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OBITUARY NOTICE.

LENNOX BROWNE, F.R.C.S.E.

By the death of Mr. Lennox Browne the world of laryngology in London is robbed of one of its most striking figures.

He was born in 1841 of pure Essex stock, and was the son of the late distinguished gynaecological surgeon, Baker Browne. On his mother's side he was descended from James Boyer, the Classical and Head Master of Christ's Hospital. His medical studies were carried on at St. George's Hospital and at Edinburgh. He went through an apprenticeship with Mr. Hemming of Kimbolton, and attributed much of his success in after life to the acquaintanceship with the general practice of medicine acquired during his pupilage.

In 1865 he became connected with Sir Morell Mackenzie, continuing as his assistant until the year 1873. During this period he supplied illustrations for that master's essay on "Growths in the Larynx" and others of his works.

He was instrumental in bringing about the foundation of the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital in 1874, his co-founders being: Captain Hutton, still Chairman of Committee; Mr. George Wallis, Consulting Dental Surgeon; and the late Dr. Llewelyn Thomas, for many years his active surgical colleague. Mr. Lennox Browne's energy in the guidance and direction of the affairs of that institution has up to within a short time of his death been

continuously and consistently displayed. His colleagues on the committee and medical staff of the hospital presented him with a testimonial on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday, and again when he retired from the active staff and was elected Consulting Surgeon and Vice-Chairman of Committee.

He was one of the most active of the founders of the British Laryngological and Rhinological Association, of which he was an early President. Up to within a few months of his death he was one of its most energetic members, and at its meeting in July participated in the discussions with lucidity and enthusiasm, in spite of the fact that the disease which was so soon to carry him off must already have made considerable progress. At the time of his death he still held the post of treasurer, as he had done for several years. For a testimony of the appreciation in which he was held by that association, we refer our readers to the report of its last meeting in the pages of the present number of the Journal.

Among other appointments he held those of Aural Surgeon to the Royal Society of Musicians, Surgeon to the Royal Choral Society, and Consulting Surgeon to the Newcastle Throat and Ear Hospital.

He contributed to the literature of his subject with considerable frequency, and, it need hardly be said, was always ready to join in the controversies of the day.

Among his published works the following are the chief: "The Throat and Nose and their Diseases," five editions; "Diphtheria and its Associates," two editions; "Voice, Song and Speech" (in conjunction with the late Emil Behnke), twenty-one editions.

He was possessed of a keen intellect and great technical acumen, with a masterful force of character which helped him over many obstacles. It must be admitted that he was essentially combative and intolerant of opposition, and was apt to fall back upon his exceptional dialectic power rather than on that conciliatory tact which his remarkable personality would have made so powerful.

Mr. Lennox Browne's skill as an artist was universally acknowledged to be of the highest order. He was desirous of making art his life's work, and ever reiterated his regret that his desires in this respect had been thwarted. At as early an age as eighteen his work obtained a place on the walls of the Suffolk Street Gallery, and his paintings were hung at the Royal Academy and other exhibitions. He found unending relaxation and delight in sketching from Nature. Many will remember his wonderful collection of sketches "Through Summer Seas," illustrating his voyages to South

Africa. He regularly painted the scenery of the spots visited on his holiday, and thus contributed in a most interesting way to the decoration of his walls. His home reflected his artistic taste, and he delighted in beautifying it. His country retreat at Northwood, where he died, was full of evidence of his taste, and up to the last he was devising projects for adding to the already considerable picturesqueness of the surroundings. *Nihil tetigit quod non ornavit.*

It is with deep regret we have to record the loss of Dr. GEORGE HUNTER MACKENZIE, who died at his residence in Edinburgh on November 11, at the age of fifty-three, and of whom a memoir will appear in our next issue.

SOCIETIES' PROCEEDINGS.

THE BRITISH LARYNGOLOGICAL, RHINOLOGICAL, AND OTOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held Friday, July 11, 1902.

Dr. J. MACINTYRE, *President, in the Chair.*

Dr. WYATT WINGRAVE showed a *Case of Bilateral Adductor Paralysis in a Boy aged Seven Years.*

The patient had suffered with complete aphonia of sudden onset for four years. On examination, symmetrical adduction was found wanting. There were no adenoids, no enlarged tonsils, no nasal obstruction, and no signs of enlarged glands or of chest trouble. One application of the interrupted current was sufficient to restore the voice permanently.

In reply to Mr. Dennis Vinrace, Dr. Wingrave said the patient had had no relapse in a period of three months, and Mr. Lemox Browne inquired as to the existence of any reflex causes. Dr. Wingrave replied in the negative.

Dr. DUNDAS GRANT said that he had seen the patient, and had found the larynx to be normal in every respect, and regarded the case as one of hysterical aphonia.

Dr. W. H. KELSON showed a *Case of Tuberculous Ulceration of the Trachea almost Healed.*

The patient, a man aged about thirty, had complained of symptoms for about two years; two brothers had died of phthisis.