

SECTION OF LARYNGOLOGY AND RHINOLOGY.

(Continued.)

Paper and Demonstrations.—On Wednesday, Aug 6th, Dr. Thcod. Flatau (Berlin) exhibited a series of microscopic specimens of injected tissues illustrating the free communication between the lymph channels of the nose and those of the membranes of the brain. Dr. Micheal (Hamburg) read a paper on melanosis of the nose, and one on a peculiar complication of tracheotomy in elderly people. Dr. Bresgen (Frankfurt) commended methyl violet in the treatment of various throat and nose diseases. Dr. Roe (U.S.A.) read an interesting paper on the application of the aseptic and antiseptic methods in nasal surgery, in which he contended that these should always be adopted. After the papers for the day were finished, Dr. H. R. French, of Brooklyn, N.Y., gave a demonstration in the Urania Theatre on the action of the glottis in singing. Selected specimens of over a thousand photographs of the larynx in action in different singers, were projected on a screen by the oxyhydrogen lamp, and served to demonstrate how much more complicated the appearances are than is generally imagined, and how different in different people.

Intubation of Larynx.—On Thursday, Aug. 7th, the day's proceedings commenced with a prolonged and interesting debate (inconjunction with the Sections for Diseases of Children) on intubation of the larynx. In this Drs. O'Dwyer, Ranke, Northrup, Hörk, Schwalbe, Casselberry, and Massei took part. M. Bouchut then gave a demonstration with an excised larynx of his new tubes for intubation, which are stated to have the great advantage of being easily retained in position. They are made by Mathieu, of Paris.

Surgical Treatment of Laryngeal Phthisis.—Professor Heriug (Wrsaw) read a paper entitled Can phthisis of the larynx be perfectly cured by surgical treatment? and illustrated his paper by preparations.

Deviations of Nasal Septum.—Professor W. Chapman Jarvis (New York) then exhibited and explained his very ingenious and original instruments (made by Ford, New York) for operation on deviations and spurs of the nasal septum. They consist of variously-shaped planes, gouges, trephines, and chisels made to revolve by an electric motor, and constitute a great advance on all previous attempts in this direction. He also exhibited a nasal clamp for performing nasal septum operations without loss of blood.

Motor Innervation of Larynx.—In the afternoon a combined sitting was held with the Sections of Neurology and Physiology, in order that Dr. Felix Semon and Professor Victor Horsley might demonstrate the facts they had ascertained as to the central and peripheral motor innervation of the larynx. The experiments were successfully performed, and were witnessed by some 500 members of the above Sections.

Treatment of Laryngeal Phthisis.—On Friday, August 8th, the proceedings commenced with a debate on the treatment of laryngeal phthisis, in which Drs. Steinmann and Störk took part, as well as many others. Professor Krause gave several members the opportunity of seeing his method of treatment of laryngeal phthisis carried out at his "Poliklinik." In one new case, the extreme dysphagia and hoarseness were marvellously relieved immediately on the curetting of the the infiltrated tissues, and he showed cases in which the local lesions had been completely cured, leaving cicatrices.

Syphilis of Air Passages.—A discussion on syphilis of the upper air passages was led off by Drs. Schrötter and Lefferts.

Picnic.—In the afternoon the Berlin Laryngological Society entertained the Sections to an enjoyable water picnic on the lakes of the Havel river, near Potsdam.

Acute Infectious Inflammations of Pharynx and Larynx.—On Saturday, August 9th, the final formal subject of debate, acute infectious inflammations of the pharynx and larynx, was ably introduced by Drs. Massei and Moaitz Schmidt, and a good discussion ensued. The remaining papers were then read, or taken as read.

Clinical Demonstrations.—In the afternoon many of the members visited Professor B. Fränkel's polyclinic, where Dr. Rosenberg demonstrated his method of treatment of laryngeal phthisis with some cured cases, and Dr. Braun (Trieste) illustrated the practice of massage in nose and throat disease.

Exhibits.—Among other things of interest (on view in the museum) were Professor Tobold's set of benign and malignant tumours of the larynx, executed in the highest style of art; Dr. Hennig's studies in oil of nasal, pharyngeal and laryngeal diseases; Dr. Heymann's series of preparations illustrating the anatomy and pathology of the accessory cavities of the nose; various pathological specimens exhibited by Professor B. Fränkel; and some complete collections of all the newest and best apparatus for laryngological and rhinological work.

SECTION OF DERMATOLOGY.

The Section was constituted on August 4th, under the presidency of Dr. Lassar (Berlin). Its subsequent meetings throughout the week were held in various localities, and ultimately *all frésco* in the exhibition grounds with the pleasing accompaniment of tobacco. Messrs. Cashary (Königsberg), Doutrelepoint (Bonn), Köbner (Berlin), E. Lesser (Leipzig), G. Lewin (Berlin), Neisser (Breslau) Unna (Hamburg), and A. Wolff (Strassburg) acted as members of committee. English dermatology was represented by Hutchinson, Malcolm Morris, Crocker, Colcott Fox, Mapother, Pringle, Brooke (Manchester) Taylor (Liverpool), and Abraham: while Sherwell, Bulkley, Robinson, and Morison represented America.

Inflammation, Skin Affections, etc.—The business of the Section was inaugurated on August 5th, by the President in a short paper on the treatment of the inflammatory affections of the skin, but no discussion ensued. The subsequent paper on the prognosis and treatment of chronic gonorrhoea in both sexes by Doutrelepoint, although possessing little or nothing of dermatological interest, provoked considerable discussion, the contributions of Jullien (Paris) and Sinclair (Manchester) being of special interest.

Medicinal Rashes.—On August 5th, Professor Unna introduced the subjects of the nature of medicinal rashes. Very elaborate and valuable papers were read by Colcott Fox, and Brooke, who were the official reporters. The discussion which followed was animated, and was participated in by Leloir who cited rare forms of eruption from iodide of potassium, salicylate of soda, and sulphonal; Behrend, Crocker, Köbner who dwelt on quinine rashes; and Dubois-Havenik (Brussels). Hutchinson, Fox, and Crocker exhibited several illustrative water-colour drawings of interest.

Tertiary Syphilis.—On August 6th, various questions relative to the conditions which cause the development of tertiary manifestations, and to the