

GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

Section of Laryngology—President, A. Logan Turner, M.D.; *Hon. Secretaries*, E. D. D. Davis, F.R.C.S., 46 Harley Street, London, W.1, and Philip Franklin, F.R.C.S., 27 Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

The first Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 7th November, at 5 P.M. Patients will be shown at 4 o'clock. Members intending to exhibit cases or specimens are asked to send notice at least twelve days before the Meeting to the *Senior Hon. Secretary*, Mr E. D. D. Davis, F.R.C.S., along with a *précis* stating the more important facts and drawing attention to the points upon which discussion is invited.

Section of Otology—President, J. Kerr Love, M.D.; *Hon. Secretaries*, T. H. Just, F.R.C.S., 16 Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.1, and F. W. Watkyn-Thomas, F.R.C.S., 14 Welbeck Street, London, W.1.

The first Meeting of the Section will be held on Saturday, 8th November, at 10 A.M. Patients, specimens, etc., must be in the meeting-room before 9-45 o'clock, and notice of the same along with a short description of the cases must be sent to the *Senior Hon. Secretary*, Mr T. H. Just, at least twelve days before the Meeting.

Papers, as distinct from the *précis* of cases, must be sent in at least twenty-one days in advance.

During the Session 1924-25, the Sections will meet on the following dates:—

Section of Laryngology, on Friday, 7th November, 5th December, 6th February, 6th March, 3rd April, 1st May (Annual), and 5th June.

Section of Otology, on Saturday, 8th November, 6th December, 7th February, 7th March, 2nd May (Annual), and 6th June.

During the Session 1924-25, a series of Discussions upon subjects of general interest will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine. The Programme includes two which will be discussed by the whole Society, viz., (1) Non-specific Disturbances of Health due to Vitamin Deficiency, and (2) Endocrine Therapy.

Two special Discussions, amongst others, have also been arranged:—

1. Focal Sepsis in relation to Diseases of the Skin by the Sections of Dermatology, Laryngology, and Odontology. *Thursday, 4th December*, at 8 P.M., has been fixed as the date for the above. The Chair will be taken by Dr Graham Little, the President of the Section of Dermatology.

2. The Causes, Early Recognition, and Treatment of Non-tuberculous Meningitis by the Sections of Otology, Laryngology, Medicine and Neurology. The date of the Meeting will be announced later.

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CONGRÈS FRANÇAIS D'OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGIE.

The Annual Session of the French Society of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology will be opened on Wednesday, 15th October, at 9 A.M., in the large Amphitheatre of the Faculty of Medicine, Paris, under the Presidency of Professor Jacques of Nancy.

General Notes

The following subjects will be discussed :—

1. Posterior Sinus Inflammation and Ocular Complications ; introduced by MM. Canuyt, Ramadier, and Vetter.
2. Diathermy in Oto-Rhino-Laryngology ; by MM. Bourgeois, Dutheillet de Lamothe, Portmann, and Poyet.

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THE SEMON LECTURE, 1924.

Dr Jean Guisez, Paris, has been invited by the Semon Lecture Board to give the Semon Lecture, University of London. The address, which will deal with Malignant Disease of the Œsophagus, will be delivered in the Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, W.1, on Thursday, 6th November, at 3 P.M.

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THE MITCHELL LECTURE, 1924.

Sir St Clair Thomson, M.D., President of the Royal Society of Medicine, will deliver the Mitchell Lecture in the Hall of the Royal College of Physicians of London, Pall Mall East, on Thursday, 6th November, at 5 P.M. The subject of the address will be Tuberculosis of the Larynx.

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POST-GRADUATE INSTRUCTION IN PARIS.

Dr Ferdinand Lemaitre, at the request of several American colleagues, will organise a course of instruction in the specialty in collaboration with the staff at the Hôpital St Louis, 40 Rue Bichat, Paris. Arrangements will be made to give the course in the English language in February, March, or April 1925. Details of the scheme will be announced in a future number of the *Journal*.

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DALBY MEMORIAL PRIZE.

