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29th April 1921.

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,

19th July—23rd July.

*Section of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology.*—*President*—G. William Hill, M.D. *Vice-Presidents*—R. Gordon Bell, M.D.; James Don, M.D.; Dan M'Kenzie, M.D. *Hon. Secretaries*—Lionel Colledge, M.B. (22 Queen Anne Street, London, W. 1); W. Frank Wilson, M.B. (97 Jesmond Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged :—

20th July (*Wednesday*), 10 A.M. Discussion: Problems in connection with the Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Meningitis occurring in Aural Cases. To be opened by Sir Charles Ballance, K.C.M.G., C.B.

21st July (*Thursday*), 10 A.M. Discussion: The Various Problems presented by Hæmorrhage occurring in connection with Operations on the Tonsils.

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The following papers have been intimated:—

1. Statistical records of serious and fatal hæmorrhage resulting from operations on the tonsils.—Dr A. Brown Kelly.
2. General and local conditions, anatomical and pathological, predisposing to hæmorrhage. Contra-indications to operation and prophylactic measures.—Mr J. F. O'Malley.
3. The influence of operative technic in preventing or favouring serious hæmorrhage.—Mr G. Seccombe Hett.
4. Local methods of arresting hæmorrhage from the tonsillar bed, especially in cases operated on in outpatient departments under short anæsthesia. How can the risk of subsequent hæmorrhage be minimised in such cases?—Dr Irwin Moore and Dr C. F. Beevor.
5. Is it ever necessary to resort to ligature of the external or common carotid vessels in the neck? Is such ligation to be relied on? and
6. The treatment of collapse following serious loss of blood from the tonsillar bed.—Mr Douglas Harmer and Mr T. H. Just.

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### ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

*Section of Otology.*—It has been found necessary to cancel the provisional arrangements which had been made in connection with the Meeting of the Section in July, as the Members of the American Otological Society are unable to cross the Atlantic during the summer.

The hope is expressed that our American confrères may be able to make the trip on a future occasion, so that a conjoint Meeting of British and American Otologists in London may be possible.

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The Semon Lecture, 1920-21 (University of London), will be delivered by Dr W. Jobson Horne, M.A., M.D. (President of the Laryngological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine), on Tuesday, 5th July, at 5 P.M., in the Lecture Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, W. 1. The subject of the Lecture is—“The Relationship of the Larynx to Pulmonary Tuberculosis.” The Chair will be taken by Herbert Tilley, Esq., F.R.C.S.

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### THE MEMORY OF MORELL MACKENZIE.

The Summer Congress of the Section of Laryngology (Royal Society of Medicine) was marked, this year, by a very touching and charming ceremony. Dr Irwin Moore has chanced to acquire the house at Wargrave on the Thames, which was the week-end cottage of Morell Mackenzie, who is buried close to the lych-gate of the churchyard in the little Berkshire village. On Sunday, the 5th June, in lovely summer weather, some thirty well-known laryngologists were

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most hospitably entertained to luncheon at Wargrave by Dr Irwin Moore. Afterwards, as a muffled peal rang from the tower of St Mary's Church, the small band of disciples marched to the church gate, headed by Mr Hovell and Dr Donelan, former assistants of Sir Morell Mackenzie, carrying a laurel wreath presented by the Section of Laryngology. A special service, with full choir, was held in the churchyard by the Rev. S. M. Winter, and then the two old assistants placed in position the wreath bearing the following inscription :—

“To the Memory of Sir Morell Mackenzie, the Father of British Laryngology, from British and Foreign Laryngologists attending the 3rd Annual Summer Meeting of the Section of Laryngology, Royal Society of Medicine, June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1921.”

Short addresses followed. Mr Hovell, who spoke from intimate knowledge of Mackenzie's personal characteristics, quoted examples of his kindness and consideration, and recalled the courage of his life-long fight against the poor health caused by asthma. Sir St Clair Thomson dwelt upon the enduring value of his scientific and literary attainments, and pointed out that Mackenzie discovered all that was possible in laryngology forty years ago. He expressed the opinion that, had X-rays and electric lighting been then available, there is little doubt that Mackenzie would have forestalled the recent developments of endoscopy. When called to Berlin his German colleagues acknowledged that he was head and shoulders above any European laryngologist of the time. Although written forty years ago his text-book was a mine of knowledge in which every laryngologist should still dig. He was a man of culture, with many interests and tastes, a linguist, and a strenuous worker. Sir James Dundas Grant recorded some incidents of his association with the master, and mentioned that a commemorative tablet had been placed on the house in Leytonstone where he was born.

The touching little ceremony was made almost historical by the presence, amidst these thirty bare-headed disciples of the “father of British laryngology,” of Mr Gustave Garcia, the son of Manuel Garcia, who in 1854 invented the laryngoscope.

Those who took part in paying this tribute will not easily forget the picturesque surroundings, the perfect weather, and the good taste and sincerity of the ceremony.

Not only did the original idea emanate from Dr Irwin Moore, but the whole design and every detail was his planning. His thoughtful and gracious hospitality was warmly appreciated.

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The Summer Meeting of the Société Belge d'Oto-Rhino-Laryngologie will be held in Brussels on the 9th and 10th July, commencing on Saturday, the 9th, at three o'clock. On Sunday, the 10th, there will be both a morning and an afternoon sitting, and on Monday there is generally an excursion.

Visitors who propose attending should write to the Secretary, Dr A. Heyninx, 18 rue Defacqz, Bruxelles.

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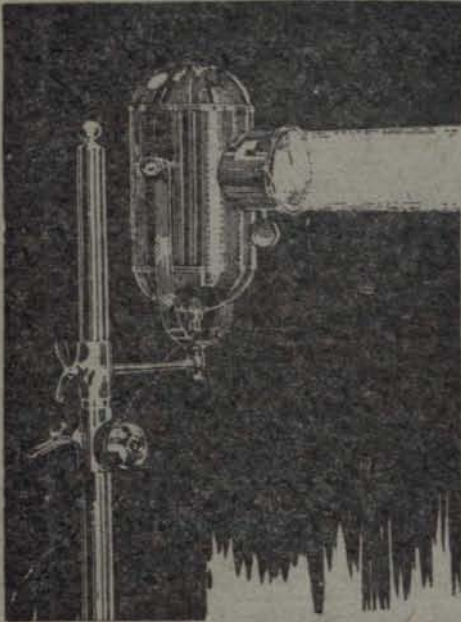
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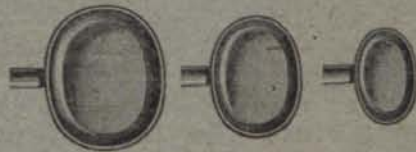


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