

## General Notes

The lengthy monograph develops these ideas very fully, and on this rather slender and almost purely theoretical basis is built up an elaborate system of therapeutics.

Seventeen clinical cases are described and analysed. The patients certainly appear to have derived great benefit from the various nasal operations. In the abdomen the reflex disturbances show themselves by an exaggerated tonus of the abdominal muscles. The patient generally complains of indigestion pains, obstinate constipation or mucous colitis. Relief is obtained by finding the particular area in the nose and destroying it. For this procedure the author likes to use electrolysis, as the cautery is apt to cause granulations or crusts and these may form a new focus of nervous activity. He is careful to add that deep abdominal massage of a very special and skilled type is also required to give the patient complete relief. A bismuth meal may show severe delay and all the signs of a gastric or duodenal ulcer.

Later, it is suggested that this reflex nervous effect which starts in the nose may enter into the etiology of gastric and duodenal ulcers through localised vascular disturbances.

The sympathetic, of course, controls the endocrine secretions. All the functions of the sympathetic nervous system can be disarranged by these nasal reflex streams and this opens up a vast field of activity for the Rhinologist. Towards the end of the monograph Dr Fröse's speculations even extend into the domain of malignant new growths.

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## GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE,  
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*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 next Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 4th May, at 5 P.M. Members desirous of showing patients and specimens should communicate with the *Senior Hon. Secretary*, Mr W. M. Mollison.

*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 next Meeting of the Section will be held on Saturday, 5th May, at 10.30 A.M. Members desirous of showing patients and specimens should communicate with the *Senior Hon. Secretary*, Mr Alex. R. Tweedie.

During the Session 1927-28 the Section of Laryngology will meet on the following dates: On Friday, 4th May (*Annual Meeting*), and 1st June.

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The Section of Otology will meet on Saturday, 5th May (*Annual Meeting*), and on 2nd June.

The following Discussion of special interest to the two Sections will be held during the Session :—

Effects of Middle-Ear Disease on Efficiency in Civil and Military Life (Sections: War, Otology). The discussion has been fixed for Friday, 13th April 1928, at 4.30 P.M.

The two Sections will meet conjointly at the Summer Meeting on Thursday, 31st May, and on 1st and 2nd June.

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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).

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 Gunner 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).

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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.

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### "THE JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY, LTD."

The Seventh Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company was held at 11 Chandos Street, London, W. 1, on Friday, 2nd March. Sir William Milligan, Chairman of the Directors, presided, and submitted the General Report and Balance-Sheet of the Company. The latter showed that during the year 1927 the publication of the *Journal* had resulted in a profit. It was resolved that the balance should be placed to the credit of the *Journal*, with the object of assisting those contributing to it.

The Report was adopted, and Sir James Dundas-Grant, Mr Herbert Tilley, Mr W. G. Howarth and Mr W. M. Mollison, along with Sir William Milligan as Chairman, were re-elected Directors.

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### HONOUR TO DR H. S. BIRKETT, MONTREAL.

Dr H. S. Birkett, C.B., has recently been the recipient of an unprecedented honour at the hands of his many friends and admirers on the North American Continent.

The Members of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology, a society numbering about 1700 persons, being desirous of recognising Dr Birkett's position in the profession and the very high esteem in which he is held, decided to show their appreciation of him and his work by presenting him with a gold medal. The presentation was made recently at a dinner in Montreal at which Dr Birkett was invited to occupy the Chair, the President of the Academy, Dr Ross Skillern of Philadelphia being the principal guest. Great care had been taken to preserve the secret of the presentation, and the bestowal of the medal by Dr Skillern during the dinner came as a very great surprise to the Chairman.

We on this side of the Atlantic desire to extend our congratulations to Dr Birkett on the receipt of this fresh honour.

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Dr R. D. Owen, F.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of the Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

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### THE LATE SIR DAWSON WILLIAMS, C.B.E., M.D.

We wish to join in the general expression of sorrow at the news that Sir Dawson Williams, the highly esteemed editor of the *British Medical Journal*, has passed away within a few weeks of his resignation of the post which, for thirty years, he had held with so much distinction. For a considerable period of time his health had not been satisfactory, but he remained at the work which he loved and carried on with such acceptance. His wide range of knowledge and literary gifts, his honesty and sincerity of purpose and his sympathetic understanding of the many difficulties which the medical profession were called upon to face were freely given to further the interests of his professional brethren and of the Association which he so loyally served.

