

GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE,

1 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

Section of Laryngology.—*President*, Mr Harold S. Barwell, F.R.C.S.; *Hon. Secretaries*, Mr W. M. Mollison, M.Ch., 23 Devonshire Place, London, W. 1, and Mr Lionel Colledge, F.R.C.S., 2 Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

The Opening Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 4th November, at 5 P.M. Members desirous of showing patients and specimens should communicate with the *Senior Hon. Secretary*, Mr W. M. Mollison, at least twelve days before the Meeting.

Section of Otology.—*President*, Dr J. S. Fraser, F.R.C.S.E.; *Hon. Secretaries*, Mr Alexander R. Tweedie, F.R.C.S., 14 Oxford Street, Nottingham, and Mr Nicol M. Rankin, M.B., 56 Harley Street, London, W. 1.

The Opening Meeting of the Section will be held on Saturday, 5th November, at 10.30 A.M. Members desirous of showing patients and specimens should communicate with the *Senior Hon. Secretary*, Mr Alex. R. Tweedie, at least twelve days before the Meeting.

During the Session 1927-28 the Section of Laryngology will meet on the following dates:—On Friday, 4th November, 2nd December, 3rd February, 2nd March, (?) April, 4th May (*Annual Meeting*), and 1st June.

The Section of Otology will meet on Saturday, 5th November, 3rd December, 4th February, 3rd March, 5th May (*Annual Meeting*), and on 2nd June.

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THE SEMON LECTURE, 1927.

Mr Lionel Colledge, F.R.C.S., has been invited by the Semon Lecture Board to give the Semon Lecture of the University of London. The address, which is entitled "The Present Position of Laryngectomy in Cancer of the Larynx," will be delivered in the Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, on the afternoon of Thursday, 3rd November, at 5 o'clock. The Chair will be taken by Mr Harold S. Barwell, F.R.C.S., President of the Section of Laryngology.

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CONGRÈS FRANÇAIS D'OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGIE.

The Annual Session of the French Congress of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology will be held at the Faculty of Medicine, Paris, from the 17th to the 20th October under the presidency of Professor Collet of Lyons. The General Secretary is Dr Georges Liébault, 216 Boulevard Saint Germain (7^e), to whom all inquiries should be addressed.

The following two subjects will be discussed:—

1. The Therapeutic Indications in Laryngeal Tuberculosis, to be introduced by Doctor Caboche.
2. Nasal Respiratory Insufficiency, to be introduced by Doctor Worms.

General Notes

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY.

The Congress will be held in Copenhagen from 30th July to 1st August 1928, under the presidency of Professor Schmiegelow.

The following subjects have been arranged for general discussion :—

1. The Modified Radical Treatment of Middle-ear Suppuration, introduced by Professor Tapia (Madrid) and Professor Neumann (Vienna).
2. Septic Diseases originating from the Throat, introduced by Professor Ferreri (Rome) and Dr Uffenorde (Greifswald).
3. Surgical Diathermy of Malignant Growths in the Upper Air Passages, introduced by Dr Dan McKenzie (London) and Professor Gunnar Holmgren (Stockholm).
4. The Anatomical Structure of the Ear and its Influence on the Course of Suppuration of the Middle Ear, introduced by Professor Mouret (Montpellier) and Professor Wittmaack (Jena).

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Mr A. W. McCay, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E., has been elected Honorary Surgeon in charge of the Ear, Nose and Throat Department, Chester Royal Infirmary.

Mr G. H. Howells, M.B., B.S. Lond., has been appointed Registrar to the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of Charing Cross Hospital, London.

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THE LATE PROFESSOR RUDOLPH MAGNUS, UTRECHT.

By the unexpected death of Rudolph Magnus at the comparatively early age of 53, the University of Utrecht has been deprived of the services of one of the most brilliant members of her scientific staff, and neurology, throughout the world, has lost one of the ablest exponents of experimental research.

His investigations into the organs connected with posture and the maintenance of equilibration brought him into very intimate association with students of Otology. We desire, therefore, to share in the universal regret which has been expressed at the premature death of one who has done so much to lighten our darkness and increase our knowledge of the labyrinth and its otolithic apparatus.

He was a man of charming personality and gracious manner ; it was a genuine delight to meet him and converse with him. His knowledge of our language, spoken with great fluency, brought him into more intimate touch with the English-speaking peoples than would otherwise have been possible. We can recall the pleasure which his visits to this country gave us. We can anticipate the blank which would be felt were we again to be in Utrecht.

We would express the hope that the University, in filling the vacant Chair, may be fortunate in finding a successor willing and capable of continuing the great work, in association with the devoted and able group of collaborators whom Professor Magnus had attracted to his laboratory.

General Notes

THE AMERICAN OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Dr Thomas J. Harris, Secretary of the Society, has kindly furnished us with the following excerpts relating to the business of the Sixtieth Congress of the American Otological Society, held in New York, during the month of May.

Dr Norval H. Pierce of Chicago, the Chairman of the Committee of the American Commission on Otosclerosis, presented the first report and gave an outline of the activities of the Committee. He announced the gift of 90,000 dollars from the Carnegie Foundation to help the finance of the Commission engaged in research on Otosclerosis under the auspices of the American Otological Society. He also intimated that the permanent headquarters of the Commission had been established in the building of the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr Pierce presented his own paper upon "Further Studies on Otosclerosis."

At an evening session of the Society, presided over by Dr Arthur B. Duel, the problem of Progressive Deafness was dealt with in several papers not entirely confined to Members of the Society. Thus, Dr Henry S. Pritchett, LL.D., the President of the Carnegie Foundation, submitted a paper entitled "The Hope of its Solution by the Research Worker," and Dr Elnor Ellsworth Brown, LL.D., the Chancellor of New York University, communicated a paper upon "The Social and Educational Point of View."

Among other papers contributed to the Meeting was one by Professor T. H. Bast of the University of Wisconsin on "Bone Formation in the Human Embryo," and a demonstration of microscopic sections of the temporal bone in Otosclerosis was presented by Dr Samuel J. Crowe of the Johns Hopkins University.

Dr Max A. Goldstein, the Director of the Central Institute for the Deaf in St Louis, gave a lantern demonstration of the Osiso, a new portable oscillograph for converting sound waves into light graphs, adapting the same to the scientific study of phonetics and the education of the deaf child.

The Society is to be congratulated upon the energy with which they are pursuing the study of Otosclerosis and on the financial assistance which they are receiving.

The following have been elected Office-Bearers for the ensuing year:—
President, Dr Max A. Goldstein; *Vice-President*, Dr John Gordon Wilson; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Dr Thomas J. Harris; *Members of Council*, Dr D. Harold Walker, Dr Arthur B. Duel, Dr Ewing W. Day, and Dr John R. Page.

ERRATUM.

On page 614 in the September number, in the Statistical Tables for the Year 1926, from the Ear and Throat Department of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, the number of Labyrinthine Operations should read 13 and not 31 as printed. Consequently, the total number of operations on the Ear should read 483 and not 501.

Models of the Labyrinth



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and

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