

General Notes

One would like to know whether Dr Hurst's views on the causation of Addison's anæmia have been modified by the discovery of the effects on the course of the disease of feeding with mammalian liver.

Asthma is another subject which is well treated, and we agree that the essential factor in the pathogenesis of asthma is the possession of an abnormal degree of sensibility to stimulation of that part of the vagal nucleus which controls the motor and secretory activity of the bronchi. What the stimulus is depends on the individual, thus explaining the extraordinary variety of cause which have a typical attack of asthma as their result; any contribution which helps to dispel some of the mists which still surround the problem of asthma is very welcome.

We congratulate Dr Hurst on the amount of interesting food for thought he has collected in this small volume. MARGARET TOD.

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, CARDIFF, 1928.

The Ninety-sixth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Cardiff on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th July. The Association meets under the Presidency of Sir Ewen Maclean, M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynæcology in the Welsh National School of Medicine.

The Section of Laryngology and Otology will meet on Wednesday and Thursday, the 25th and 26th. The following Office-bearers have been appointed:—

President—Donald Rose Paterson, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Cardiff).

Vice-Presidents—Edward Alban Evans, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Swansea), Edward David Darelán Davis, F.R.C.S. (London), Archibald Mason Jones, M.D., F.R.C.S.E. (Cardiff).

Hon. Secretaries—Arthur Abercrombie Prichard, M.D., 14 Windsor Place, Cardiff, and Drevor F. A. Neilson, F.R.C.S., 40 Queen Anne Street, London, W. 1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:—

Wednesday, 25th July.—Discussion: "Chronic Ethmoiditis. Its Treatment, Conservative and Surgical," opened by Professor Ross Hall Skillern, Philadelphia, and Walter G. Howarth, F.R.C.S., London.

Thursday, 26th July.—Discussion: "Drainage of Brain Abscess," opened by Sir Percy Sargent, and Sydney Scott, F.R.C.S., London.

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY,
COPENHAGEN, 29th July to 1st August.

The Congress will be held under the Presidency of Professor E. 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).

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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 Georges Portmann (Bordeaux).

The Danish Committee have found it necessary to place a limit of 7 minutes upon the reading of papers.

Members who propose to attend the Congress are reminded that it is necessary to send 30 kronen (Danish crowns) to Dr Jørgen Møller, Lykkesholms, Alle 8, Copenhagen, V.

Messrs Bennett, Travel Agents, 66 Haymarket, London, W. 1, are making arrangements for travelling facilities to and from Copenhagen, and members proposing to attend the Congress should communicate with them. The same firm is also prepared to arrange tours both before and after the Congress.

The number of papers announced for the Congress has been so great that the Danish Committee regret to have to make the following restrictions :—

1. The papers announced by Danish participants must be withdrawn.
2. Each lecturer may read one paper only. Those who have registered several papers must thus withdraw their supernumerary papers, and we accordingly request them immediately to inform the secretary which of the papers they desire to read. Only if the time at disposal allows will they have the opportunity of reading the other papers.
3. All the papers announced, inclusive of those which have had to be withdrawn in accordance with the above paragraph (excepting the Danish papers) will be published. The publication will take place in the form of the résumés which have been sent to the committee and will be forwarded to all the participants before the meeting of the Congress.
4. Each lecturer will have 7 minutes only at his disposal. As the audience are supposed to be acquainted with the subject from the résumés of the papers, we think that the lecturers in the course of 7 minutes will be able to emphasise or supplement the essential facts of their papers.
5. Contributions to the discussions must not extend beyond 5 minutes. The lecturer will, furthermore, have 7 minutes at his disposal for reply to the discussion.
6. The papers will as far as possible be given in the order announced. If a lecturer is absent at the moment when his paper is to be read he will, according to the regulations of the programme, have forfeited his right and must surrender any further claim.

The committee beg to call attention to the fact that presentation of the subscription tickets will afford considerable facilities on entering Denmark : exemption from customs examination of the luggage, etc.

