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piece, together with its so-called capsule, by means of the adenotome of La Force.

The results of this technique are so perfect that no surgeon who has experience of it is likely to return to the barbarous curette, which, even when it removes the growth completely, and this is by no means always the case, leaves a traumatised and chronically inflamed naso-pharynx.

It is true that a correct pattern of adenotome cannot at present be obtained from surgical instrument makers in this country, but any American or Continental firm will supply it. The adenoid curette has had its history, and it still has its place; not however in the kit-bag of the modern surgeon, but in some quiet museum devoted to the antiquities of Laryngology.—I am, etc.,

F. PEARCE STURM.

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE,

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Section of Laryngology.—*President*, W. H. Kelson, M.D. *Hon. Secretaries*, Philip Franklin, F.R.C.S., 27 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, and Norman Patterson, F.R.C.S., 82 Portland Place, London, W. 1.

The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 7th May, at 5 P.M. Members who are desirous of showing patients or specimens are requested to give notice to the *Senior Hon. Secretary*, along with a short précis stating the more important facts. These should be sent at least twelve days before the meeting.

The Summer Meeting of the Section of Laryngology will be held on Thursday and Friday, the 3rd and 4th June. The first Session will open on Thursday at 4 P.M., and the second on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

On the evening of Friday, 4th June, the Annual Dinner of the Section will take the form of a Banquet in honour of Sir St Clair Thomson, M.D., for the purpose of recognising his position as President of the Royal Society of Medicine and as an appreciation of his many valuable services to Laryngology. The dinner will be held at the Hotel Victoria. Application for seats should be made to Mr Norman Patterson, F.R.C.S., 82 Portland Place, London, W. 1.

The arrangements in connection with the Meeting and with the Banquet will be announced in a future number of the *Journal*.

Section of Otology.—*President*, G. J. Jenkins, F.R.C.S. *Hon. Secretaries*, F. W. Watkyn-Thomas, F.R.C.S., 14 Welbeck Street, London, W. 1, and T. B. Layton, D.S.O., M.S., 10 Welbeck Street, London, W. 1.

The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Saturday, 8th May,

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at 10.30 A.M. Communications regarding patients and specimens, along with a short précis of the notes of the case, should be sent to the *Senior Hon. Secretary*, Mr F. W. Watkyn-Thomas, F.R.C.S., at least twelve days before the meeting.

The Summer Meeting of the Section of Otology will be held on Friday and Saturday, the 4th and 5th June.

The first Session will open on Friday at 4 P.M., and the second on Saturday at 10.30 A.M.

During the Session 1925-26 the Sections will meet on the following dates:—

Section of Laryngology, on Friday, 7th May (*Annual*), and on Thursday and Friday, 3rd and 4th June.

Section of Otology, on Saturday, 8th May (*Annual*), and on Friday and Saturday, 4th and 5th June.

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SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF OTOLOGY AND LARYNGOLOGY.

The Twenty-third Meeting of the Scottish Society of Otology and Laryngology will meet at the Ear and Throat Department, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, on the afternoon of Saturday, 15th May.

As already announced in the *Journal*, the Society offers a prize of £20 for the best piece of Clinical or Laboratory Research Work in Oto-Laryngology. The prize is open to clinical tutors, house-surgeons, or clinical assistants attached to the Clinics of the Ordinary or Corresponding Members of the Scottish Society of Otology and Laryngology. The papers embodying the research work must be sent to the Secretary of the Society, Dr W. T. Gardiner, 18 Chester Street, Edinburgh, before the 1st November 1926.

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, NOTTINGHAM, 1926.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in July at Nottingham, under the presidency of Mr R. G. Hogarth, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon to the Nottingham General Hospital.

The Section of Laryngology and Otology will meet on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd July. The following have been appointed as Office-bearers:—

President—A. Brown Kelly, M.D.

Vice-Presidents—John Francis O'Malley, F.R.C.S.; Norman Patterson, F.R.C.S.; H. Bell Tawse, F.R.C.S.; Alexander Robert Tweedie, F.R.C.S.

Hon. Secretaries—Oswald Otto Popper, F.R.C.S. Ed., the General Hospital, Nottingham; Fred Stoker, M.B., F.R.C.S. Ed., 8 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

The following Programme has been arranged:—

21st July—*Discussion*.—The Treatment of Malignant Disease of the Upper Air and Food Passages.

Openers:—

Surgical Treatment.—F. J. Steward, M.S., F.R.C.S., London.

X-ray.—Robert Knox, M.D., London.

Radium.—Sir William Milligan, M.D., Manchester.

Diathermy.—W. S. Syme, M.D., Glasgow.

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22nd July—*Discussion*.—The After-Treatment and Results of the Simple and Radical Mastoid Operation.

Openers:—

G. J. Jenkins, F.R.C.S., London.

J. S. Fraser, M.B., C.M., Edinburgh.

23rd July.—To be devoted to the reading and discussion of Papers.

The following has been offered by Wm. Hill, M.D., London ;

Pharyngeal and Oesophageal Pouches.

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INTERNATIONAL CLINIC OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY AND FACIO-MAXILLARY SURGERY.

Acting upon the experience gained in 1925, Dr Fernand Lemaître has decided to arrange a further course of graduate intensive study at the St Louis Hospital, Paris, during the coming summer. The period of instruction will extend from the 15th May to the 12th August, and will comprise clinical demonstrations, hospital visits, operative work, lectures, and laboratory attendance.

The staff of teachers will include men from America, the British Empire, and the Continent of Europe, all of whom have gained a recognised position in their special branches. In addition to the clinical work of the course, special attention will be paid to plastic surgery, endoscopy, and operative procedures on the cadaver.

