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VISIT OF BRITISH PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS TO PARIS.

SECTION OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY.

By no means the least interesting feature in this memorable visit was the welcome offered by the aurists and laryngologists of France to their British *confrères*. The President (Dr. Molinié) and members of the Société Française d'Otologie, de Laryngologie, et de Rhinologie postponed their Annual Assembly so as to afford the visitors an opportunity of attending the *séance* as well as of being fêted at the annual banquet. Both events will be long remembered by those who were able to accept the generous reception, and to hear the warm words of welcome addressed to them, not merely at the hospitable board, but at every opportunity during the sojourn in the *Ville-lumière*.

After the *séance* of the Society on Wednesday the President (Dr. Molinié) entertained the visitors and several members of the Society at a luncheon. The visits to the various special clinics on the three following days were so timed and arranged as to make it easy to see them all without interfering with the numerous general functions at which all were desirous of being present.

On Thursday, May 11, at 10 a.m., a visit was paid to the clinic of Dr. Sébilleau at the Hôpital Lariboisière, and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock to that of Dr. Castex. On Friday morning the visitors met in the clinic of Dr. Lermoyez at the Hôpital Saint-Antoine;

and on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock they were shown round the Institution Nationale des Sourds-Muets in the Rue Saint Jacques by Drs. Ménière, Castex, and Grossard. Dr. Luc received the visitors at half-past ten, and in the afternoon the Clinic of Dr. Lubet-Barbon was visited. The interest of the visits was greatly enhanced by the courtesy of the collaborators and assistants in the various clinics.

Nothing could have been more cordial than the *entente* which prevailed. We hope our fellow-specialists will in their turn give us the opportunity of trying to approach what they have done in the way of organisation and hospitality—we can scarcely dream of surpassing it.

COLLODION: ITS USE WHEN THE MEMBRANA TYMPANI AND MALLEAL LIGAMENTS ARE RELAXED.¹

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SINCE the publication of W. E. McKeown's classical paper, "The Application of Simple Collodion to the Membrana Tympani in the Treatment of various Diseases of the Ear,"² very little has been added to the experiences which he relates. He reports two typical cases of uneven depression of the drum membrane behind the malleus which bulged after inflation. There was marked improvement in hearing after the application of collodion. McKeown goes on to say that he has used collodion with good results in some cases of adhesion of the malleus and drum membrane, indrawn drum membrane, irregular depressed drum membrane, and membranes that flapped on inflation. Improvement followed in most cases. He has noted one untoward result, an instance of rupture of the drum membrane by the collodion.

Chevane³ reports a case of spontaneous rupture of the drum membrane in acute otitis several months after the application of the collodion. The symptoms were doubtless aggravated by the increased resistance offered by the collodion which still remained in the ear.

Instigated by Dr. C. J. Blake, I have tried contractile collodion in two classes of cases—

¹ Read before the American Otological Society, Boston, Mass., May, 1905.

² *British Medical Journal*, 1879, p. 1013.

³ *La Press Oto-Laryngologique Belge*, 1904, p. 416.