

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GUILLOTINE ENUCLEATION OF THE TONSIL.

To the Editor of THE JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, AND OTOTOLOGY.

SIR,—We frequently see the method of removing the tonsils by pressing the tonsil with the finger from above downwards into the ring of the guillotine described as the "Sluder method," but I venture to think it is quite an open question whether the credit of priority is rightly ascribed to Sluder instead of Whillis and Pybus, of Newcastle. I have endeavoured to trace the original communications, and, as far as I can gather, the method was shown and described at the Northumberland and Durham Medical Society, January 20, 1910, and again at the Clinical Society, Newcastle, on April 7, 1910, and it was not until the meeting of the American Medical Association, June 9 of that year, that Sluder first described his method. Whillis and Pybus published a paper which they had read before the Northumberland and Durham Medical Society on March 18, 1910, in the *Lancet* of September 17, it having been sent up on May 28. Sluder published his first report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, July 2, 1910. Both Whillis and Pybus and Sluder have respectively published papers since, but that does not affect the question of priority.

Unless I am mistaken, there is no doubt that the method was first described before a medical meeting by Whillis and Pybus, and they also made a written communication, and it is unfortunate, owing to the fact that it was not published until September, that it appeared after the published report by Sluder in July, more particularly if the English paper was held up from May 28 to September 17.

If any of your readers can adduce further evidence on the point I have raised, or correct any error into which I may have fallen, I shall be glad.

I am,

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