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flaking off from contact with the patient's teeth, etc. All the cords are *interchangeable, as are the new English 2.5 volt lamps, which will be found to be more durable than those usually employed.*

The handle of the forceps for removal of foreign bodies has been redesigned, and now takes a simpler form. On closure of the forceps the barrel of the tube moves up to the top, and there is no "kick."

Two forceps handles are all that are required, as the forceps are provided with stainless steel centre rods, on which can be screwed the whole range of tips devised by Jackson, Brünings, Tucker, and others. These tips which are jet black show up plainly on the end of the forceps.

The swab carriers and hooks all have blackened ends.

In the standard set that has been constructed for me, two modified Mosher inflating œsophagoscopes replace two modified Jackson models, as I find the wider tubes more useful for foreign body work.

A pair of large optical plain glass spectacles for protection of the surgeon's eyes, aspirator, bellows, and bougies are included in the set which is put up in a strong hand-made mahogany case.

It may also be pointed out that all these instruments, which are made by Messrs Down Bros. are less expensive than any other American or English models.

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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 final Meeting of the Section, Session 1924-25, will be held on Friday, 5th June. The Section will meet at 9.30 A.M. for the reading of papers. An Afternoon Session, from 3 to 5 o'clock, will be devoted to the exhibition of patients and specimens.

The following provisional programme has been arranged :—

9.30 to 1 o'clock, *Papers*—

Dr Tapia (Madrid)—"The large Pharyngostomes as an accident in Laryngectomy: how they can be avoided and the method of closing them." The discussion will be opened by Mr Wilfrid Trotter, F.R.C.S.

Professor H. Burger (Amsterdam)—"A Note on Voice Production in a Case of Laryngectomy."

Dr Charles H. Mayo (Rochester, Minnesota)—"The Methods of Caring for Diseases of the Mouth, Pharynx, and Larynx."

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Dr Ritchie Rodger (Hull)—“Tracheotomy in Tuberculous Laryngitis.”

Dr A. Logan Turner and F. E. Reynolds (Edinburgh)—“Furuncle of the Nasal Vestibule and Cavernous Sinus Thrombosis; the Pathway of Infection.” (Microscopical and lantern demonstration.)

Dr J. S. Fraser (Edinburgh)—“Intranasal Dacryocystostomy.”

3 to 5 o'clock—

Exhibition of patients.

*Section of Otolology*—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 final Meeting of the Section, Session 1924-25, will be held on Saturday, 6th June, at 10.30 A.M.

A general Discussion will take place on the two following subjects:—

1. Artificial Aids to Hearing.
2. The Drainage of Brain Abscess.

The latter will be introduced by Mr Percy Sargent.

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, BATH, 1925.

The Ninety-third Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Bath from the 21st to the 24th July under the Presidency of Dr F. G. Thomson, Physician to the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

A combined Section of Laryngology and Otolology will be held on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th July, under the Presidency of Mr Arthur H. Cheatele, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., along with the following office-bearers:—

*Vice-Presidents*: Neil Maclay, M.B. (Newcastle-on-Tyne); Irwin Moore, M.B., C.M. (London); Sydney R. Scott, M.S., F.R.C.S. (London).

*Honorary Secretaries*: H. N. Barnett, F.R.C.S. Ed., 27 The Circus, Bath; R. Scott Stevenson, M.D., 30 New Cavendish Street, London, W. 1.

The following programme has been arranged.

**Wednesday—22nd July.**

MORNING SESSION: 10 to 1 o'clock.

(1) **Endoscopy**.—Professor Chevalier Jackson will deal with **The Overlooked Cases of Foreign Bodies in the Air and Food Passages, with Notes on Symptomatology and Diagnosis** (Lantern Demonstration). He will be followed by Sir St Clair Thomson; Dr G. William Hill; Mr Irwin Moore; Mr D. A. Crow; Dr G. Ewart Martin; and Mr W. Frank Wilson. *Followed by a general discussion.*

(2) **Demonstration of the Mechanical Problems of Endoscopic Foreign Body Extraction** (illustrated by open “Mannikin” board); and

(3) **Bronchoscopy in Disease** (illustrated by Cinema Film) by Professor Chevalier Jackson.

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AFTERNOON SESSION : 2 to 3.30 o'clock.

- (1) **Evolutionary Factors in the Causation of Pharyngeal Diverticula.**—Illustrated by Specimens and Lantern Slides by Mr V. E. Negus.
- (2) **Exhibition of Foreign Bodies from the Air Passages and Oesophagus, with a Short Paper on the History of Endoscopy.**—Dr Irwin Moore.
- (3) **Exhibition of Specimens showing Comparative Anatomy of the Nose and Throat** (illustrative of Paper).—Mr V. E. Negus.