Those desirous of joining one or more sections of the course should make application to Mdlle. Jeanne Gobereau, 129 Avenue Victor Hugo, Paris^{xvi}, who will supply detailed information as to the arrangements and fees.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE AMERICAN SPECIAL SOCIETIES.

The Section of Laryngology and Otology of the American Medical Association will hold its Annual Meeting at Dallas, Texas, from 19th to 23rd April, under the Chairmanship of Dr Samuel Iglauer of Cincinnati.

Arrangements have been made for holding the following Meetings at Montreal, Canada, between 20th May and 5th June inclusive.

The American Bronchoscopic Society, on 29th May, with Dr W. B. Chamberlin of Cleveland as Chairman.

The American Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society from 31st May to 2nd June, with Dr J. M. Ingersoll of Cleveland as Chairman.

The American Otological Association on 2nd and 3rd June, with Dr Thomas J. Harris of New York as Chairman.

The American Laryngological Association on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th June, with Dr Greenfield Sluder of St Louis as Chairman.

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“THE JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY, LIMITED.”

The Fifth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company was held at 11 Chandos Street, London, W. 1, on Friday, 5th March. Sir William Milligan, Chairman of Directors, presided and submitted the General Report and the Balance-Sheet of the Company. The latter showed that the publication of the *Journal* for the year 1925 had resulted in a substantial profit. It was resolved that the balance should be placed to the credit of the *Journal* with a view to effecting further improvements.

The Report was approved, and Sir James Dundas-Grant, Mr Herbert

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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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THE ANNUAL "JOURNAL" DINNER.

The Annual *Journal* Dinner was held in the Langham Hotel, Portland Place, on the evening of Friday, 5th March. The company numbered forty. The Chair was occupied by Mr Walter G. Howarth, F.R.C.S., one of the Directors. Among the guests were Dr Gustave Monod of Paris, Dr Harry Campbell, the Editor of *The Medical Press and Circular*, Mr Robert Grant, representing the Publishing House of Oliver & Boyd, and Mr Haines Carter.

The Chairman, in proposing the success of the *Journal*, pointed out that it had now completed its first quinquennial period under the present management, and that all who were interested in it had reason to be satisfied with its present position. Dr A. Logan Turner in replying for the Editors dwelt briefly upon the improvements which had been effected during recent years, and appealed for further support from those who were interested in the specialty. At the request of the Chairman, Mr Robert Grant was called upon to reply on behalf of the publishers. Speaking in a reminiscent vein, he interested his audience in some of his experiences as a publisher. The group of abstractors was toasted by Dr Andrew Wylie, and replied to in a humorous speech by Dr Douglas Guthrie. The health of the Chairman was proposed by Dr William Hill. Mr Howarth in his reply thanked Mr Archer Ryland for his successful efforts in connection with the arrangements for the dinner.

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THE EAR AND THROAT DEPARTMENT, MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

We are indebted to the Middlesex Hospital Reconstruction Committee for the following information regarding the new Institute of Otology which has been established within the Hospital Annexe. The Annexe, which is situated in Cleveland Street in the immediate neighbourhood of the Hospital, was formally opened on the 23rd February by the Right Honourable Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health. The building has been fully equipped according to the modern standards of hospital design and will provide a temporary home for a large number of patients during the period of reconstruction of the Middlesex Hospital.

On the upper floors of the Annexe there has been placed the Institute of Otology, installed for the purpose of carrying out research work in connection with diseases of the ear, nose, and throat. This has been made possible through the generosity of the Right Honourable T. R. Ferens of Hull, to whose gift we have previously made reference in the *Journal*. The Institute is provided with a laboratory adapted for research work in its widest sense, as provision has also been made for carrying out very complete clinical examinations when these are considered necessary.

Under the supervision and direction of Mr Somerville Hastings and Mr F. J. Cleminson, ample opportunity will be given to those desirous of prosecuting research in the various branches of the specialty. We understand, however, that as the equipment of the laboratory is not yet complete, some weeks must elapse before it is in working order. A further statement will appear in the *Journal* in due course.

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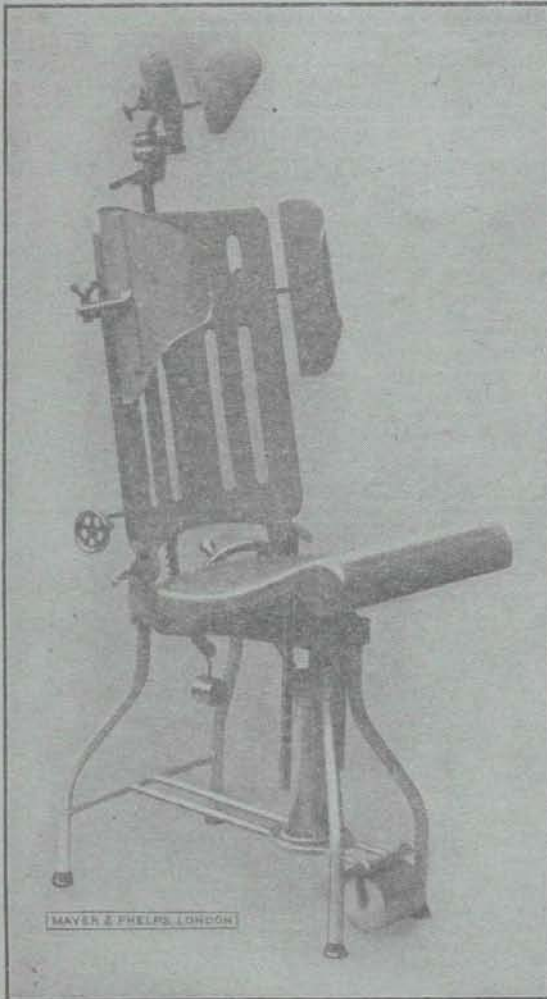
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