

OBITUARY

JEAN GAREL (Lyons).

1852-1931.

THE pioneers of Laryngology form a rapidly diminishing group. Dr. Garel was the *doyen* of laryngology in Lyons, but he commenced his career as a "médecin des hôpitaux." Gradually, like Lermoyez in Paris, he directed his attention to a special branch and instituted the first service of laryngology in his native town.

His publications are numerous and bear the imprint of his wide general knowledge. Hence his works on the laryngeal manifestations of diabetes and albuminuria, and his researches on the innervation of the larynx, have become classics. Like many who commenced practice in the early days of cocaine, or even before it was known, he developed a remarkable manual skill and gentleness. He was noted personally for the charm of his manner and the goodness of his heart. The writer of this notice cannot forget the pleasure of meeting this charming gentleman in France during the War, nor the very friendly visit he received from Dr. Garel when laid up by an accident in the wards of the Hôtel Dieu at Lyons.

Garel maintained his interests and activities until near his eightieth year of age. In the *Lyon Médical* of last year he records "two cases of intrinsic cancer of the larynx cured by the endo-laryngeal route." Both these cases were verified by biopsy. In one the patient died from pneumonia seven years afterwards, without any sign of recurrence. The second case is free from recurrence seven and a half years later. The soundness of Garel's judgment is shown by his refraining from urging the general use of this route. He limits himself to saying that the endo-laryngeal operation is worthy of trial in certain cases in which the patient declines any external operation, or in cases in which the biopsy suggests that the extension of the growth justifies such an attempt. He shows even more wisdom in saying that he records these cases "à titre de curiosité!"

In the title of this communication he also mentions that these endo-laryngeal operations were carried out "sous le contrôle du miroir." This tends to show how thorough an excision may be, even by the indirect route, in the hands of a master. We would express to the Lyons School of Medicine and to French Laryngology our admiration for this "grand maître." ST C. T.