

General Notes

pathological conditions in the ear, nose, mouth, and throat, which include adenoids, abnormalities of the uvula, nasal obstructions, tongue-tie, cleft palate, and harelip, deformities of the jaw and dental arches.

Hoarseness, falsetto voice, retarded speech development, perverted speech, the speech conflict, lisping and nasality, are forms of speech disorder based on physical and mental causes, and require the attention of a medical specialist in order to overcome the disorder.

ANGUS A. CAMPBELL.

The Importance of Carbohydrate Metabolism in Hyperthyroidism.

JOSEF CHARVAT. (*Oto-Laryngologica Slavica*, December 1929.)

As the result of investigation of a carbohydrate metabolism in hyperthyroid patients the author concludes that, contrary to Falta's view, there is no direct antagonism between the thyroid and the pancreas; that owing to increased sympathetic tonus the glycogenic function of the liver is upset and the liver is unable to store glycogen and the other functions of the liver are upset consequent on this.

The kidney sugar threshold is generally raised, and may even reach 3 per cent. It is probable that a certain amount of the sugar is used in hyperthyroidism without having been converted into glycogen. If there is a disproportion of insulin and carbohydrate plethora, it signifies a relative disturbance only.

He suggests that these facts should be applied clinically by increasing the carbohydrate diet in hyperthyroids and by the injection of intravenous glucose with insulin before and after operation on hyperthyroid patients, as acidosis might be prevented by thus helping the liver.

E. J. GILROY GLASS.

GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

1 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

Section of Laryngology.—The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 2nd May, at 5 P.M.

President, Dr Dan McKenzie. *Hon. Secretaries*, Mr M. E. Vlasto, 26 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, and Mr V. E. Negus, M.S., 133 Harley Street, London, W. 1.

Section of Otology.—The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 2nd May, at 9.30 A.M.

President, Mr W. M. Mollison, M.Ch. *Secretaries*, Mr F. C. Ormerod, F.R.C.S., and Mr L. Graham-Brown, F.R.C.S., 32 Devonshire Place, London, W. 1.

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, WINNIPEG, 1930,
26th to 29th August.

Section of Laryngology and Otology.

President: Sir St Clair Thomson, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., London.

Vice-Presidents: A. J. M. Wright, M.B., F.R.C.S., Bristol; Francis F. Muecke, C.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S., London; Professor Samuel Willis Prowse, M.D., F.R.C.S. Ed., Winnipeg; Professor Herbert Stanley Birkett, C.B., M.D., Montreal.

Hon. Secretaries: R. Scott Stevenson, M.D., F.R.C.S. Ed., 137 Harley Street, London, W. 1; Professor George William Fletcher, M.D., 215 Medical Arts Building, Winnipeg.

The Programme of this Section has been provisionally arranged as follows:—

The Subjects for General Discussion are:—

- (1) The Early Diagnosis of Septic Infection of the Lateral Sinus.
To be opened by—(1) Mr Muecke (London). (2) Dr James T. Rogers (Montreal).
- (2) Treatment of Para-Nasal Sinus Suppuration persisting after Operation. To be opened by—(1) Dr Perry G. Goldsmith (Toronto). (2) Mr A. J. Wright (Bristol).
- (3) Diagnosis of Cancer of the Larynx—Mr L. Colledge (London).

The Hon. Secretaries will be pleased to receive the names of Members who are prepared to join in one or more of the Discussions, or are willing to contribute original communications. Preference will be given to contributions dealing with one of the above three subjects.

A good number of Oto-Laryngologists have already made their arrangements for sailing from England on the 8th August, and those who have not already done so are advised to secure their passages in good time. All visitors from Europe may rest assured of a hearty welcome. It is hoped that there will be a large European contingent.

Particulars of the journey to Canada, and of various alternative tours, may be obtained from the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C. 1.

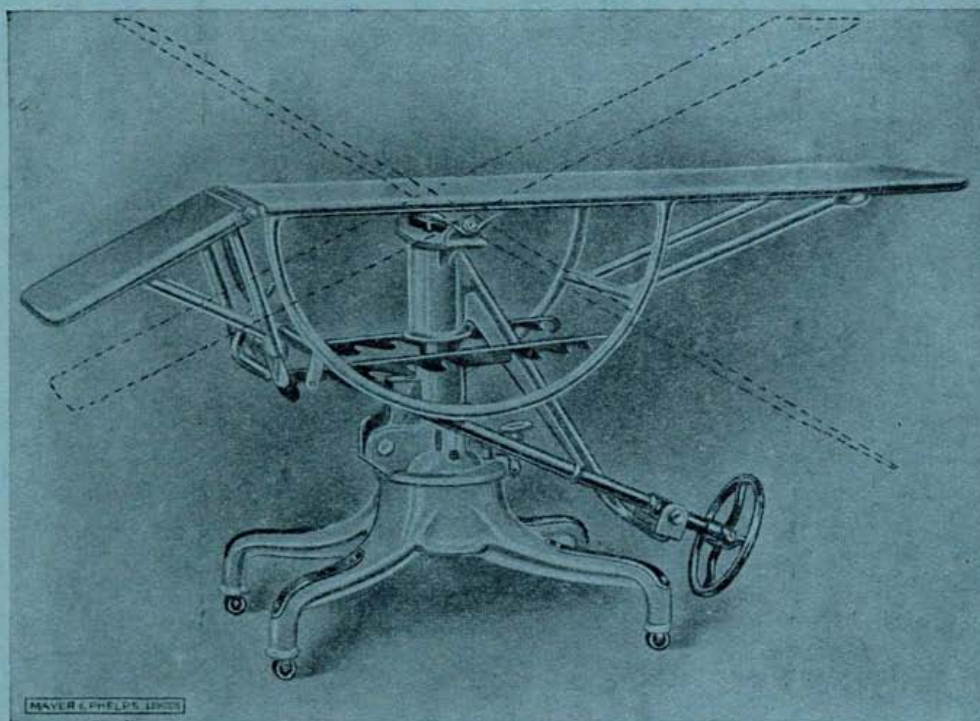
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SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF OTOLOGY AND LARYNGOLOGY.

The Society offers a prize of £20 for the best piece of Clinical or Laboratory Research work in Oto-Laryngology. The prize is open to Clinical Tutors, House Surgeons, and Clinical Assistants attached to the Clinics of Ordinary and Corresponding Members of the Scottish Society of Otology and Laryngology. The papers embodying the research work must be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Dr James Harper, 21 Woodside Terrace, Glasgow, C. 3, not later than 30th September 1930.

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