

## CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of the JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY.*

SIR,—Having read Dr. Tilley's excellent articles on the "Antral Disease in Relation to Special and General Surgery," I should be very glad if you would allow me, as a reader of your JOURNAL, space for a few words with reference to the summary of his conclusions as stated on pp. 618 and 619 of the last number of the JOURN. OF LARYNGOL., RHINOL., AND OTOL.

Dr. Tilley recognises three methods of getting rid of empyemata of the antrum (sinus maxillaris), by means of: (1) The alveolar route; (2) intra-nasal drainage; (3) the radical Caldwell-Luc operation.

We know that the success of the treatment depends only on the condition of the mucous membrane of the antrum. If it is wholly degenerated, only the removal of the diseased portions can avail (Caldwell-Luc method). The most logical method is Dr. A. Jansen's (Berlin), who in every case examines the condition of the antral mucous membrane, opening the antrum through the fossa canina ("Probatorische Freilegung der Antrüm Schleimhaut").

Most of us are not so radical, but if the symptoms give us hope we first attempt a cure by syringing.

For these cases Dr. Tilley, in common with many others, recommends the alveolar route for cases of dental origin, and the intra-nasal route for cases of intra-nasal origin.

I think, however, that if a case can be cured by syringing, the same effect can be obtained whether the nozzle of the syringe is inserted through the alveolar hole or through the nose, independently of the origin of the empyemata.

In deciding which route to use we must consider merely the anatomical condition of the patient's nose and mouth, and sometimes also other circumstances. It is true that it is a barbarism to extract a sound and useful tooth; but the loss of the anterior end (perhaps anterior half) of the inferior turbinal cannot in all cases be considered "of no practical moment." I need only call your attention to the possibility of pharyngitis.

I am, sir, yours faithfully, DR. REJTÖ SAÑDOR.

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 APPOINTMENTS.

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**Central London Throat and Ear Hospital**, as Assistant Surgeon: Mr. J. Gay French, F.R.C.S.

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**Received for Review.**—"Nebenhöhlen der Nase" ("Pathology and Treatment of the Inflammatory Diseases of the Accessory Sinuses of the Nose"). By Dr. M. Hajek. 3rd enlarged edition. Franz Deuticke, Leipzig and Vienna, 1909.