Thursday—23rd July.

MORNING SESSION : 10 to 1 o'clock.

- (1) **Operative Treatment of Chronic Middle-Ear Suppuration.**—*Opened by* Mr G. J. Jenkins. *Followed by* Mr Sidney Scott ; Mr J. S. Fraser ; Mr J. B. Horgan.
- (2) **Treatment of Chronic Non-Suppurative Middle-Ear Deafness.**—*Opened by* Sir William Milligan. *Followed by* Dr J. Kerr Love ; Sir Robert Woods ; Dr Neil Maclay ; Mr H. Norman Barnett.

AFTERNOON SESSION : 2.30 to 5 o'clock.

- (1) **Demonstration of Cases illustrative of the Operative Treatment of Middle-Ear Suppuration.**—Mr G. J. Jenkins.
- (2) **Demonstration of Cases illustrative of:** (a) Results of Operative Treatment of Chronic Middle-Ear Suppuration ; (b) Results of Treatment of Chronic Non-Suppurative Middle-Ear Deafness—Mr H. Norman Barnett.

Friday—24th July.

MORNING SESSION : 10 to 1 o'clock.

**Occupational Diseases of the Ear, Nose, and Throat, and their Prevention.**—*Discussion opened by* Mr F. H. Westmacott. *Followed by* Surgeon-Commander Grimwade, O.B.E. (Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth), *representing the Royal Navy* ; Wing-Commander D. Ranken, The Royal Air Force Medical Service ; Mr T. Jefferson Faulder ; Mr G. Wilkinson ; Mr C. A. Scott Ridout. *A general discussion will follow.*

AFTERNOON SESSION : 2.30 to 3.45 o'clock.

**Demonstration of Methods of Investigation of the Nasal Accessory Sinuses.**—Dr P. Watson-Williams.

4.15 to 6.30 o'clock.—GARDEN PARTY at Newton Park, Bath, by invitation of the Earl and Countess Temple.

As the number of guests is limited, early application should be made to Mr Norman Barnett, 27 The Circus, Bath.

**Exhibition of Foreign Bodies from the Air-Passages and Oesophagus.**—In connection with the Discussion on this subject, it is proposed to

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form a collection of foreign bodies, X-rays, drawings, etc., illustrating this aspect of Endoscopy. Post-mortem specimens showing foreign bodies *in situ* are also desired. Members of the Section desirous of contributing to the special Museum are requested to communicate with Mr Irwin Moore, 30A Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

NOTE.—*Morning Session* will be held in the Board Room of the Royal Mineral Water Hospital, which is only a few minutes' walk from the Guildhall, where most of the Sections are meeting. *Afternoon Session* will be held at the Bath Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital, Marlborough Buildings.

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### THE SEMON LECTURE, 1925.

Dr Patrick Watson-Williams, Bristol, has been invited by the Semon Lecture Board to give the Semon Lecture, University of London. The address will be delivered in the Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1, on Thursday, 5th November.

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### COMBINED DINNER OF THE SECTIONS OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.

In consequence of the visit to London of the Interstate Post-Graduate Assembly of America during the first week in June, it was found necessary to hold the Annual Dinner of the Sections of Laryngology and Otology on the evening of Friday, 1st May, instead of at the Summer Meeting.

Drs A. Logan Turner and J. Kerr Love acted as joint Chairmen. The guests included Sir Humphry Rolleston, K.C.B., the President of the Royal College of Physicians of London, Dr Graham Little, Parliamentary Representative of the University of London, Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane, Sir D'Arcy Power, and Mr Wilson Cross, President of the American Society in London. The company numbered fifty. The arrangements for the dinner reflected great credit upon the two junior Secretaries, Mr Philip Franklin and Mr F. W. Watkyn-Thomas.

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The 22nd Congress of the Italian Society of Oto-Laryngology will be held in 1926, in Venice. Professor Gradenigo has been nominated as President.

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The Faculty of Medicine of Pisa has unanimously elected Dr Guglielmo Bilancioni to the Chair of Oto-Laryngology in the University of Pisa in succession to Professor Grazzi, who has retired on the age limit.

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### THE AMERICAN BOARD OF OTO-LARYNGOLOGY.

