

GENERAL NOTES

OLD ILLUSTRATION BLOCKS

It is our custom to destroy blocks after three years. It may be that some authors would like to have their blocks for possible future use. In such case would they write Headley Brothers, Ashford, Kent, as soon as possible, and in any case within three years of their first being used.

THE attention of members is drawn to the *EXCERPTA MEDICA* Section XI which is a most valuable international abstracting service as it gives each month abstracts of all the important papers in Oto-Rhino-Laryngology. The subscription is £4 8s. od. a year and the agents for Great Britain, the Dominions and the Commonwealth (excluding Canada) are E. and S. Livingstone Ltd., 16 and 17 Teviot Place, Edinburgh. We regret that in previous issues the price was incorrectly stated as five dollars or the equivalent.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

THE programmes of the December meetings of the Sections of Otolaryngology and Laryngology are expected to be as follows:

Section of Otolaryngology, meeting on Friday, December 2nd, 1955, at 10.30 a.m.

Discussion: "The management of deafness in the young child." The opening speaker will be Miss Edith Whetnall.

Section of Laryngology, meeting on Friday, December 2nd, 1955, at 2.30 p.m.

Discussion: "Pharyngeal paralysis." Openers: Dr. Frank Elliott, Dr. John Harman, Mr. Charles Keogh.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS AND EAR, NOSE AND THROAT OPERATIONS

THE attention of members is drawn to the Medical Memorandum on Poliomyelitis, No. 93222/7/63, dated July, 1954, issued by the Ministry of Health and Department of Health for Scotland. The relevant passages in this report, which are of interest to Otolaryngologists, are as follows:

I. EPIDEMIOLOGY.

(a) The present evidence suggests that the portal of entry is usually the mouth and that the primary site of infection is in the mucosa of the oropharynx or the small intestine.

(b) In bulbar poliomyelitis following tonsillectomy it seems that the virus most probably travels to the medulla along the cranial nerves supplying the pharynx.

(c) It is fairly generally accepted that specific trauma, especially tonsillectomy, may precipitate paralysis.

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2. CONTROL MEASURES : AVOIDANCE OF CERTAIN TRAUMA.

(a) *Tonsillectomy.* The postponement of tonsillectomy when poliomyelitis reaches unusual proportions in a locality is strongly advised, particularly because when poliomyelitis follows recent tonsillectomy, serious illness, with bulbar involvement, appears to be more frequent. The Medical Officer of Health can assist by informing local hospital authorities when and where the incidence of the disease is unusually high, so that the surgeon may then take this hazard into account before deciding to operate.

(b) *Tooth Extractions.* There is very little evidence that tooth extractions may predispose to bulbar poliomyelitis. Nevertheless as with ear, nose and throat surgery the possibility should be kept in mind by dentists undertaking non-urgent extractions in areas of epidemic prevalence.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Fifty-guinea prize for original work in Otolaryngology.

At the Ninth Annual Meeting of the North of England Otolaryngological Society at Harrogate on October 1st, a fifty-guinea prize was awarded to Mr. Robert W. Baillie of 7, Riccarton Avenue, Paisley, for his Paper on "Lermoyez' Syndrome". The cheque will be presented to Mr. Baillie at the Society's next Meeting on March 24th in Newcastle.

THE INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY

GRAY'S INN ROAD, LONDON, W.C.1 *

THE ACADEMIC BOARD announces the following SPECIAL LECTURES to be given in the Lecture Hall of the Institute at Gray's Inn Road. They are open to all members of the Specialty and to post-graduate students.

Wednesday, December 7th, 1955. 5.30 p.m.

The Surgery of Pharyngeal Carcinoma. PROFESSOR F. C. ORMEROD.
Thursday and Saturday, February 2nd and 4th, 1956.

