

## General Notes

*La Syphilis Auriculaire. (Oreille et Nerf Acoustique).* J. RAMADIER, Oto-Rhino Laryngologist to the Hospitals of Paris. (Gaston Doin et Cie., Paris 1928. Price 15 francs.)

The author of this small book of the Practical Medicine Series has aimed at bringing the subject of Syphilis of the ear up to date, and of interesting not only the specialist by his description of the various syphilitic otopathies, but also the general practitioner by showing how the auricular manifestation may be the first evidence of an endocranial nerve syphilis.

After dealing with the historical side of the subject he gives a detailed study of the various and numerous lesions of auricular syphilis that occur in the different forms of the disease, namely in primary, secondary and tertiary acquired syphilis, in tabes, and in early and late hereditary syphilis. The etiology, symptomatology, pathological anatomy, prognosis and effects of treatment, and diagnosis are discussed in each stage, and finally owing to our present lack of knowledge on the anatomico-pathological side the question of treatment is based upon a topographical and clinical classification of the various lesions, viz., cutaneo-mucous, bony and nervous. The whole subject forms a very clear and comprehensive study of our present knowledge of auricular syphilis.

L. GRAHAM BROWN.

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.  
1 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

*Section of Laryngology.*—The Opening Meeting of the Session 1928-29 will be held on Friday, 2nd November, at 5 P.M. *Hon. Secretaries*, Mr Lionel Colledge, F.R.C.S., 2 Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, and Mr M. E. Vlasto, F.R.C.S., 26 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

*Section of Otology.*—The Opening Meeting of the Session 1928-29 will be held on Saturday, 3rd November, at 10.30 A.M. *President*, Mr Somerville Hastings, M.S. *Hon. Secretaries*, Mr Nicol M. Rankin, M.C., M.B., 56 Harley Street, London, W. 1, and Dr F. C. Ormerod, M.D., 13 Welbeck Street, London, W. 1.

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THE SEMON LECTURE, 1928.

Professor Dr Marcel Hajek, Vienna, has been invited by the Semon Lecture Board to give the Semon Lecture of the University of London. The address, entitled "Laryngology and Rhinology and General Medicine," will be delivered on 1st November in the Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

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CONGRÈS FRANÇAIS D'OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGIE.

The Annual Session of the French Congress of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology will be held on the 17th October at the Faculty of Medicine, Paris, under the presidency of Dr Bourgeois of Paris.

The following subjects will be presented :—

1. Peripheral Facial Paralysis in Otology, by MM. Sargnon and Bertein.
2. The Physiology of Hearing, by M. Bonain.

# General Notes

## DIPLOMA IN LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.

The Diploma of the Conjoint Board of the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England has been recently conferred upon the following candidates :—

J. Acomb, N. Attygalle, H. K. Basu, N. E. H. Box, C. H. Carroll, G. D. Malhoutra, T. G. Millar, A. A. Miller, G. W. Morey, W. J. Robertson, E. M. Steel, D. B. Sutton, and M. R. Wadia.

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We are glad to be in a position to state that Sir William Milligan has recovered from his recent very serious illness. We express the hope that he may soon be restored to complete health.

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### THE LATE DR W. S. SYME.

Suddenly, on the 14th August, at Abersoch, North Wales, William Smith Syme, M.D. Edin., of 11 Lynedoch Crescent, Glasgow.

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### THE LATE DR DAVID ALEXANDER THOMSON.

We regret to record the death of Dr David Alexander Thomson, M.B., Ch.B., D.L.O., which took place on the 11th July. Dr Thomson, who was a graduate both in Arts and Medicine, had a distinguished career as a student at the University of Glasgow, where in 1907 he took his medical degree with Honours.

With a view to acquiring a knowledge of diseases of the ear and throat, Dr Thomson was appointed clinical assistant to the Ear and Throat Department at Guy's Hospital, where he worked for a considerable period of time.

Dr Thomson settled in Blackpool. He became Aural Surgeon and Laryngologist to the Fleetwood Hospital. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, he attended the meetings of the Sections of Laryngology and Otology.

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### THE LATE DR OSCAR BECK, VIENNA.

By the death of Oscar Beck, the specialty has lost the services of one of its most earnest workers. As Privat-Dozent in the clinic of Professor Neumann, he was looked upon by both colleagues and pupils as the man who would in course of time occupy the chief position in the clinic. His brilliant work upon syphilis and tuberculosis of the ear had marked him out as an able and accurate observer and as one who had added to our knowledge of diseases of the ear.

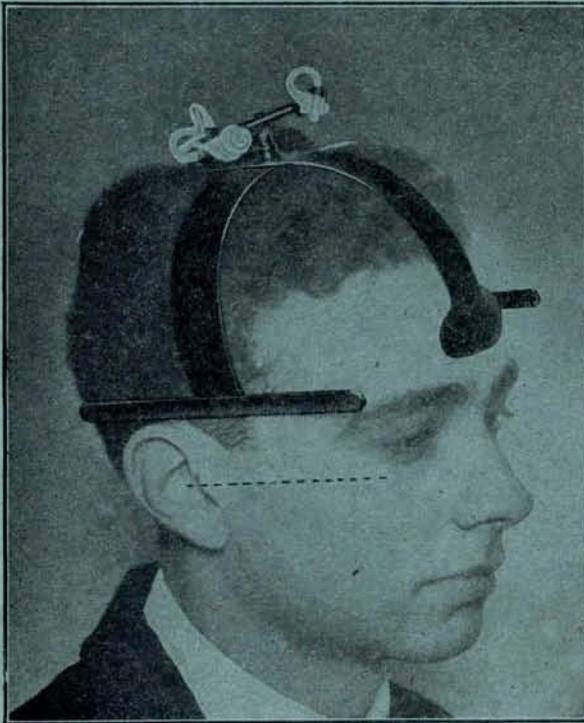
Beck possessed great skill as an operator. He was a very successful and popular teacher in the Post-graduate Courses; speaking excellent English, courteous in manner, and sparing no pains in the elucidation of difficult problems, he will be greatly missed among the English-speaking graduates attending the Vienna school.

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We have to record the death of Professor Dr F. Siebenmann of Bâle, the distinguished Swiss ôto-laryngologist.



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