

GENERAL NOTES

REFERENCES

It has been decided to adopt the Harvard System of References. Authors are requested to make the references in their papers in accordance with this. The main principles are that references to authors should be embodied in the text in full (instead of being indicated by a number) and that the bibliography at the end of the paper should be arranged in alphabetical order.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE SECTIONS OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY

COMBINED SUMMER MEETING WITH THE SCOTTISH OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY
The Summer Meeting of the above Sections will be held in Edinburgh, with the Clinical Meeting of the Scottish Otological Society, on Friday and Saturday, June 15th and 16th, 1951. The provisional programme is as follows :

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH.

10 a.m. *Laryngological Meeting.*

Papers on "Facial Pain". Mr. Terence Cawthorne ; Professor N. M. Dott ; Dr. J. B. Gaylor.

Colour Film : "Total laryngectomy". Mr. Ronald Macbeth.

Talkie Film : "Œsophageal speech following operation for total laryngectomy". Dr. T. Howie.

12.45 p.m. Lunch. Visit to Gleneagles.

7.15 p.m. Dinner Dance.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH.

10 a.m. *Otological Meeting.*

Papers : "The auditory nerve ; do the territories of the vestibular and cochlear components overlap ?" Mr. D. C. Shute.

"The gain in hearing after the fenestration operation and its influence upon the surgeon's choice of case." Mr. Mackenzie.

"Some problems of the fenestration operation". Dr. Simson Hall.

12.30 p.m. Lunch.

1.40 p.m. Combined Clinical Meeting with the Scottish Otological Society.

3.30 p.m. Tea.

4 p.m. Discussion on Cases.

Films on fenestration operation, by Dr. George Shambaugh and others.

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ACCOMMODATION.—Hotels in the Edinburgh district are already very heavily booked, but accommodation is available, and may be reserved at the following Hotels :

NORTH BERWICK *Marine Hotel*. Friday, June 15th—Sunday, June 17th—
(23½ miles from 30 double rooms.
Edinburgh)

Royal Hotel. Thursday, June 14th—Sunday, June 17th—
6 double rooms.

GULLANE. *Marine Hotel*. Thursday, June 14th—14 double rooms.

(18¾ miles from Friday, June 15th—8 single rooms.
Edinburgh).

Saturday, June 16th—6 double rooms, 1
single room.

EDINBURGH. *Caledonian Hotel*. A small number of cancellations may
be available.

In booking their rooms at the above hotels, Members are asked to state that they are attending the Summer Meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine.

RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY

TRAVEL. Members who intend to travel overnight to Edinburgh are advised to book their sleepers immediately.

TRANSPORT. Transport will be arranged to and from North Berwick and Edinburgh. Will Members who wish to avail themselves of this *please notify Mr. J. Stewart, 18 Chester Street, Edinburgh*, as soon as possible.

It would be appreciated if any Members who are able to offer seats in their cars for the journeys to and from North Berwick would also notify Mr. Stewart of the numbers they are willing to take.

J. ANGELL JAMES } *Honorary Secretaries.*
PHILIP SCOTT }

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

STANDARD FORM OF AUDIOGRAPH

THE following recommendations of the Medical Committee of the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital as modified by the Sub-Committee on Audiometers and Hearing Aids of the Council of the British Association of Otolaryngologists, and by the Committee on Audiometers and Hearing Aids of the British Standards Institution have now been approved by the Council. The Council would strongly recommend their acceptance to members.

1. That two graphs be prepared for each patient. For some purposes it will be convenient to record the hearing by both air and bone conduction of the right ear on one graph and of the left ear on the other. For other purposes it will be convenient to record the hearing by air conduction of both ears on one graph and that by bone conduction of both ears on the other graph. If the two graph forms are printed on one sheet of paper either side by side or one above the other, they should be so arranged that reading from left to right or from above downwards the graph for the right ear should precede that for

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the left ear, or the graph for air conduction should precede that for bone conduction.

2. The form should represent a frequency range from 128 or 125 to 11584 or 12000. During the period of change over from the 128 scale to the 125 scale it is recommended that the numbers of one scale be printed at the top of the chart and of the other scale below the chart. The difference between the numbers of the two scales is clinically negligible.

3. The form should represent a variation in threshold of twenty decibels below and one hundred decibels above the normal. Audiometers and audiographs are so arranged that the thresholds of the normal ear for the whole range of frequencies are represented by a straight line on the audiograph. This line should be printed more heavily than any other line.

4. The graph should be so arranged that the distance between the horizontal lines represents a change in threshold of ten decibels and that a series of vertical (unbroken) lines represents successive octaves above 128 or above 125 cycles per second according to which system is being used. Vertical broken lines may be used to indicate the half octaves above 2048, that is 2895, 5792, 11584 or the approximately similar frequencies on the 125 scale, that is 3,000, 6,000 and 12,000. The lines should be so spaced that the distance between two lines representing twenty decibels change in threshold is the same as that between two lines representing one octave change in frequency.

5. It is recommended that there should be no marks or lines on the chart purporting to represent percentage loss of hearing, until the value of such indication has been established.

6. For the purpose of indicating the threshold of hearing by air conduction for the two ears it is recommended that the values be represented by a series of O's joined by an unbroken line for the Right ear (O-O-O) and by a series of X's joined by an unbroken line for the Left ear (X-X-X). For the purpose of indicating the threshold of hearing by bone conduction it is recommended that the system be adopted of square brackets ([-[-[(-)]) joined by a line for the Right ear and (]-]-]-]) joined by a line for the Left ear.

It is recommended that a key to these symbols be printed on the chart and that their use should not be varied.

7. It is recommended that the words masked and unmasked be printed at the foot of both charts with instructions to strike out the inappropriate word and that where masking is employed the setting of the masking control be recorded in an appropriate space on the chart.

8. Space on the form should be provided for the name and serial number of the patient, the date of examination, the make, type and serial number of the instrument and the name of the person carrying out the tests, all of which should be recorded in every case.

F. C. W. CAPPS,
Honorary Secretary.

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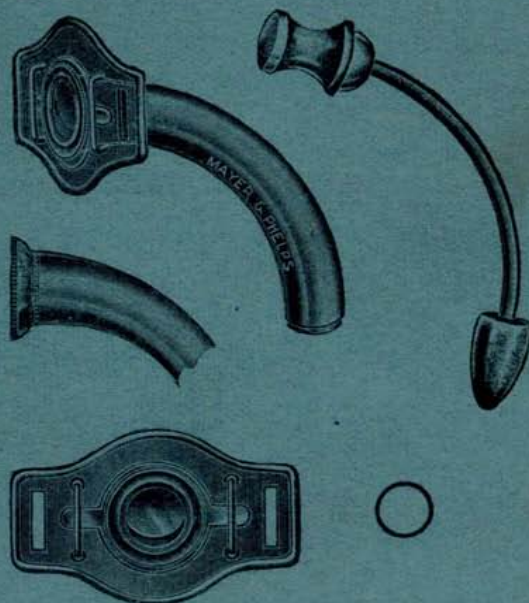
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