

both microscopically and bacteriologically. The idea in his mind was that there was some infection there which had caused the swelling rather than a new growth. Until a swab was taken he would not recommend the heroic procedure advised by Dr. Tilley.

Mr. SYMONDS said he had seen three conditions like this in grown persons. One was a case of gumma which went away entirely, the second proved to be tuberculous, and the third was in a young woman which protruded forward. They opened it, and got down ultimately on the spine—probably a case of spinal disease. He did not think this fluctuated, and there was accordingly no necessity for external operation. He was inclined to consider it a form of tubercular infiltration rather than anything else. In the middle line there was an aperture in which was some pus. The appearance suggested a granuloma to him.

Dr. FITZGERALD POWELL said he was inclined to agree with the opinion expressed by Dr. Tilley. He thought the case was one of "post-pharyngeal abscess," which had been partially evacuated. He noticed a wound at the upper part of the inflammatory swelling, and understood it had been opened by Dr. Bennett.

Dr. BENNETT, in reply, said that after incision of the swelling, ten weeks ago, little discharge escaped. However, it gradually subsided to its present condition, and the patient was not seen for some weeks. Two days ago the swelling was found to extend down to the level of the larynx, and there seemed to be a slight degree of infiltration of the laryngeal tissues. He thanked members for the suggestions as to treatment, which he would carry out, and he would report on the case at a later date.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

LARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

20, Hanover Square, London, W.,

May 6, 1904.

*To the Editor of the "Journal of Laryngology, Rhinology, and Otology."*

DEAR SIR,—The enclosed proposal is being submitted to all the Laryngological Societies. With a view of bringing it under the notice of those who may not be members of such Societies, but who may be desirous of assisting in carrying through the proposal, we shall esteem it a favour if you would publish the accompanying letter in your esteemed journal at the earliest possible date.

We are, dear sir, yours truly,

E. FURNISS POTTER, M.D.

PHILIP DE SANTI, F.R.C.S.,

Honorary Secretaries.

20, Hanover Square, London, W.,

May 6, 1904.

*To the President.* SIR,—We are directed by the Council of the Laryngological Society of London to invite the attention of your Society to the fact that Senor Manuel Garcia—the inventor of the laryngoscope—will attain (D.V.) his hundredth birthday on March 17, 1905.

The Council also beg to point out that 1905 will be the jubilee year of the laryngoscope, Senor Garcia's paper on the subject, read before the Royal Society, having been published in 1855. It is proposed to celebrate the Centenary, first by presenting Senor Garcia with his portrait, to be painted by Mr. John Sargent, R.A., and secondly by a festival dinner. The Laryngological Society of London will also present Senor Garcia with an illuminated address, and have no doubt that other Laryngological Societies will do the same.

It will give the Laryngological Society of London much pleasure if the members of your Society will join them in the celebration, by giving subscriptions towards the presentation and by gracing the occasion and dinner by their presence. It is the hope of the Laryngological Society of London that many foreign Laryngological Societies will be represented by deputies, and, in the event of this hope being realised, it is their intention to hold a special meeting on that occasion.

We shall, therefore, esteem it a favour if you will be good enough to make known the proposal to your Society, and shall be glad if you will kindly submit to us at an early date the names of such members as may signify their intention to be present, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made. It will perhaps be most practical if your Society will take in hand the collection of subscriptions within your radius of activity, and will send the amount, after completion, to our treasurer, Mr. W. R. H. Stewart, 42, Devonshire Street, Portland Place, London, W.

It has been decided not to limit the individual subscriptions. The names of the subscribers—not the amount of the subscription—will be stated in the list which is to accompany the presentation portrait, as it is felt that it will be desirable that practically every laryngologist in the world should contribute by a subscription, however limited, towards a testimonial to be presented to the venerable inventor of the laryngoscope on this truly unique occasion.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date that our proposal has been favourably received by your Society,

We have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servants,

E. FURNISS POTTER, M.D.

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## Abstracts.

### FAUCES.

**Trétröp** (Anvers).—*The Role of the Tonsils in Infective Conditions.* "La Presse Otolaryngologique Belge." April, 1904.

The tonsils form a common portal of entry into the system for a variety of pathogenic germs. The local lesions are often inconsiderable