

## GENERAL NOTES

### OLD ILLUSTRATION BLOCKS

It is our custom to destroy blocks after three years. It may be that some authors would like to have their blocks for possible future use. In such case would they write Headley Brothers, Ashford, Kent, as soon as possible, and in any case within three years of their first being used.

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THE attention of members is drawn to the *EXCERPTA MEDICA* Section XI which is a most valuable international abstracting service as it gives each month abstracts of all the important papers in Oto-Rhino-Laryngology. The subscription is £4 8s. od. a year and the agents for Great Britain, the Dominions and the Commonwealth (excluding Canada) are E. and S. Livingstone Ltd., 16 and 17 Teviot Place, Edinburgh. We regret that in previous issues the price was incorrectly stated as five dollars or the equivalent.

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### BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

#### ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS AND EAR, NOSE AND THROAT OPERATIONS

THE attention of members is drawn to the Medical Memorandum on Poliomyelitis, No. 93222/7/63, dated July, 1954, issued by the Ministry of Health and Department of Health for Scotland. The relevant passages in this report, which are of interest to Otolaryngologists, are as follows :

#### 1. EPIDEMIOLOGY.

(a) The present evidence suggests that the portal of entry is usually the mouth and that the primary site of infection is in the mucosa of the oropharynx or the small intestine.

(b) In bulbar poliomyelitis following tonsillectomy it seems that the virus most probably travels to the medulla along the cranial nerves supplying the pharynx.

(c) It is fairly generally accepted that specific trauma, especially tonsillectomy, may precipitate paralysis.

#### 2. CONTROL MEASURES : AVOIDANCE OF CERTAIN TRAUMA.

(a) *Tonsillectomy.* The postponement of tonsillectomy when poliomyelitis reaches unusual proportions in a locality is strongly advised, particularly because when poliomyelitis follows recent tonsillectomy, serious illness, with bulbar involvement, appears to be more frequent. The Medical Officer of Health can assist by informing local hospital authorities when and where the incidence of the disease is unusually high, so that the surgeon may then take this hazard into account before deciding to operate.

(b) *Tooth Extractions.* There is very little evidence that tooth extractions may predispose to bulbar poliomyelitis. Nevertheless as with ear, nose and throat surgery the possibility should be kept in mind by dentists undertaking non-urgent extractions in areas of epidemic prevalence.

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### THE NORTH OF ENGLAND OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Fifty-guinea prize for original work in Otolaryngology.

At the Ninth Annual Meeting of the North of England Otolaryngological Society at Harrogate on October 1st, a fifty-guinea prize was awarded to Mr. Robert W. Baillie of 7, Riccarton Avenue, Paisley, for his Paper on "Lermoyez' Syndrome". The cheque will be presented to Mr. Baillie at the Society's next Meeting on March 24th in Newcastle.

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### THE INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY

GRAY'S INN ROAD, LONDON, W.C.1

THE ACADEMIC BOARD announces the following SPECIAL LECTURES to be given in the Lecture Hall of the Institute at Gray's Inn Road. They are open to all members of the Specialty and to post-graduate students.

*Thursday and Saturday, February 2nd and 4th, 1956.*

A series of demonstrations of the technique of cinephotography of the bronchus and œsophagus will be given by DR. DUBOIS DE MONTREYNAUD (*Rheims*) and of cinephotographic and cineradiographic films will be made by DR. ANDRÉ SOULAR (*Paris*), DR. ERIC CARLEUS (*Stockholm*), DR. J. W. VAN DEN BERG (*Groningen*), PROFESSOR FERNAND EEMAN (*Ghent*), and DR. DUBOIS DE MONTREYNAUD. This symposium is intended as a tribute to mark the passing of the ninetieth birthday of Dr. Chevalier Jackson, and the demonstration will commence on Thursday, February 2nd, at 10 a.m., and at 2 p.m., and on Saturday, February 4th, at 9.30 a.m.

