

LETTER TO THE EDITORS.

SECONDARY HÆMORRHAGE AFTER DIATHERMY OPERATIONS.

THE EDITORS,

Journal of Laryngology and Otology.

DEAR SIRS,—In your April issue Dr E. A. Hallas, discussing the above question, makes the remark that “Dan McKenzie does not think the question” of secondary hæmorrhage after diathermy to be important.

Really! I must ask Dr Hallas for his authority for this, to me, most surprising statement. In all my publications on the subject of Surgical Diathermy in Cancer of the Pharynx I have insisted, time and again, upon the necessity for ligaturing the external carotid artery, not during nor after, but prior to the operation on the pharynx, in order to prevent secondary arterial hæmorrhage from the diathermy wound.

And by what stronger language (short of the linguistic excursions of the golfer) I could have emphasised more forcibly the importance to my mind of this step, I am quite at a loss to imagine.

May I add that, so far, I have not lost a single case from secondary hæmorrhage after diathermy, and, although I have seen severe venous bleeding during the separation of the sloughs, I have not yet met with any secondary arterial hæmorrhage at all. Venous hæmorrhage is controllable by clamp-pressure. Arterial hæmorrhage is not.—I am,
Yours truly,

DAN MCKENZIE.

March 1928.

GENERAL NOTES

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

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.

The Sections of Laryngology and Otology will hold their Summer

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Meeting conjointly on Thursday, 31st May, and on the two following days, 1st and 2nd June.

The Section of Laryngology will meet on the afternoon of Thursday at 4 o'clock, when papers will be read. The usual Clinical Meeting will be held on Friday, 1st June, at 5 o'clock.

The Section of Otology will meet on the forenoon of Friday at 10.30 o'clock for the reading of papers. The usual Clinical Meeting will be held on Saturday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Annual Dinner.—The members of the two Sections will dine together in the Hotel Victoria on the evening of Friday, 1st June, at 7.45 o'clock. The dinner, to which ladies are invited, will be followed by a dance. Price of tickets for dinner and dance £1, exclusive of wine. Members are requested to intimate to Mr Lionel Colledge, F.R.C.S., 2 Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, their intention to be present and the number of their guests. Cheques to be enclosed.

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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).

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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 Gunnar 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).

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.

Messrs Bennett, Travel Agents, 66 Haymarket, London, W. 1, are making arrangements for travelling facilities to and from Copenhagen, and members proposing to attend the Congress should communicate with them. The same firm is also prepared to arrange tours both before and after the Congress.

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NEW YORK BRONCHOSCOPIC CLUB.

The inaugural meeting of this Club took place on the 21st February 1928, and we are indebted to Dr Henry Hall Forbes of New York for the following information regarding the Club.

The aims of this new organisation represent a distinct advance in the field of bronchoscopy. Its active membership includes the internist, the thoracic surgeon, the roentgenologist, the pathologist and the peroral endoscopist. Thus there has been formed a unit working in close co-operation, affording the specialist an opportunity of comparing and checking observations and supplying the patient with the best possible means of diagnosis and treatment. Dr Frank Richard Herriman was elected President, Dr Henry Hall Forbes, Vice-President, and Dr Westley Hunt, Secretary and Treasurer.

At the inaugural dinner, Professor Chevalier Jackson was the guest of honour, and in a very interesting address he sketched the past, present and future of the specialty from its advent in Philadelphia forty-one years ago. He referred to the early difficulties with which he had to contend, and with natural pride he was able to point out that as a result of these efforts there was now a world-wide recognition of the specialty. The Hospital authorities in one institution alone had spent, during 1927, large sums of money in the purchase of the necessary instruments and appliances, and three thousand patients had been treated during the same year.

Dr Chevalier Jackson of Philadelphia, Dr Hubert Arrowsmith of Brooklyn, and Dr Harris B. Mosher of Boston were elected honorary members of the Club.

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Professor Georges Canuyt of the Faculty of Medicine of Strasbourg has issued a very complete programme of Post-Graduate work for a short intensive session extending from the 16th to the 28th July. The course will be essentially practical, and special attention will be paid to the study of diseases of the ear and throat in children.

