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the alcohol missed the sphenopalatine ganglion and hit the optic nerve in the posterior ethmoidal cell.

Among the newer remedies ephedrin calls for notice in relation to asthma and other spasmodic affections of the respiratory system, and also as a routine mydriatic and a restorer of blood pressure when this has been lowered to an excessive degree as by such an agent as liver-extract. Another point of general interest is the effect of insulin in making the diabetic reasonably fit for surgical interference. The article on alcohol, including cocktails, is full of information well documented. Asthma is dealt with by Dr Wynn in all its aspects. We are reminded that swellings in the neck suggestive of glandular enlargement are sometimes branchiogenic in nature (p. 54). Stanford Cade gives an exhaustive account of the modern treatment of cancer by means of radium and of lead. An operation for the production of a ridge in the naso-pharynx in cases of cleft palate is ingenious and fairly simple (p. 124). The section on a progressive syphilitic meningo-encephalitis, as Sir James Purves Stewart considers general paralysis of the insane should be called, is full of interest, as also that on thyroid gland by Dr Langdon Brown.

It is interesting to find subjects which border on our branches considered by surgeons or physicians as well as by specialists. The special side of the work is quite up to the average, and the general side seems, if possible, more full of interest than ever. This is altogether a valuable and noteworthy Annual.

JAMES DUNDAS-GRANT.

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EDWARD LAW, M.D.

THE passing of Edward Law at the age of 77 years removes from our ranks a much loved, respected and distinguished Otologist who, in his active days, stood for all that is best in this department of medicine.

A Yorkshire man by birth, he graduated in the University of Edinburgh in 1877, and then studied otology in Vienna. On his return to London he became a member of the staff of the Golden Square Throat Hospital, but after a few years he resigned this appointment and with McNeill Whistler, Edward Woakes and George Stoker founded the London Throat Hospital in Great Portland Street. It was here as House Surgeon that I first met Edward Law and quickly

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formed a friendship which remained unbroken till his death. Amongst his other professional distinctions, the following may be mentioned: Vice-President of the Section of Otology, British Medical Association Meeting, London 1895, and of the Section of Laryngology under similar auspices in Manchester 1902. Again he presided over the Section of Otology on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Association in London 1910, and was President of the Otological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine in 1909.

In his earlier years, and after his studies in Vienna, Prof. Gruber entrusted him with the translation of his work on Diseases of the Ear. This, and the fact that Politzer included Edward Law among the four distinguished friends to whom he dedicated his classic work on Diseases of the Ear, prove the degrees of affection and high esteem in which our friend was held by the Viennese school of otologists.

But this short enumeration of his professional distinctions gives a very imperfect reflex of the character and personality of the man. As one who knew him intimately from the commencement of my professional life to his latter days, it is difficult to say which was in the ascendancy—my love or my respect for him. Of no one could it be more truly said that “His life was gentle,” and that in Edward Law I possessed the kindest and most sympathetic of friends.

I know these sentiments will be shared by those of my colleagues and of my time who enjoyed his princely hospitality in Wimpole Street, made the more delightful by his kindly banter and subtle humour.

His health was never robust, and this prevented him from undertaking the strain and responsibility of major operation work, but nevertheless he enjoyed a large consulting practice in which figured as patients many of the “highest in the land.” But his advice, and often his purse, were always at the behest of those who had seen better days, for he could be as tender as a woman to anyone who needed sympathy and help.

By his death Otology has lost one of its souls of honour, and his intimate friends can only console themselves in the possession of a sacred memory of one who ever proved himself a loyal and charming friend.

HERBERT TILLEY.