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To the Editor of THE JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, AND OTOTOLOGY.

SIR,—Kindly permit me to draw your attention to an error in the August number. On page 386 my friend Dr. Percival J. Hay is familiarly alluded to as "Percival."

Yours faithfully,

WILFRID GLEGG.

[The paper by Professor Onodi was written in German and the translation is literal. Our correspondent will be pleased to learn that Professor Onodi has already noticed the error and rectified it in his publication on this subject, 'Der Sehnerv und die Nebenhöhlen der Nase,' of which we have just received an advance copy. He correctly refers to the case on page 66 of his monograph.—EDITOR.]

To the Editor of the JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, AND OTOTOLOGY.

DEAR SIR,—My attention has been called to an error on p. 348 of my text-book on "Diseases of the Nose and Throat."

In discussing thyrotomy for benign neoplasms of the larynx, reference is made to "Permewan's two thyrotomies, etc." In a most courteous note to me Dr. Permewan declares that he has never done a thyrotomy for benign growth. My words are based on a statement found on p. 408, *Progressive Medicine*, May, 1902 (StClair Thomson), and the episode illustrates the danger of taking things second-hand, even from a distinguished authority.

With profound apologies to Dr. Permewan and to those who honour me by consulting my book,

I remain, yours very truly,

C. H. KNIGHT.