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### OTOLARYNGOLOGY LECTURES 1956

THE following lectures, arranged jointly by the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Institute of Laryngology and Otology will be delivered in the Lecture Hall of the College at 5.30 p.m.

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February 2nd. Sir Philip Manson-Bahr. Tropical diseases affecting the throat, nose and ear.

March 1st. Dr. C. Worster-Drought. Certain aspects of speech disorders in children.

April 5th. Mr. T. Holmes Sellors. Perforations of the air passages and the œsophagus.

May 3rd. Mr. E. J. Radley-Smith. The physiology and pathology of the pituitary gland.

July 5th. Professor W. V. Mayneord. Recent scientific development in radiotherapy.

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### SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

THE International Committee of the Fifth Congress of Otolaryngology has invited the national Societies of Otolaryngology and Bronchoesophagology of the United States of America to organize the Sixth International Congress.

The Organizing Committee at the direction of the national societies cordially

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invites you to attend the Sixth International Congress of Otolaryngology which will be held in Washington, D.C., from Sunday, May 5th, through Friday, May 10th, 1957.

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

This first circular is sent to all those who may wish to attend this Congress. Additional information concerning details of registration, accommodations, requests for positions on the programme, entertainment, excursions, programmes, etc., will be sent to those returning the enclosed post card.

*No further circulars will be sent to those who do not return the enclosed post card.*

*Subscriptions.* The subscription for Members will be \$25.00 (U.S.A.). This will include the privilege of attendance at all official meetings of the Congress except the banquet for which an additional charge will be made. Persons accompanying Members may be registered as Associates at a fee of \$10.00.

*Accommodation and Travel.* The American Express Company is the official travel agent for the Congress. Their offices throughout the world are available for travel arrangements to the Congress and for post-Congress tours. Forms for hotel accommodations will be sent to those who return the enclosed post card. Accommodations can be reserved only by those who apply for membership.

### THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The selected subjects for the Plenary (Combined) Sessions will be:

1. Chronic Suppuration of the Temporal Bone;
2. Collagen Disorders of the Respiratory Tract;
3. Papilloma of the Larynx.

Outstanding internationally recognized authorities will open the discussion of each of these subjects.

Communications of two types are invited. 1. *Contributions to the discussion of the selected subjects:* Speakers limited to 5 minutes. 2. *Original papers:* Speakers limited to 15 minutes. These should be in one of the four official languages: English, French, German, Spanish. Members wishing to discuss a selected subject or present an original paper will so indicate on forms to be sent to those returning the enclosed post card.

*Films and Exhibits.* Motion pictures will be shown continuously except during Plenary Sessions. There will also be both scientific and technical exhibits.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

An interesting programme of tours, social functions and visits to points of interest in and around Washington is being arranged. Further information concerning these activities will be sent to those returning the enclosed card.

Please address all communications to the General Secretary, Paul H. Holinger, M.D., 700 No. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois, U.S.A.

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### COLLEGIUM OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGICUM AMICITIAE SACRUM

The Committee of the Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum has awarded the Shambaugh Prize for 1955 to Charles Skinner Hallpike of London, as recognition of his great merits in scientific work both on the vestibular and on the acoustic parts of the labyrinth.

The Shambaugh Prize was founded by the family of the late Dr. George E. Shambaugh, the well-known otologist of Chicago. It is awarded every second year, and up till now has been given to G. von Békésy, Raoul Caussét, and Hallowell Davis.

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### BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1954-55

#### MEMBERSHIP

The Council regrets to have to report the deaths of Dr. A. McCall and Dr. J. C. Watt.

During the year eleven candidates for membership have been proposed and seconded and after consideration by the Council have been nominated for election at the Annual General Meeting. Three members have resigned. The total membership is at present 313.

#### REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Mr. Myles L. Formby has been co-opted to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons for 1955-56 as the representative of Otolaryngology.

Mr. W. A. Mill has been nominated for re-election as one of the Association's representatives on the Committee of Management of the Institute of Laryngology and Otology.

