

GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE,
1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

Sections of Laryngology and Otology.—The Session 1925-26 will open on Friday, 6th November. The Section of Laryngology will meet on Friday at 5 o'clock, and the Section of Otology on Saturday, 7th November, at 10.30 A.M.

During the Session 1925-26 the Sections will meet on the following dates:—

Section of Laryngology, on Friday, 6th November, 4th December, 5th February, 5th March, April (date not yet arranged), 7th May (*Annual*), and 4th June.

Section of Otology, on Saturday, 7th November, 5th December, 6th February, 6th March, 8th May (*Annual*), and 5th June.

Amongst the subjects selected for special discussion during the forthcoming Session, which are of special interest to members of the Sections of Laryngology and Otology, are:—

1. Focal Sepsis as a Factor in Disease; to be discussed by the whole Society; and
2. The Diagnosis and Treatment of Intra-thoracic New Growths; to be discussed by the Sections of Medicine, Electro-Therapeutics, Surgery, and Laryngology.

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THE SEMON LECTURE, 1925.

Dr Patrick Watson-Williams, Bristol, has been invited by the Semon Lecture Board to give the Semon Lecture, University of London. The address will be delivered in the Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1, on the afternoon of Thursday, 5th November.

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CONGRÈS FRANÇAIS D'OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGIE.

The Annual Session of the French Society of Otology, Rhinology, and Laryngology will be held at the Faculty of Medicine, Paris, from the 14th to the 17th October, under the Presidency of Dr Brindel of Bordeaux.

The following two Discussions appear upon the Programme:—

1. *Otitis latentes chez l'enfant.* Rapporteurs; MM. le Mée, André Bloch, Cazejust.
2. *Syndrome du ganglion sphéno-palatine.* Rapporteur; M. Halphen.

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Sir St Clair Thomson, M.D., F.R.C.P., has been re-elected President of the Royal Society of Medicine, London.

Sir St Clair Thomson has also been re-elected Examiner in Laryngology for the D.L.O.

General Notes

INTERNATIONAL CLINIC OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY AND FACIO-MAXILLARY SURGERY.

An international Post-graduate Course, arranged under the direction of Dr Fernand Lemaître, was held in Paris during the summer months.

In the department of endoscopy instruction was given by Professor Chevalier Jackson and his assistants in the Bronchoscopic Clinic, Philadelphia, Dr Gabriel Tucker, and Dr Ellen J. Patterson.

The morning sessions, held at the St Louis Hospital through the kindness of Dr Lemaître, took the form of fascinating "chalk talks" conducted by Professor Jackson. With the aid of the manikin board, lantern slides and beautiful crayon pictures (to call them diagrams would be quite inadequate) he gave a masterly description of laryngoscopy, bronchoscopy, œsophagoscopy, foreign body work, and diseases of the chest in relation to endoscopy.

In the afternoon, meetings held at the *École de Médecin* were conducted by Dr Tucker and Dr Patterson. The class of nine members was divided into groups of three. Each team worked upon a cadaver and were thoroughly drilled in endoscopic technique, each member acting successively as operator, first assistant, and second assistant. During the second week the teams operated upon narcotised dogs, practising the recovery of foreign bodies, such as pins, tacks, staples, coins, pea-nuts and beans, removing these from the œsophagus, trachea, and bronchi.

The five British members of the class were very enthusiastic over the thoroughness of the work, the modest, straightforward clarity of the teaching of Professor Jackson and the practical and sympathetic enthusiasm of his assistants. The members retain most grateful and affectionate memories of what they owe to Dr Lemaître, Professor Chevalier Jackson, Dr Gabriel Tucker, and Dr Patterson.

We are indebted to Dr T. B. Jobson of Guildford for the above short note of the work done in the class of endoscopy.

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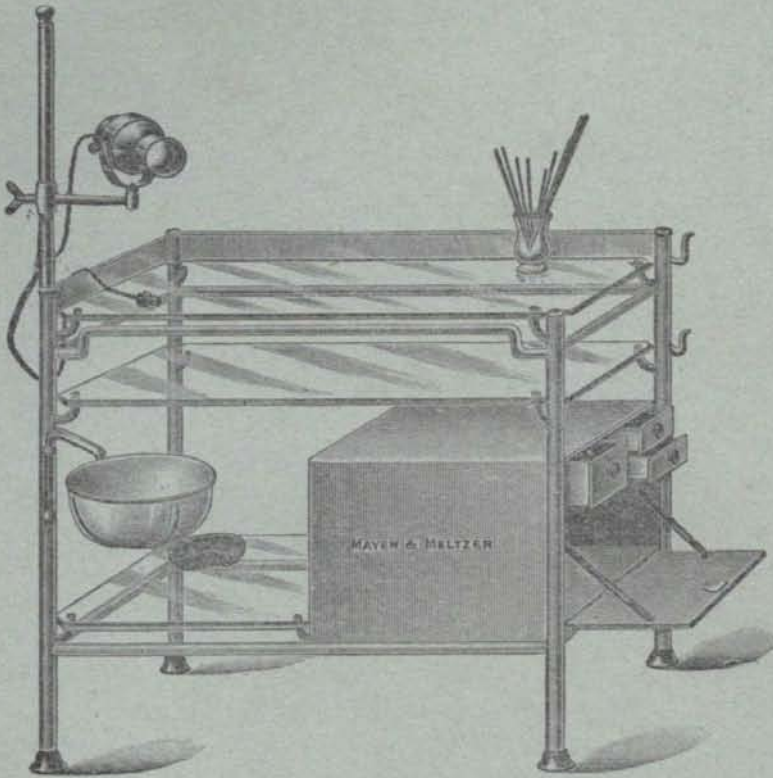
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF, LONDON, 1925.

The Conference was held in London from the 20th to the 25th July. The programme contained many items of great interest and importance dealing with such subjects as the Psychology of the Deaf Child, Speech and Speech Reading, and Vocational Training. Among those who contributed to its scientific work were Professor Max Goldstein of St Louis, U.S.A., and Professor Ferreri of Milan.

One of the features of the Conference was the exhibition of work from the various Educational Schools not only in the British Isles, but in the Overseas Dominions, the United States and the Continent of Europe. The exhibits typified all the grades of Handwork from the Kindergarten Classes to the finished products of the Trade Schools. They included shoemaking, carpentry, millinery, tailoring, printing, cookery and baking.

EXAMINATION TABLE

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The Table is fitted with a "Chiron" Electric Lamp, a Swing Bowl, Cupboard for Dressings, and Drawers for Instruments. A most useful piece of furniture for the Specialist's Consulting Room.

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