

## Royal Society of Medicine

Caldwell-Luc operation, a good result following. It must not always be supposed that the antrum was healthy because there was nothing to be observed radiologically.

MR. NEVILLE YOUNG said that a number of these cases healed spontaneously. Actually whilst they were awaiting operation, three out of 27 cases in his records had done so—and six others following a simple antrum operation only. He added that none of the series was of less than nine weeks duration. He therefore had some doubts as to when to operate in this condition.

MR. S. W. G. HARGROVE, also in reply, said that there must be a number of people going about their ordinary business with fistulae in the mouth, and the majority of cases which had been referred to him for treatment were chronic and following a talk which he gave to the Shropshire Branch of the British Dental Association in 1950 a considerable number of cases had been referred to him. He felt that he could get better results if he had them by the 14th-21st day and in that event he could close them with far greater ease. After the 14th-21st day the mucous membrane of the antrum and buccal mucosa had become fused and although there may have been a large hole in the mucosa at the time, when examined, there was only a small opening present and in the majority of cases beneath the fistula in the mucosa there is invariably a large bony dehiscence.

MR. C. B. CARTLEDGE replying to the question as to whether the use of a local anaesthetic for the extraction of teeth, increased the risk of a fistula becoming established, said that, the risk of an alveolar osteitis were greater when a local anaesthetic was used. This risk diminished somewhat when a local anaesthetic was used containing a minimum quantity of adrenaline, and if the wound was treated after operation with penicillin-sulphathiazole powder. Personally he preferred to use 2% Xylocaine without adrenaline.

## GENERAL NOTES

### OLD ILLUSTRATION BLOCKS

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## General Notes

### 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.

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### 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:

#### 1. 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.

#### 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.

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*Saturday, November 5th, 1955.* 11 a.m.

The Demonstration of Films by Dr. Andre Soulas and Dr. Dubois de Montreynaud (Paris), has been unavoidably postponed until the beginning of February, 1956.

*Wednesday, November 16th, 1955.* 5.30 p.m.

Plastic Surgery of the Middle Ear. PROFESSOR F. C. ORMEROD.

*Wednesday, November 30th, 1955.* 5.30 p.m.

Ulcerative Granulomatous Conditions of the Nose. DR. I. FRIEDMANN.

*Wednesday, December 7th, 1955.* 5.30 p.m. The Surgery of Pharyngeal Carcinoma. PROFESSOR F. C. ORMEROD.

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### OTOLARYNGOLOGY LECTURES 1955-56

THE following lectures, arranged jointly by the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Institute of Laryngology and Otology 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 oesophagus.

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.

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### 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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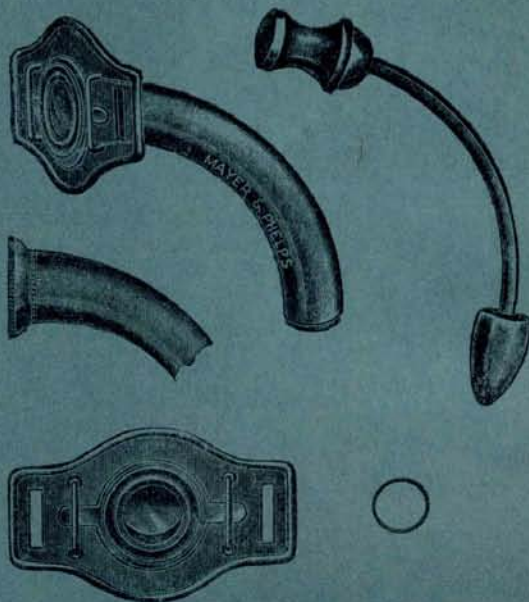
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