

## GENERAL NOTES

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### SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

THE Sixth International Congress of Otolaryngology will be held in Washington, D.C., U.S.A., from May 5th-10th, 1957. The Secretary-General is Dr. Paul H. Holinger, 700 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Ill., U.S.A.

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### NORTH OF ENGLAND OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE North of England Otolaryngological Society is offering a prize of fifty guineas for original work in Otolaryngology. Candidates must be of Registrar, Senior Registrar or Clinical Assistant status or must have been holding such a post whilst the investigation was in progress. The work must have been carried out in the North of England and the Paper must be submitted by July 1st, 1955, to the Hon. Sec., North of England Otolaryngological Society, 28 St. John Street, Manchester 3.

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### THE INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY

330 GRAY'S INN ROAD, LONDON, W.C.1.

THE Academic Board announces the following special lecture to be given in the Lecture Hall of the Institute at Gray's Inn Road: Saturday, May 7th, 1955, at 12 noon, "The diagnosis and treatment of tympanosclerosis", by Professor Fritz Zöllner, of Freiburg. Admission without ticket is open to all members of the Specialty and to postgraduate students. Luncheon will be available in the Refectory after the lecture, price 4s. 6d.

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COMPLETE CLINICAL COURSE (whole-time) especially suitable for D.L.O.  
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BASIC SCIENCES CLASS (whole-time) for Part I, D.L.O. students, with facilities for dissection : August 29th to November 25th, 1955. Fee £21.

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Detailed syllabus obtainable from the Dean.

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### THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

THE programmes of the May, 1955, meetings of the Sections of Otology and Laryngology are expected to be as follows:

SECTION OF OTOLOGY, meeting on Friday, May 6th, 1955, at 10.30 a.m.

Professor F. Zöllner (Freiburg): "The principles of plastic surgery of the sound conducting apparatus."

Professor L. Pietrantoni (Milan): Film, "Technique of tympanoplastic operations."

SECTION OF LARYNGOLOGY, meeting on Friday, May 6th, 1955, at 2.30 p.m.

Discussion: "Oro-antral fistula." Openers: Mr. S. W. G. Hargrove, Mr. P. Reading.

### ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

#### SECTIONS OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY

THE Combined Summer Meeting of the above Sections will be held at Cambridge on Thursday and Friday, June 16th and 17th, 1955.

The programme is as follows:

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH.

10.00 a.m. OTOLOGICAL MEETING IN THE ANATOMY THEATRE, DOWNING STREET. Papers: Mr. Donald Broadbent, "Some clinical implications of recent experiments on the psychology of hearing." Mr. A. Bowen-Davies, "The disability of chronic ear disease in relation to insurance and employment."

8.45-10.15 p.m. PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION. OLD SCHOOLS. Entrance in Senate House Passage, opposite the Gate of Honour, Caius College.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH.

10.00 a.m. LARYNGOLOGICAL MEETING IN THE ANATOMY THEATRE, DOWNING STREET. Discussion: "The modern indications for tracheotomy, with special reference to the management of those cases requiring artificial respiration." Openers: Mr. A. S. H. Walford, Dr. A. Crampton Smith, Dr. K. M. K. Spalding.

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1 p.m. for 1.30 p.m. MEMBERS' LUNCHEON in the Hall of Downing College. Tickets £1 3s. per head, including wine and service. Sherry obtainable before lunch in the Junior Common Room, but not included in the ticket.

7.30 for 8 p.m. till 1 a.m. DINNER DANCE at the University Arms Hotel. Tickets £1 12s. 6d. per head, including service.

As the meeting is being held in University buildings, certain overhead expenses are involved, and it is therefore necessary to charge a registration fee of 10s. per member for the meeting.

Since the places at which the various functions are being held are within a few minutes' walk of the hotels and parking facilities in Cambridge are very limited, members are not recommended to use their cars to attend them.

*Accommodation* has been booked at the University Arms Hotel and the Blue Boar Hotel. Requirements should be sent to Mr. A. Bowen-Davies, at 1 Wimpole Street, W.1, and *not* directly to the hotels. Requirements will be satisfied as far as possible and applications will be treated strictly in the order received.

*Prices of Rooms: Per night: Bed and breakfast.*

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Members who wish to attend the Meeting should complete and return the enclosed form as soon as possible. Applications should be accompanied by a cheque to cover the cost of any tickets required, and the registration fee, but *not* to include the price of hotel accommodation.

A. BOWEN-DAVIES,  
*Honorary Secretary, Section of Laryngology.*

HECTOR THOMAS,  
*Honorary Secretary, Section of Otology.*

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### OTOLARYNGOLOGY LECTURES 1954-55

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

THE following lectures, arranged jointly by the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Institute of Laryngology and Otology, will be delivered in the Lecture Hall of the College, at 5.30 p.m.