A series of demonstrations of the technique of cinéphotography of the bronchus and œsophagus will be given by DR. DUBOIS DE MONTREYNAUD (*Rheims*) and of cinéphotographic and cineradiophotographic films will be made by DR. ANDRÉ SOULAR (*Paris*), DR. ERIC CARLEUS (*Stockholm*), DR. J. W. VAN DEN BERG (*Groningen*), PROFESSOR FERNAND EEMAN (*Ghent*), and DR. DUBOIS DE MONTREYNAUD. This symposium is intended as a tribute to mark the passing of the ninetieth birthday of Dr. Chevalier Jackson, and the demonstration will commence on Thursday, February 2nd, at 10 a.m., and at 2 p.m., and on Saturday, February 4th, at 9.30 a.m.

OTOLARYNGOLOGY LECTURES 1955-56

THE following lectures, arranged jointly by the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Institute of Laryngology and Otolaryngology will be delivered in the Lecture Hall of the College at 5.30 p.m.

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December 1st. Dr. S. P. Meadows. Cranial Palsies and Otolaryngology.

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February 2nd. Sir Philip Manson-Bahr. Tropical diseases affecting the throat, nose and ear.

March 1st. Dr. C. Worster-Drought. Certain aspects of speech disorders in children.

April 5th. Mr. T. Holmes Sellors. Perforations of the air passages and the œsophagus.

May 3rd. Mr. E. J. Radley-Smith. The physiology and pathology of the pituitary gland.

July 5th. Professor W. V. Mayneord. Recent scientific development in radiotherapy.

SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

THE International Committee of the Fifth Congress of Otolaryngology has invited the national Societies of Otolaryngology and Bronchoesophagology of the United States of America to organize the Sixth International Congress.

The Organizing Committee at the direction of the national societies cordially invites you to attend the Sixth International Congress of Otolaryngology which will be held in Washington, D.C., from Sunday, May 5th, through Friday, May 10th, 1957.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This first circular is sent to all those who may wish to attend this Congress. Additional information concerning details of registration, accommodations, requests for positions on the programme, entertainment, excursions, programmes, etc., will be sent to those returning the enclosed post card.

No further circulars will be sent to those who do not return the enclosed post card.

Subscriptions. The subscription for Members will be \$25.00 (U.S.A.). This will include the privilege of attendance at all official meetings of the Congress except the banquet for which an additional charge will be made. Persons accompanying Members may be registered as Associates at a fee of \$10.00.

Accommodation and Travel. The American Express Company is the official travel agent for the Congress. Their offices throughout the world are available for travel arrangements to the Congress and for post-Congress tours. Forms for hotel accommodations will be sent to those who return the enclosed post card. Accommodations can be reserved only by those who apply for membership.

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THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The selected subjects for the Plenary (Combined) Sessions will be:

1. Chronic Suppuration of the Temporal Bone;
2. Collagen Disorders of the Respiratory Tract;
3. Papilloma of the Larynx.

Outstanding internationally recognized authorities will open the discussion of each of these subjects.

Communications of two types are invited. 1. *Contributions to the discussion of the selected subjects*: Speakers limited to 5 minutes. 2. *Original papers*: Speakers limited to 15 minutes. These should be in one of the four official languages: English, French, German, Spanish. Members wishing to discuss a selected subject or present an original paper will so indicate on forms to be sent to those returning the enclosed post card.

Films and Exhibits. Motion pictures will be shown continuously except during Plenary Sessions. There will also be both scientific and technical exhibits.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

An interesting programme of tours, social functions and visits to points of interest in and around Washington is being arranged. Further information concerning these activities will be sent to those returning the enclosed card.

Please address all communications to the General Secretary, Paul H. Holinger, M.D., 700 No. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois, U.S.A.

COLLEGIUM OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGICUM AMICITIAE SACRUM

The Committee of the Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum has awarded the Shambaugh Prize for 1955 to Charles Skinner Hallpike of London, as recognition of his great merits in scientific work both on the vestibular and on the acoustic parts of the labyrinth.

The Shambaugh Prize was founded by the family of the late Dr. George E. Shambaugh, the well-known otologist of Chicago. It is awarded every second year, and up till now has been given to G. von Békésy, Raoul Caussét, and Hallowell Davis.

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