

General Notes

But I got a little shock a few days later when I received a letter from the mother of a lad who, in childhood, had been under my care for papilloma of the larynx, and who after several interventions had apparently been cured. The mother's letter contained the bad news that the boy, now 18 years of age, had developed pulmonary tuberculosis and that "the outlook was not favourable."

It would be interesting to hear whether this sequence of events has been observed by others. Perhaps the originator of the aforesaid rumour would give us his experience.

I ought perhaps to add that on further consideration there is really no reason why I should have been so bluntly sceptical regarding a relationship between papilloma and tubercle. Papillomata (to say nothing of the other neoplasms) seem often to be an expression of the effects of irritation. The cancer-producing paraffins, for example, induce simple papillomata before the cancerous change appears; inveterate dirt on the fingers will induce a crop of schoolboy warts; arsenic also, and even some shaving-soaps, may bring out a family of papillomata on the skin. Then, to be sure, there are those post-mortem warts which, rumour again informs me, are attributed to the action of the tubercle bacillus. Quite a coincidence this last.

And so the suggestion of a relationship between laryngeal papilloma and tuberculosis is not so wild as at first sight it seemed to be.

But since papilloma formation is apparently only a system of some kind of irritation, that irritation is not necessarily, of course, always tuberculous. And, by the way, does not simple papilloma of the larynx sometimes precede epithelioma?—I am, Yours very truly,
DAN MCKENZIE.

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

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

Section of Laryngology and Otology.

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

The subjects for general discussion are :—

First Day.

- (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) "Diagnosis of Cancer of the Larynx." To be opened by Mr E. D. D. Davis (London). Followed by Sir St Clair Thomson.

Second Day.

- (3) "Treatment of Paranasal Sinus Suppuration persisting after Operation." To be opened by—(1) Dr Perry G. Goldsmith (Toronto). (2) Mr A. J. Wright (Bristol). Followed by Dr A. Logan Turner (Edinburgh).

Papers :—Dr Newhart (Minneapolis) : "Recent Efforts to prevent Deafness among School Children." Mr E. A. Peters (London) : "A Safe Method of treating Ethmoiditis : with Specimen."

The Officers of the Section of Radiology invite members of the Section of Laryngology and Otology to discuss Dr A. E. Barclay's paper on "The Mechanism of Swallowing."

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.

Arrangements are being made for visiting the Department of Oto-Laryngology in the Mayo Clinic (Rochester) during the week-end following the Meeting (30th August to 2nd September).

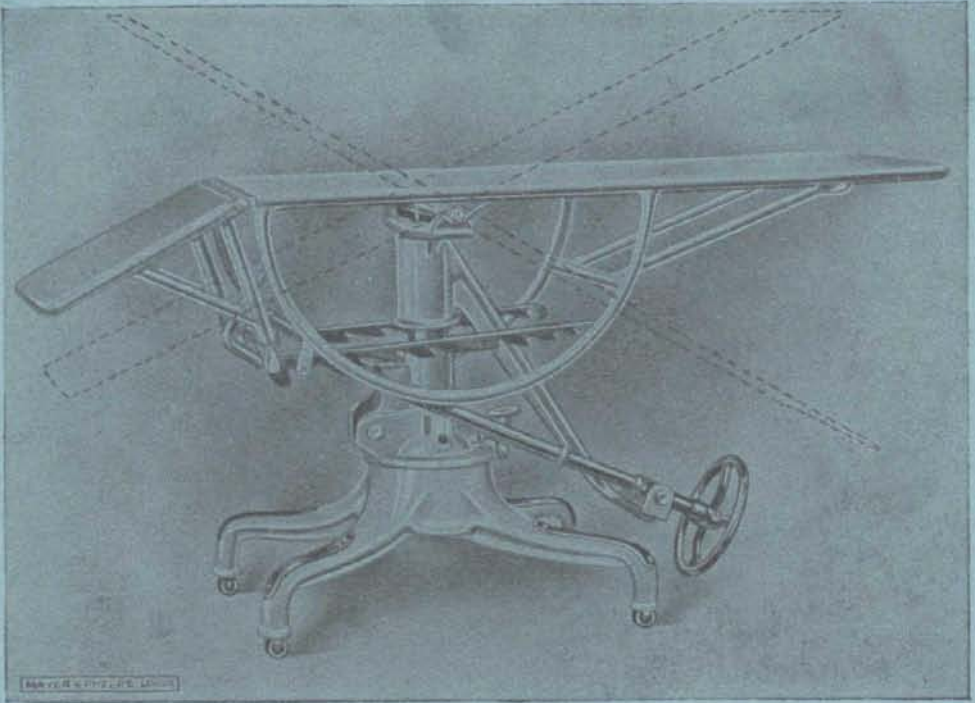
Particulars of the journey to Canada, and of various alternative tours, may be obtained from the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C. 1.

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At the Annual Dinner of the Sections of Laryngology and Otology of the Royal Society of Medicine on the 5th June, Dr Logan Turner, Dr J. S. Fraser, and Dr Douglas Guthrie were entertained as the guests of the Sections. This opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Dr Logan Turner from his many friends and admirers to celebrate the invaluable work that he had done for Laryngology in general and the *Journal of Laryngology* in particular. The presentation took the form of a sum of money, which, at Dr Logan Turner's request, is to be devoted to the foundation of a triennial prize which will be associated with his name. Dr Dan McKenzie made the presentation on behalf of the Committee, and Dr Logan Turner acknowledged this in an interesting and amusing speech. Mr Walter Howarth then presented Dr Fraser and Dr Guthrie, on behalf of the subscribers, with gold match-boxes as a memento of their long association with and their valuable work for the *Journal of Laryngology*.

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