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well known. Grünewald succeeded in effecting a remarkable cure in a pronounced and very typical case of pollen hypersensibility in which all the other conventional remedies had proved useless. He employed increasing subcutaneous doses of a mixed grass pollen extract, which was produced from the pollen after it had been stimulated to germinate by artificial means which he describes in detail. He assumes that he thus reproduced the actual conditions which prevail in the nose and the conjunctival sac of the hay-fever patient. Further clinical observation must decide whether better results are to be obtained from an antigen prepared in the manner described. J. B. HORGAN.

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DR MARCEL LERMOYEZ.

ONE of the most important figures in French Laryngology has disappeared in the person of the late Dr Marcel Lermoyez. He was not merely distinguished in the specialty to which he mainly devoted himself, but was a physician of considerable eminence in the hospitals of Paris. He had the distinction of acting as examiner in medicine for the University. Born in 1858 he had lived to the allotted span, and there is every probability that he would have survived to a still greater age had it not been for the irreparable shock he sustained by the death of his only son, a blow from which he seemed never to have recovered.

All the honours that were open to a laryngologist fell to his lot. He was President of the various French special societies, and Corresponding Member of many of those in other lands. In the year before the Great War he was made an Honorary Member of the German Laryngological Association. He was co-editor of the *Annales des Maladies de l'Oreille et du Larynx* in collaboration with Gouguenheim and afterwards with Sébilleau, and took an active part in the editing of the *Presse Médicale*. He was a prolific writer and published his two attractive volumes on the treatment of diseases of the nose and also those of the ear. He was active in research, and his investigation into the bactericidal properties of the nasal mucus is almost a classic.

He gave the impression of a certain amount of reserve and hauteur, which was probably more on the surface than in his disposition. He undoubtedly helped to maintain the tone of his specialty and will long retain an honoured place in the memory of those who had the pleasure of knowing him personally or studying his works.

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