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THE LATE DR. ACHILLE GOUGUENHEIM.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

THOSE who were present at the recent International Medical Congress at Paris could not fail to observe the great change for the worse in Dr. Gouguenheim's physical condition. It will therefore be without much surprise, but with a regret shared by all laryngologists, that they will receive the intimation of his death. This took place on December 4, 1901, Dr. Gouguenheim having attained the age of sixty-two. He was most prolific in contributions to the literature of his specialty, these being of great value, not only from his own personal share, but also from the judgment with which, for some of the more voluminous ones, he selected his collaborators. We hope to produce a list of his works in our next number, but we may remind our readers of his contributions to the subjects of "Laryngeal Papillomata," "Laryngeal Phthisis," etc. For many years, latterly in concert with Dr. Lermoyez, he was actively engaged in the editorship of the *Annales des Maladies de l'Oreille du Larynx de Nez et du Pharynx*, and among other important works may be placed his "Atlas of Diseases of the Throat and Nose."

He held, among other appointments, those of Physician to the Hôpital Lariboisière, where he made for himself a famous throat clinic. He was also Physician to the National Conservatoire of Music, a post in which he took great pride. Many laryngological societies in various countries had given him their honorary member-

ship, and he had occupied the Presidential chairs of the French and the Parisian societies, as well as of the Section of Laryngology at the late Congress.

Dr. Gouguenheim was a man of great force of character, staunch to a degree in his friendship, hospitable almost to a fault. Unfortunately, of late, he was absent from the meetings of societies, where his lucid exposition of the results of great experience would have added largely to the value of the discussions. He leaves behind him a widow and daughter. The latter has, by her industry and talent, filled for some time the post of amanuensis to her late father, relieving him of much of his clerical labour. His work will be long remembered, and many friends will mourn his decease.

RETROSPECT OF LARYNGOLOGY.

By JOHN MACINTYRE.

DURING the past year, if nothing of a very novel nature has been recorded, still, the various papers published, the discussions in different societies at home and abroad, the clinical work, new remedies and instruments, all give satisfactory indications of continued earnest desire on the part of those engaged in the special department to improve the diagnosis and treatment of laryngeal affections. A few years ago great care and attention was devoted to the study of acute affections, such as diphtheria, and if less prominence has been given to these during the past twelve months, it is not because interest has been lost, but that the profession is now engaged in modifying, perhaps, and certainly in testing, the methods of which so much was expected, and from which much benefit has been derived. On the other hand, much attention has been paid to chronic ailments; but notwithstanding all that has been written and said upon the subjects, the treatment of diseases such as tubercle and malignant growths leaves much to be desired. As far as surgical procedure is concerned, anything written during the past year has not tended to convey the impression that as much is to be derived from it as was hoped and expected by some, at least, a few years ago. It is only fair to state, however, that in malignant disease a far better understanding now exists as to the earliest and most promising methods of operation.

The question of tubercle of the larynx continues to exercise the