In our issue of November 1924, we drew the attention of our readers to the proposed establishment of a National Board for the purpose of conducting examinations in Otology and Laryngology, and for the issuing of certificates to the successful candidates who were deemed qualified to take up the practice of the speciality in the United States.

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The American Board has now been organised and the following have been elected Directors: Dr Harris P. Mosher of Boston, President, with Dr Frank R. Spencer as Vice-President, and Dr Hanau W. Loeb as Secretary and Treasurer. The other Directors are: Drs Thomas E. Carmody of Denver; Joseph C. Beck, Chicago; Thomas H. Halsted, Syracuse; Robert C. Lynch, New Orleans; Burt R. Shurly, Detroit; Ross H. Skillern, Philadelphia, and William P. Wherry, Omaha.

The Directors represent the five national Oto-laryngological Associations in the States. The object of the Board is to elevate the standard of the specialty, to protect the public against unqualified practitioners, to receive applications for examination and to conduct such examinations, issuing certificates to the successful candidates. The first examination will be held coincident with the meeting of the American Medical Association.

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JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE CHINA MEDICAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION AND THE CHINA BRANCH, BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, HONGKONG, JANUARY 1925.

We have received from Dr W. S. Thacker-Neville the programme of the Section on Ear, Nose, and Throat Disease submitted to this Joint Conference. Dr Thacker-Neville deals with the subject of inflammation of the maxillary sinus. He points out that in some cases the affection of the sinus may be overlooked and that a diagnosis of tonsillitis is made. The anaesthesia employed in operating upon the sinus consisted in the induction of twilight sleep with hyoscine and morphia; local anaesthesia was produced partly by the application of 20 per cent. cocain solution and by "blocking" with pure cocain. The amount of cocain used is not stated in the synopsis of his paper. The Caldwell-Luc operation was preferred.

The bacteriology of ear infections was dealt with by Dr A. M. Dunlop, Professor of Laryngology and Otology in the Peking Union Medical College. He has endeavoured to correlate the bacteriological findings with the clinical aspect of the cases. As a result of the investigation, he considers that sufficient information can be gained so as to indicate in a fairly exact way the course which the disease is likely to take in any particular case. The cytology of aural discharge was the subject of research by Dr Shih-ping Ts'en. There was some variation in the findings in acute and chronic discharge. In the former the polymorphonuclear leucocytes predominated, while in the chronic cases the acid-fast epithelial cells and bacteria were more numerous.

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BOOK RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

*The Medical Annual, 1925: A Year Book of Treatment and Practitioner's Index.* Bristol: John Wright & Sons, Ltd. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Ltd. Price 2os. net.

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ERRATUM.

On page 315 (May issue), line 23 from foot, the words "main bronchus" should read "superior lobe bronchus."

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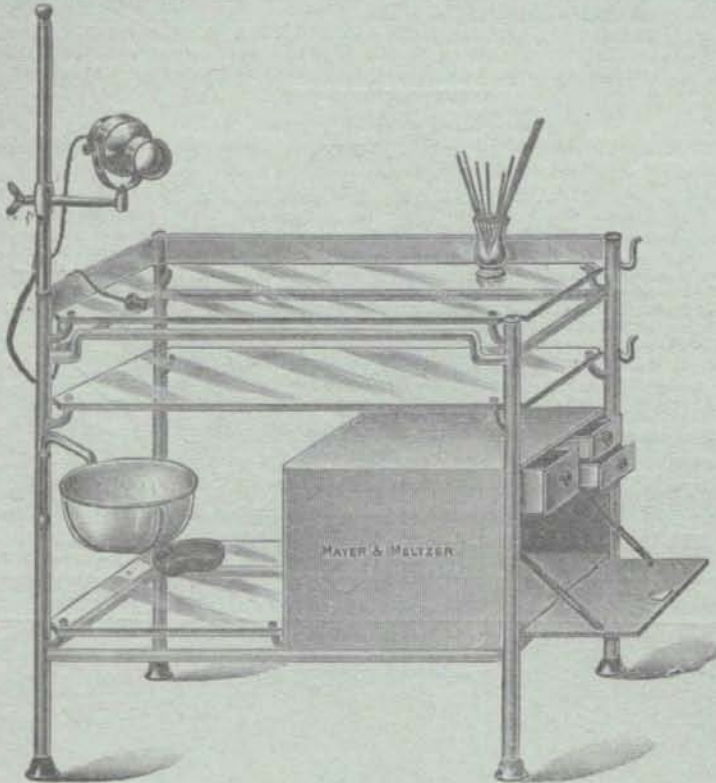
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