General Notes

THE JOHN HUNTER MEDAL.

The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England have awarded the John Hunter Medal in bronze, with the Triennial Prize of £50, to Mr Victor E. Negus, M.S., F.R.C.S., for his investigations into the Comparative Anatomy and Physiology of the Larynx and the Anatomy of the Bronchi in their relation to Surgery.

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We regret to record the death of the following members of the profession.

Dr Alexander Hodgkinson died at Farnham, Surrey, on the 6th January, in his eighty-second year. A graduate of the University of Edinburgh, Dr Hodgkinson spent the greater part of his professional career in Manchester. He was Lecturer on Diseases of the Throat and Nose at Owens College, and was Senior Consulting Physician to the Manchester Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Throat. In 1902, he was President of the Section of Laryngology of the British Medical Association.

Dr William Herbert Lister Marriner died at Bournemouth, aged 69 years. An M.B. of the University of London in 1884, and F.R.C.S.E., he practised in Bournemouth, taking special interest in diseases of the ear and throat. He was Consulting Surgeon in Diseases of the Ear, Nose, and Throat at the Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital.

Mr John Percy Ingham Harty died on the 10th March 1928, at the early age of 47 years. In 1902, after receiving his medical education at Queen's College, Cork, he graduated M.B., B.Ch., at the Royal University of Ireland. In 1912 he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. In 1921 he was appointed Honorary Surgeon in charge of the Ear, Nose, and Throat Department, the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and was Clinical Lecturer in Laryngology in the University of Bristol. Mr Harty was a keen Territorial Officer and served throughout the War.

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BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

Diseases of the Larynx, including those of the Trachea, Large Bronchi, and Esophagus. By Harold Barwell, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Eng.). 3rd Edition. Humphrey Milford: Oxford University Press. 1928. Price 12s. 6d.

The Essentials of Otology. By George Birmingham McAuliffe, M.D., F.A.C.S., Assistant Professor of Otology, Cornell Medical College. 177 pages with illustrations in the text. New York: Oxford University Press, American Branch, Mr Humphrey Milford. Price 16s. net.

Die Acute Mittelohrentzündung als Kinderkrankheit. By Dr Adolf Fr. Hecht, University of Vienna. 126 pages. 1928. Vienna: Julius Springer.

Ohrenheilkunde für den praktischen Arzt. By Privat-Dozent Dr Rudolf Leidler, Vienna. 2nd Edition. Enlarged, with 45 illustrations in the text. Urban and Schwarzenberg: Berlin, 1928. Price 9 Mk. 50 pf.

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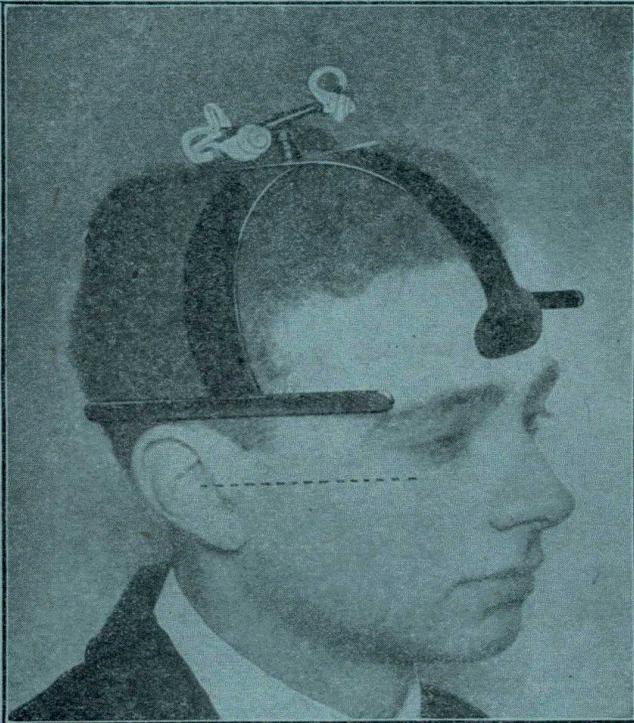
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