Mr. Ian Robin has been appointed the Association's representative on the Hearing Aids Sub-Committee of the British Standards Institution.

#### MEDICAL MAN-POWER

The British Medical Association is preparing evidence to submit to the Government Committee which has been appointed "to estimate, on a long-term basis and with due regard to all relevant considerations, the number of medical practitioners likely to be engaged in all branches of the profession in the future, and the consequential intake of medical students required" and the Association has been asked for its comments. The following points have been put forward:

- (a) That there is no necessity for a general expansion of the specialty, but certain areas are understaffed.
- (b) That the policy for the future development of the specialty should include a more thorough training in the junior posts (as previously laid down for an ear, nose and throat specialist) in order to raise the general standard of consultant work. Provision should also be made for comprehensive ear, nose and throat departments incorporated in all general hospitals.

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- (c) That there is no necessity for a redistribution of ear, nose and throat consultants. The rotation of senior registrars between teaching and non-teaching hospitals is desirable.
- (d) The ideal establishment for an ear, nose and throat department should include two or more consultants, one of whom should be in administrative charge of the department, together with appropriate trainee assistants. In large areas it is desirable that there should be grouping of cases in a central department properly equipped with separate operating theatre, wards and adequately trained nursing staff.

The Council has agreed that in general the decisions approved in 1950-52 and mentioned in the Annual Reports for the years 1950-51 and 1951-52 are still applicable.

### EAR, NOSE AND THROAT APPOINTMENTS BY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

With regard to ear, nose and throat appointments by Advisory Committees, the Board of Advanced Medical Studies of the University of London has decided that:

- (i) No minimum standard of qualifications shall be laid down by the University for the appointment of Consultants on the staffs of Teaching Hospitals.
- (ii) It is open to a University representative on an Advisory Appointments Committee to send a minority report to the Regional Board if he is in disagreement with the recommendation of the Committee.

### ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS AND EAR, NOSE AND THROAT OPERATIONS

This question was reviewed by the Council on the publication of the Medical Memorandum on Poliomyelitis No. 93222/7/63, dated July, 1954, issued by the Ministry of Health and the Department of Health for Scotland, and an extract from the memorandum has already been circulated to members of the Association. It has been noted that the responsibility when and when not to operate is the concern of the ear, nose and throat surgeon. The Council recommends that in regions where differences of opinion arise Medical Officers of Health and otolaryngologists in the region should meet and consider their local arrangements.

### JOINT CONSULTANTS COMMITTEE

The Joint Consultants Committee has drawn attention to the danger of individual associations and committees approaching the Ministry of Health directly on matters dealing with hospital medical staff and other questions of policy. It has stressed the importance of the profession presenting a united front in all matters with the Ministry and has suggested that an approach shall in all cases be made through the Joint Consultants Committee. The Council has agreed that such a policy shall be adhered to by the Association.

### STATUTORY REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL AUXILIARIES

The Council has considered the draft report of the Working Party set up by the Minister of Health to consider the Statutory Registration of Medical Auxiliaries, and has submitted various comments.

### EUSTACHIAN CATHETERS

The Council has agreed that it is desirable that eustachian catheters and mounts should be standardized.

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### AUDIOMETERS

The Council appointed a Sub-Committee, consisting of Air Vice-Marshal E. D. D. Dickson (Chairman), Mr. T. E. Cawthorne, Mr. I. Simson Hall and Mr. Ian G. Robin, to consider the question of the standardization of audiometers. The Council has agreed with the Sub-Committee's recommendation that the normal threshold of hearing for pure tones by earphone listening, as recommended by British Standard 2497: 1954, shall be the standard for all audiometers. It has been decided to acquaint the manufacturers of audiometers with the Council's decision.

### AUDITORY TRAINING

The National Institute for the Deaf has set up a Committee to define and standardize "auditory training" and has asked for the Association's co-operation in this matter. Mr. T. E. Cawthorne, Mr. Gavin Livingstone and Professor F. C. Ormerod have been appointed the Association's representatives on this Committee.