1955.

May 5th. Sir Clement Price Thomas. Some aspects of suppurative disease of the lungs.

June 30th. Dr. Thomas Anwyl Davies. The relationship of syphilis to otolaryngology.

## General Notes

### BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

#### ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS AND EAR, NOSE AND THROAT OPERATIONS

THE attention of members is drawn to the Medical Memorandum on Poliomyelitis, No. 93222/7/63, dated July, 1954, issued by the Ministry of Health and Department of Health for Scotland. The relevant passages in this report, which are of interest to Otolaryngologists, are as follows :

#### I. EPIDEMIOLOGY.

(a) The present evidence suggests that the portal of entry is usually the mouth and that the primary site of infection is in the mucosa of the oropharynx or the small intestine.

(b) In bulbar poliomyelitis following tonsillectomy it seems that the virus most probably travels to the medulla along the cranial nerves supplying the pharynx.

(c) It is fairly generally accepted that specific trauma, especially tonsillectomy, may precipitate paralysis.

#### 2. CONTROL MEASURES : AVOIDANCE OF CERTAIN TRAUMA.

(a) *Tonsillectomy.* The postponement of tonsillectomy when poliomyelitis reaches unusual proportions in a locality is strongly advised, particularly because when poliomyelitis follows recent tonsillectomy, serious illness, with bulbar involvement, appears to be more frequent. The Medical Officer of Health can assist by informing local hospital authorities when and where the incidence of the disease is unusually high, so that the surgeon may then take this hazard into account before deciding to operate.

(b) *Tooth Extractions.* There is very little evidence that tooth extractions may predispose to bulbar poliomyelitis. Nevertheless as with ear, nose and throat surgery the possibility should be kept in mind by dentists undertaking non-urgent extractions in areas of epidemic prevalence.

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THE attention of members is drawn to the *EXCERPTA MEDICA* Section XI which is a most valuable international abstracting service as it gives each month abstracts of all the important papers in Oto-Rhino-Laryngology. The subscription is £4 8s. od. a year and the agents for Great Britain, the Dominions and the Commonwealth (excluding Canada) are E. and S. Livingstone Ltd., 16 and 17 Teviot Place, Edinburgh. We regret that in previous issues the price was incorrectly stated as five dollars or the equivalent.

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### CANADIAN OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE D'OTOLARYNGOLOGIE

*President:* Dr. G. Edward Tremble, 1390 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal P.Q.

*Secretary:* Dr. G. Arnold Henry, 170 St. George St., Toronto, Ontario.

*Meeting:* Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, Muskoka, Ontario. June 16th, 17th, 18th, 1955.

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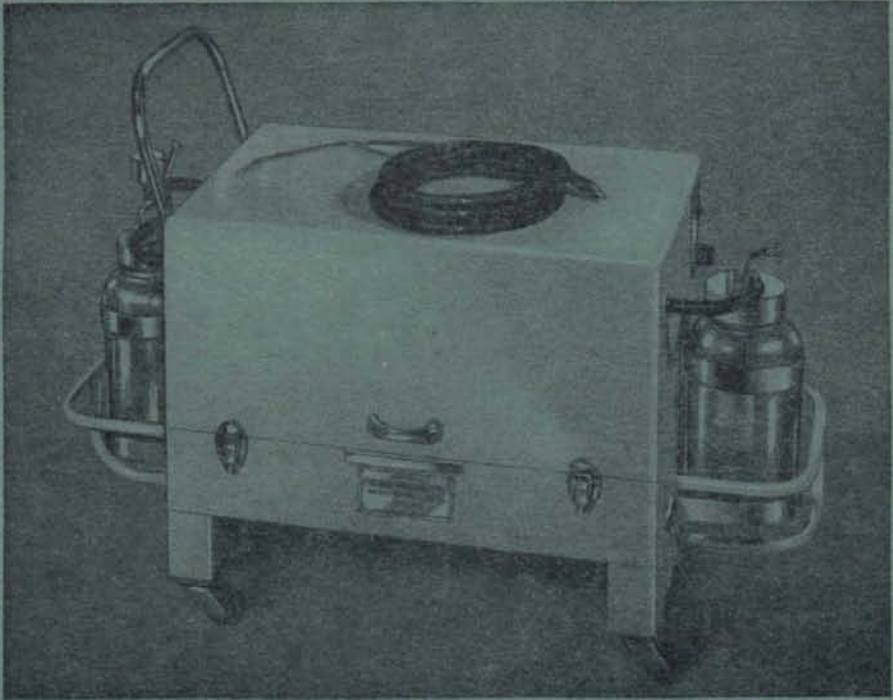
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