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NASAL AND POST-NASAL SYNECHIAE.*

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The presence of synechia within one or other of the nasal cavities is a pathological condition so frequently met with by every rhinologist that one is almost inclined to doubt the wisdom of taking up the time of the Fellows of this Society in the discussion of such a subject. It seems to me, however, that the very facts of its frequency on the one hand, and the apparent simplicity of its management on the other, which is more apparent than real, are sufficient reasons for warranting careful attention to the subject.

During recent years many monographs, long or short, have been written upon it, among which I might mention those of Kyle, Moliné, Scheppegezell, Vanzant, Watson and White. You, no doubt, are all familiar with these and the views they express, and I will not weary you by referring to them again. But if by a brief statement of my own views upon the subject, founded upon personal observation, I can create a general discussion and induce the gentlemen present to favor us with the results of their own personal experience, it is just possible that a condition of things which is so often produced by the operating rhinologist himself, may, from our side of the question at least, be consigned to the limbo of the past, rarely again to arise as a result of the rhinologist's surgical traumatism.

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