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RETROSPECT OF RHINOLOGY.

BY ARTHUR SANDFORD.

SCIENTIFIC advance in the field of nasal surgery and in the general treatment of affections of the nose and of the collateral sinuses has been marked by no striking or sensational discoveries during the past year. Much valuable knowledge has nevertheless accumulated from the close attention and diligent research which has been exercised in every department of the subject. Information already acquired has been carefully sifted, and new methods of local treatment have been carefully tested by many observers, with the result that some have been practically discarded, whilst others have been modified and improved. The interdependence of local symptoms and general effects—reflex and otherwise—has become more thoroughly understood, and the important influence exercised by nasal conditions upon the health, development and general well-being of the individual more fully recognised. The various scientific societies at home and abroad have been busily engaged in investigating the subject, and the ever-increasing number of cases brought up for consideration indicate a growing recognition of its importance.

To attempt to recapitulate these various individual cases within the limits of a brief retrospective notice would be useless, if not impossible. A very large number have been published from time to time in the Journal, and are readily accessible for reference. Amongst the more important communications may be mentioned the discussion on "Asthma in its Relations to the Diseases of the

Upper Air Passages," opened by Dr. Percy Kidd and Dr. P. McBride at a meeting of the Laryngological Society, and reported in the July number of the Journal; papers by Dr. Dundas Grant, on the treatment of "Deflections of the Nasal Septum," and on "Nasal and Aural Diseases as a Cause of Headache"; by Dr. StClair Thompson, on "The Rhinitis of Inherited Syphilis"; and by Dr. Price-Brown, on "Non-diphtheritic Pseudo-Membranous Rhinitis," etc., etc. Several new or modified instruments, and a few new books relating to the subject, have appeared and received notice in this Journal.

RETROSPECT OF OTOLOGY.

BY DUNDAS GRANT AND ATWOOD THORNE.

AMONG the most interesting events in the otological world occurring during the past year we must signalize the sixth International Otological Congress, held in London under the presidency of Professor Urban Pritchard. A general report of the proceedings was published in the JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY for September, along with the *President's address on The Growth of Otological Science* (J. L., 445). Many of the papers have been reproduced in our pages, but the very complete report of the *Discussion on the Indications for Opening the Mastoid in Chronic Suppuration of the Middle Ear* (J. L., 511) will have peculiar interest from the number and importance of the contributors. Opinions were unanimous as to the overwhelming excellence of the Museum, for which the greatest credit is due to Mr. Arthur Cheatle (secretary of the Museum sub-committee) and the coadjutor in his labours, Dr. Jobson Horne. The publication of the catalogue will be awaited with impatient interest.

Dr. Woods made an important contribution to otology in his address on *General Treatment in Diseases of the Ear* before the British Laryngological Association (J. L., 195). We must also draw attention to the collective investigation as to the value of *Operative Interference on the Drum and Ossicles in Chronic Middle-Ear Suppuration* communicated by Mr. Cheatle (J. L., 50). It will be further considered in this retrospect.

The arrangement of the matter in the following retrospect is mainly anatomical, and the abbreviations of the references will be explained by the table at the end. The letters J. L., however, indicate the volume of the JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY for 1899, and the numbers following them the page in that volume.