### PROPRIETARY DECONGESTING SPRAYS AND DROPS

Anxiety has been felt by some members of the Association regarding the possible harmful effects of certain decongestant sprays and drops and the matter has been taken up with the Standing Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Health and with the Dangerous Drugs Branch of the Home Office. One of the members of the Association has been invited to write an article for publication in a suitable journal or even to read a paper before the General Practitioners Section of the Royal Society of Medicine. It is felt that in this way the unpleasant effects of various proprietary decongestants can be made known to the profession.

### DINING CLUB

Mr. D. Walker Ashcroft has been elected the Secretary of the Dining Club in place of Mr. Hogg, who wished to retire.

### RUEDI TRUST

During the year a grant of £100 has been made to Mr. Granville Freeman of London for post-graduate study in Switzerland.

It has been decided to discontinue the advertisement in the *Journal of Laryngology* and to leave the balance of £19 1s. 3d. in the Bank for the time being.

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### THE INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY AND THE ROYAL NATIONAL THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL

GRAY'S INN ROAD, LONDON, W.C.1

SYMPOSIUM of cinephotography and cineradiography of the œsophagus and the tracheobronchial tree on February 2nd and 4th, 1956.

This symposium has been arranged because of the expressed desire of a number of physicians to make some tribute to Dr. Chevalier Jackson and to celebrate his recent ninetieth birthday.

These—his friends and colleagues—have brought together a number of

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films which portray in colour the endoscopic appearances of the œsophagus and the trachea and bronchi and others which demonstrate a continuous film record of the radiographic examination with opaque media of the respiratory and alimentary passages.

The following have promised to take part in these demonstrations.

Dr. André Soulas (Paris).  
Professor Fernand Eeman (Ghent).  
Dr. P. Porcher (Paris).  
Dr. Eric Carlens (Stockholm).  
Dr. Dubois de Montreynaud (Rheims).  
Dr. J. W. van den Berg (Groningen).

The following provisional programme has been arranged.

### *Thursday, February 2nd.*

In the operation theatre of the Hospital: 10 a.m., Demonstration of cine-photography of the bronchi by Dr. Dubois de Montreynaud.

In the lecture hall of the Institute: Demonstration of films. 10.30 a.m., Diseases of the œsophagus by Dr. André Soulas. 12.0 noon, Cineradiophotography of the œsophagus and bronchi by Dr. P. Porcher. 12.25 p.m., the œsophageal voice after laryngectomy by Dr. van den Berg.

In the lecture hall of the Institute: 2.0 p.m., Introduction by Dr. André Soulas. 2.10 p.m. An appreciation of Dr. Chevalier Jackson by Mr. Victor Negus and Professor Fernand Eeman. 2.30 p.m. Tumours and tuberculosis of the bronchus by Dr. André Soulas. 3.0 p.m. Inflammatory and spasmodic conditions of the bronchus by Dr. Dubois de Montreynaud. 3.30 p.m. The use of the flexible double lumen bronchial catheter and the technique of broncho-spirometry by Dr. Eric Carlens. 4.0 p.m., Tea. 5.30 p.m., At the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2, lecture on Tropical diseases affecting the throat, nose and ear by Sir Philip Manson Bahr.

### *Friday, February 3rd.*

At the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, W.1, the Section of Otology will meet at 10.30 a.m. to discuss "Chronic adhesive otitis media" and at 2.30 p.m. the Section of Laryngology will discuss "Unusual aspects of œsophageal disease". The opening speakers at the afternoon meeting will be Professor Allison, Professor Johnstone, Mr. Barrett and Dr. Bonham-Carter.

### *Saturday, February 4th.*

In the operation theatre of the Hospital: 9.30 a.m., Demonstration of cinephotography of the œsophagus by Dr. Dubois de Montreynaud.