Through the generosity of Lady Dalby, widow of the late Sir William Dalby, the Council of the Royal Society of Medicine has accepted the sum of £500 as a trust, the income from which will be given every fifth year as a prize to whomsoever the Council of the Society should regard as having produced the best original work in Otology during the previous five years. The President and Vice-Presidents of the Section of Otology will make the recommendation. The first award should be made in May 1928

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DIPLOMA IN LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.

The Diploma granted conjointly by the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England has been obtained at the recent examination by the following candidates : W. R. Beavis, J. B. Cavenagh, J. Hare, H. I. Marriner, and T. G. Wynne.

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Sir St Clair Thomson, M.D., has been elected by the Royal College of Physicians of London as an Examiner in Laryngology and Otology.

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KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

Mr V. E. Negus, M.S., has been appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Throat Department, King's College Hospital, London.

General Notes

At the recent examination for the degree of Master in Surgery of the University of London, Mr Negus was awarded the Gold Medal. We understand that this is the first occasion on which a gold medal has been awarded to a candidate passing the M.S. examination in Branch IV. (Laryngology and Otology). We congratulate Mr V. E. Negus and the Throat and Ear Department of King's College Hospital.

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THE INFIRMARY, HARROGATE.

Mr A. B. Pavay-Smith, F.R.C.S.Eng., has been appointed Aural Surgeon to the Harrogate Infirmary.

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"THE VETERINARY JOURNAL."

In the June number of the *Veterinary Journal*, edited by Professor Frederick Hobday, attention is drawn in an editorial article to the application to the human subject of the ventricle stripping operation employed in the treatment of the "roaring" horse. The *raison d'être* of the editorial is based upon the fact that two of the papers appearing in the month's issue deal with the consideration of this question.

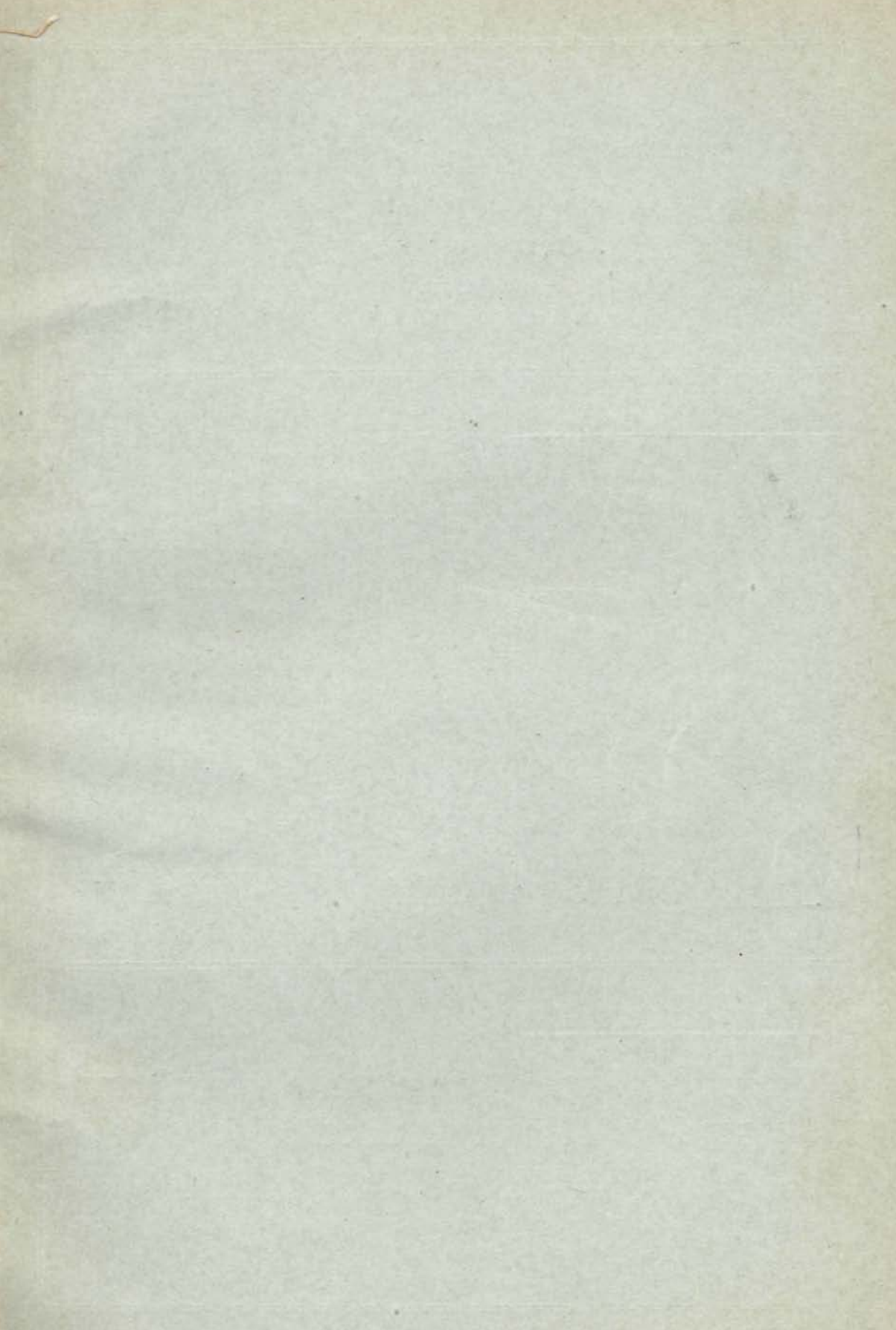
Dr Irwin Moore reviews, at some length, the various operative procedures which have been devised in man and in animals for the relief of stenosis of the larynx caused by bilateral paralysis of the abductor muscles of the vocal cords, and Mr Musgrave Woodman records his case of cordopexy applied to the human subject.