## General Notes

### THE LATE DR ANDREW J. BRADY OF SYDNEY.

The memory of Dr Brady, whose obituary was published in the February issue of the *Journal*, is to be perpetuated in the Sydney Hospital by the establishment, in the new wing of the hospital, of an ear, nose and throat ward to be known as the "Andrew J. Brady Ward." "I can conceive," writes Dr Charles F. Warren, "of no more fitting tribute to the memory of the first laryngologist in Australia, the man who blazed the trail."

We are glad to learn that Dr Charles F. Warren has kindly undertaken to act as abstractor for the *Journal* in place of the late Dr Brady.

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### THE LATE PROFESSOR J. MOURET OF MONTPELLIER.

We regret to record the death of Professor Mouret, which took place suddenly early in February. As most of our readers will recall, Professor Mouret had been selected to introduce, at the approaching International Congress at Copenhagen, the discussion upon the Anatomical Structure of the Ear and its Influence on the Course of Suppuration of the Middle-Ear. The anatomy and pathology of the mastoid was a subject in which Professor Mouret had always evinced great interest and in connection with which he had carried out very considerable investigation. At the 17th International Medical Congress held in London in August 1913, he prepared and communicated the report on the Surgical Anatomy of the Mastoid, and as recently as last September he gave a similar communication at Zürich at the Meeting of the Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum.

In the death of Professor Mouret, the specialty has been deprived of one of its very active workers.

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### BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

*Bronchoscopy and Oesophagoscopy: A Manual of Peroral Endoscopy and Laryngeal Surgery.* By Chevalier Jackson, M.D., Sc.D. Second Edition, reset with 179 illustrations and ten coloured Plates: 457 pages. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1927. Price 36s. net.

*La Haute Fréquence en Oto-Rhino-Laryngologie.* By Leroux-Robert, with a Preface by Professor d'Arsonval. Second Edition, revised and enlarged with 113 illustrations. Masson et Cie, Paris. 1927. Price 26 francs.

*La Syphilis Auriculaire: Oreille et Nerf Acoustique.* By J. Ramadier, Oto-Rhino-Laryngologist to the Hospitals of Paris: 180 pages. Libraire Octave Doin, Paris. 1928. Price 15 francs.

*Oto-Laryngologie avec Applications à la Neurologie.* By F. J. Collet, Professor of Oto-Laryngology in the Faculty of Medicine of Lyons. 1120 pages, with 294 illustrations. Libraire Octave Doin, Paris. 1928. Price 150 francs.

*Ars Medici.* The Journal of the American Medical Association of Vienna; Edited by Dr M. Ostermann. Vol. V., 1927; 590 pages. Published monthly in Vienna at IX. Spitalgasse 1A. Price 17s. net.

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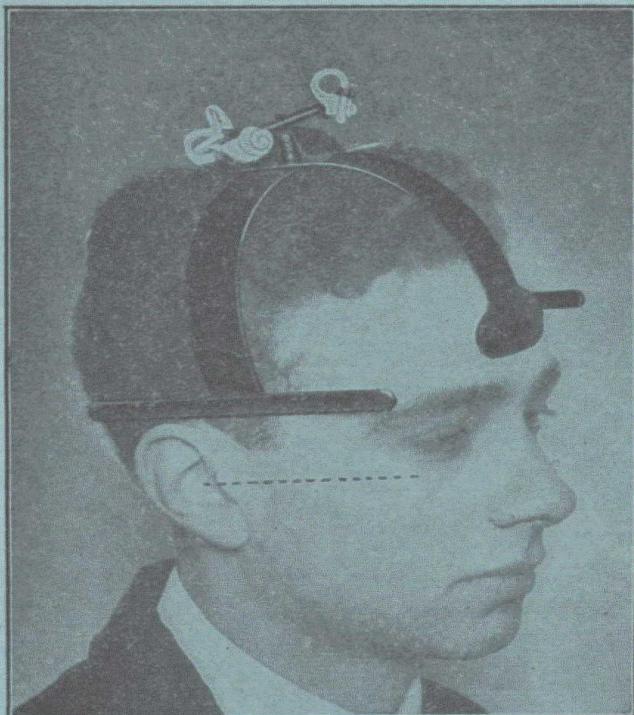
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