In the lecture hall of the Institute: 10.30 a.m., Demonstration of films. Tumours and tuberculosis of the bronchus by Dr. André Soulas. Diseases of the œsophagus by Dr. André Soulas. Cineradiophotography of the œsophagus and bronchi by Dr. P. Porcher. The œsophageal voice after laryngectomy by Dr. van den Berg. The use of the flexible double lumen bronchial catheter and the technique of broncho-spirometry by Dr. Eric Carlens. Inflammatory and spasmodic conditions of the bronchus by Dr. Dubois de Montreynaud.

Lunch will be available in the Institute Refectory on Thursday and Saturday, price 4s. 6d. on three days previous notice being given to the Secretary of the Institute.

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A WEEKEND COURSE will be held on the FUNDAMENTALS OF ULTRASONICS, on January 27th, 28th and 29th, 1956.

Lectures and demonstrations will cover the scientific aspect of ultrasonics, the problems in industry and medicine arising from the effects of ultrasonic vibrations on inanimate and animate matter and the various applications of these vibrations.

The course is intended for medical practitioners, physicists and others who are interested in this particular branch of science.

The lectures and demonstrations will be given by Dr. R. W. B. Stephens, head of the Acoustics Section of the Department of Physics of the Imperial College of Science, Consultant Physicist to the Institute of Laryngology and Otology. Mr. K. McLay, Leverhulme Research Fellow and First Assistant Professorial Unit of the Institute of Laryngology and Otology. Mr. Michael F. Madigan, Physicist to the Institute of Laryngology and Otology. Dr. Louis Barbe, Assistant Director of the Ear, Nose and Throat Department, University of Bordeaux (by invitation). Dr. A. Bosatra, First Assistant, Throat, Nose and Ear Clinic, University of Padua (by invitation). Dr. G. G. Parfitt of the Department of Physics, Imperial College of Science. Dr. D. M. A. Mercer, Department of Physics, University of Southampton. Dr. R. C. Turner, Department of Physics, Royal Marsden Hospital, London.

### THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ULTRASONICS

*Friday, January 27th, 1956.*

12.30 p.m., Assembly at the Institute of Laryngology and Otology. 1.0 p.m., Lunch. 2.0 p.m., Introduction by Professor Ormerod. 2.10 p.m., Wave motion by Dr. R. W. B. Stephens. 3.0 p.m., The Mechanism of the ear by Mr. K. McLay. 3.50 p.m., Film demonstration—the properties of ultrasonics. 4.15 p.m., Tea. 4.45 p.m., Visit to Otological Investigation Wing.

*Saturday, January 28th.* Morning Session at Institute of Laryngology and Otology.

9.30 a.m., Practical problems of vibrations by Dr. R. W. B. Stephens. 10.15 a.m., Some properties of ultrasonic vibration by Mr. M. F. Madigan. 11.0 a.m., Coffee. 11.20 a.m., Industrial problems by Dr. D. M. A. Mercer. 12.0 noon, Effects of ultrasonics on living tissue by Dr. L. Barbe (Bordeaux). 1.0 p.m., Lunch. 2.0 p.m., Transfer to Imperial College of Science. 2.30 p.m., Introduction by Professor P. M. S. Blackett. 2.40 p.m., Localization of tumours by ultrasonics by Dr. R. C. Turner. 3.15 p.m., Ultrasonic generators and their practical application by Dr. G. G. Parfitt. 4.45 p.m., Tea. 5.15 p.m., Visit to Acoustics Department, Imperial College of Science.

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*Sunday, January 29th* (Institute of Laryngology and Otology).

10.0 a.m., Effects of ultrasonics on the middle ear, stapes and cochlea by Dr. L. Barbe. 10.45 a.m., Effects of ultrasonics on vestibular system. Methods of therapeutic application (film). Dr. A. Bosatra. 11.30 a.m., Coffee. 12.0 noon, Film demonstration—application of ultrasonics (Busnell) by Dr. L. Barbe. 12.15 p.m., Discussion.

The fee for the Course, which will include lunch and tea on the first two days, will be three guineas, payable to the Secretary of the Institute of Laryngology and Otology, to whom applications to join the course should be addressed.

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