

GENERAL NOTES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE,

1 Wimpole Street, London, W. 1.

Section of Laryngology—*President*, H. J. Banks-Davis, F.R.C.P.—*Hon. Secretaries*, Mr J. F. O'Malley, F.R.C.S., and Mr E. D. D. Davis, F.R.C.S.

The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, 7th December, at 4.45 P.M. Members who are desirous of showing patients or specimens should give notice of the same to the *Senior Hon. Secretary*, Mr J. F. O'Malley, 6 Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, at least twelve days before the Meeting.

Section of Otology—*President*, Mr Sydney Scott, M.S. *Hon. Secretaries*, Mr Archer Ryland, F.R.C.S.(Ed.), and Mr T. H. Just, F.R.C.S.

The next Meeting of the Section will be held on Saturday, 8th December, at 10 A.M. Members who are desirous of showing patients or specimens should give notice of the same to the *Senior Hon. Secretary*, Mr Archer Ryland, 50 Harley Street, London, W. 1, at least twelve days before the date of the Meeting.

On Friday, 7th December, at 8.30 P.M., the Sections of Anæsthetics, Laryngology, Otology, Odontology, Ophthalmology, and Surgery will discuss "The Comparative Value of Cocaine Substitutes."

During the Session 1923-24, the Meetings of the Sections of Laryngology and Otology will be held on the following dates:—

Section of Laryngology, 7th December 1923, 1st February 1924, 7th March, 4th April, and 2nd May.

Section of Otology will meet on the day following each of the above dates.

A Conjoint Summer Meeting of the Sections of Laryngology and Otology will be held in London on Friday and Saturday, 27th and 28th June 1924.

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LIGHT TREATMENT OF LARYNGEAL TUBERCULOSIS.

We are glad to hear that Dr O. O. Strandberg, who is in charge of the Throat and Ear Department of the Finsen Institute in Copenhagen, has been invited to give an Address before the Royal Society of Medicine, London. This will take place at No. 1 Wimpole Street, on Monday 3rd December, at 5.30 P.M. The subject will be, "The Treatment of Tubercle of the Larynx and Nose by the Arc Light."

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Dr J. S. Fraser, Edinburgh, has been elected an Honorary Member of the American Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society.

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The University of Vienna has arranged for a series of Post-Graduate Courses to be held during the months of October, November, and December. A special intensive course in Laryngology and Otology will

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be held from 3rd to 15th December. The course will include instruction by Professors Hajek, Alexander, Neumann, Ruttin, Hugo Frey, and Marschik.

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At the opening of the Autumn Session at the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, on 4th October, Mr W. Stuart-Low, F.R.C.S., one of the Consulting Surgeons to the hospital, delivered an address on "The Functions of the Mucous Membranes in Diseases of the Throat, Nose, and Ear," dealing especially with the rôle of mucin. The Chair was taken by Dr Andrew Wylie, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr W. H. Kelson. The Meeting was attended by some thirty guests of the staff.

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TEAM WORK IN NATURE.

Mr Somerville Hastings, F.R.C.S., Surgeon in Charge of the Ear and Throat Department, in opening the Winter Session at the Middlesex Hospital on the 2nd October, dealt with Team Work in Nature. Amongst the examples which he selected to illustrate this fascinating subject, was the close co-operation which existed between the lowly Fungi and certain of the flowering plants. Nature's method of providing the nitrogen, so necessary for plant life, was beautifully illustrated in his description of the life-history of the fungus dwelling in the root nodules of the Lupin and the Orchid and in the seed coats of the Heather. The bacteria, in exchange for the life-giving element supplied to the plant, are provided with a comfortable home, the means of subsistence and the opportunity of begetting the next generation. There is thus a community of interest, a friendly co-operation between fungus and flowering plant, and a security of the best conditions for survival.

To the students, whom he addressed, entering the hospital for the first time to engage in their medical studies, the lecturer made plain, not only certain facts of great biological interest, but, at the same time, cannot have failed to have imparted the useful lesson that both in the hospital and in the profession which lay before them, there was ample scope for the employment of human team work.

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The following books have been received for review:—

Aromatics and the Soul: a Study of Smells. By Dan M'Kenzie, M.D. London: William Heinemann (Medical Books), Ltd., 1923. Price 7s. 6d. net.

Anleitung zu den Operationen am Gehörorgan an den Tonsillen und in der Nase. By Adolf Passow und Hans Claus, 2nd edition. Leipzig: Verlag von Ambrosius Barth, 1923.

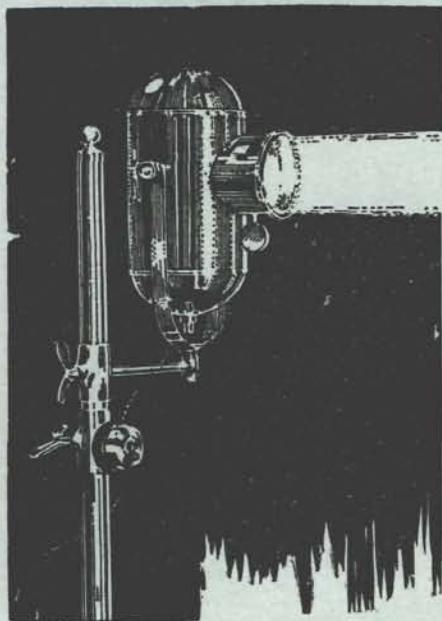
Hodgkin's Disease. By R. Allan Bennett, M.D. Lond. Bristol: John Wright & Sons, Ltd., 1923. Price 2s. net.

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