The tickets will be sent to the participants on payment of the fee to the treasurer, Dr Jørgen Møller, Vestre Boulevard 13.

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The fee is 30 Danish kronen for physicians and 15 for each member of the family accompanying him.

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THE SEMON LECTURE, 1928.

Professor Doctor Marcel Hajek, Vienna, has been invited by the Semon Lecture Board to give the Semon Lecture of the University of London. The address will be delivered in the autumn in the Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

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SECTIONS OF OTOTOLOGY AND LARYNGOLOGY.

The Annual Dinner of the two Sections was held in the Hotel Victoria on the evening of Friday, 1st June. The duties of the Chair were ably performed by the two Presidents, Mr Harold S. Barwell and Dr J. S. Fraser. The company included a number of ladies, and a dance followed the conclusion of dinner. Amongst the guests who were present was Sir John Bland Sutton, who proposed success to the Sections of Laryngology and Otology: this was responded to by the Presidents. There was also present Sir Charles Ballance, who proposed the health of the guests, a toast replied to by Professor Georges Portmann of Bordeaux, Professor Otto Mayer of Vienna and Dr Secord H. Large of Cleveland, Ohio.

The arrangements were successfully carried through by Mr Lionel Colledge.

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Sir St Clair Thomson, M.D., has been elected a Corresponding Member of the Société de Laryngologie des Hôpitaux de Paris.

Sir St Clair has also been elected a Corresponding Member of the American Stomatological Association and of the Philadelphia Laryngological Society.

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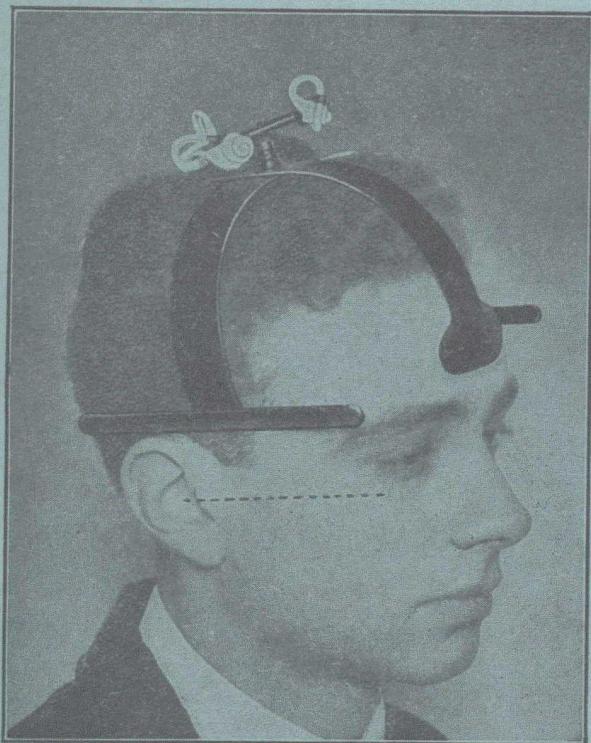
SCHEDULES OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONDUCT THE NATIONAL RESEARCH ON OTOSCLEROSIS.

The Committee appointed by the Council of the Section of Otology, Royal Society of Medicine, under the Chairmanship of Sir William Milligan, have now issued four schedules defining the lines along which clinical investigation is desired.

Two of them refer to the history of the patient and two to the otological examination. It is important that, so far as is possible, the same principle should be followed by each observer undertaking the clinical examination of otosclerotic patients. With that object in view the Committee have prepared a series of questions to be asked and of tests to be used during an examination. The examiner, however, may make other tests and ask such questions as he may think desirable. The questions and tests common to all cases and those that are voluntary or additional are clearly defined in the different schedules, so that examiners may have no difficulty in carrying out the necessary steps of the clinical investigation.

Those who are willing to participate in the research and have not already received a copy of the schedules should communicate with the Honorary Organising Secretary, Mr T. B. Layton, 10 Welbeck Street, London, W.1.

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