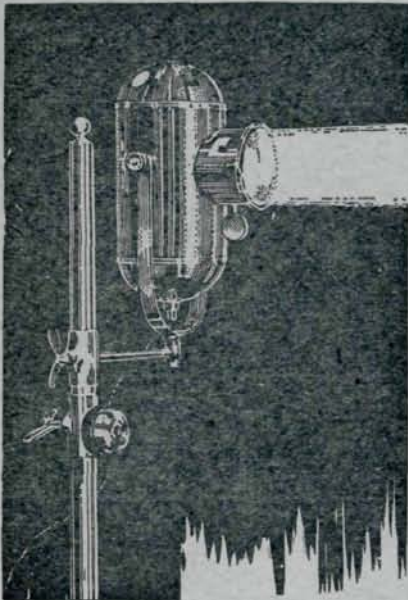
An informal discussion, the *parole* starting with the most junior and passing in rotation to the most senior surgeon, follows the examination of the cases, and as the meeting is also open to practitioners and students working at the hospital, the instructive possibilities of the new departure to those who care to avail themselves of the opportunity, are obvious.

To give some little idea of the rich material at their disposal we may mention the following cases, selected from a large number brought before a recent meeting: a case of fixation of both vocal cords in adduction of sudden onset, in which the diagnosis seemed to be some inflammatory lesion rather than the more usual one of bilateral abductor paralysis; one of sarcoma of the tonsil and soft palate of an ineradicable nature in which a single exposure to diathermy had kept the disease in abeyance for a period of two years; another, of an operation undertaken for traumatic cicatricial stenosis of the trachea; and a fourth, of an ulcer of recent origin and doubtful character deep in the hyoid fossa of a young woman.

To the members of the staff themselves the high utility of "consultation day" is already clearly apparent, and they confidently anticipate that the free and candid expressions of opinion which the cases evoke will lead to a wide extension of their own knowledge and usefulness.

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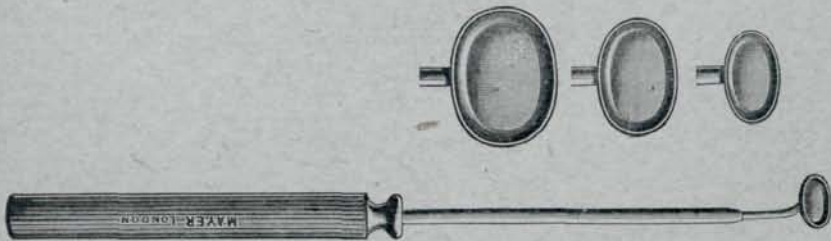


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