The recently-established Section of Comparative Medicine of the Royal Society of Medicine, to which Professor Hobday has been elected President during the Session 1924-25, should develop the study of pathological and clinical subjects of mutual interest to the surgeon, the physician, and the veterinarian, and give further opportunities for their conjoint discussion.

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STOMACH SPEECH AFTER LARYNGECTOMY.

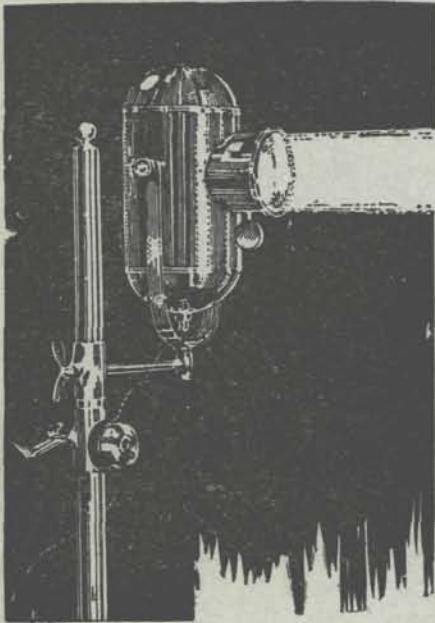
At the recent Congress of Speech Pathology which was held in Vienna, in July last, a demonstration of patients and apparatus was given at the phonetic department of the clinic for laryngology. Four patients from whom the larynx had been removed were shown by Dr Stern. We quote, as follows, from the account of the demonstration given in *The Lancet*: (1) A woman, in middle life, spoke distinctly in short sentences with a scratchy kind of voice. On lifting a neck ornament, she exposed the opening into the trachea through which she breathed. Dr Stern explained that she had been taught to swallow air into the stomach before each sentence, and to speak by pressing the swallowed air out against resistance at the upper end of the œsophagus. The vibrations at the opening of the gullet produced the tone, and the air from the stomach supplied the speech organs of enunciation. (2) A motor-car dealer in excellent health who could be heard swallowing the air before each sentence: he spoke fluently and loudly, and stated that he talked without any effort all day long. (3) A man in middle life who talked without difficulty and who could sing in a crude manner over two octaves. (4) A lady who had only been training for one month but who uttered syllables well.

The education in stomach speech required training for one or two years, and although it was successful with many patients, it was not so with others.



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