

## OBITUARY.

WILLIAM LINCOLN BALLENGER, CHICAGO, U.S.A.

*Born December 26, 1861. Died December 22, 1915.*

THANKS chiefly to the invention of the ingenious swivel-knife, so generally used in resections of the septum, few names of American laryngologists are more frequently mentioned in our clinics than is that of our late colleague of Chicago. But his name will be known and will be remembered for other work. It was in the year 1899 that we first saw him over on this side; at the Sixth International Congress of Otology, and many of us can remember his youthful and vigorous appearance, his enthusiasm, and his charm. He had then, after some eight or nine years of useful general practice, devoted himself to otolaryngology and had just started in Chicago. The last time we saw him over here was at Liverpool, at the meeting of the British Medical Association in 1912. Then, his friends were equally struck with his aged and ill appearance. We did not know that he was already stricken with diabetes. Nevertheless, he continued in active practice until December, 1913, when he retired from Chicago to his country farm, where, after two years of suffering, he passed away.

Between these periods he had put in a full measure of strenuous life. He was an active member of many medical societies, including that select body, the American Laryngological Association. He was always one of the strong defenders of the recent innovation of complete enucleation of the tonsils. He was the author of two text-books, the first appearing in 1900, and the second and larger work on "Diseases of the Nose, Throat, and Ear," stood its ground for many years as one of the most important American text-books. Needless to say, that in his own country he was esteemed as a strong, able, and congenial colleague. No one was more popular during his visits to this country.

*StClair Thomson.*

## NOTES AND QUERIES.

On the recommendation of the Lord Provost, Dr. John McIntyre, Glasgow, has been appointed Deaputy Lieutenant and a Justice of the Peace of the County of Glasgow.

## SUBSCRIPTION TO THE JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, AND OTOTOLOGY.

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## BOOK RECEIVED.

**Otosclerosis.** By *Albert A. Gray, M.D., F.R.S.E.*, etc. London: H. K. Lewis & Co., Ltd. Price 12s. 6d. net.