

Editorial Notes

TEACHING OF OTO-LARYNGOLOGY

A joint Committee upon the Teaching of Oto-Laryngology in the Medical Course and upon the Training to be Required of the Specialist, has recently been appointed, to represent the American Otological Society, the American Laryngological Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology, the American Medical Association, and the American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society. This Committee includes in its membership Dr. D. J. Gibb Wishart, Toronto, Chairman; Dr. T. J. Harris, New York, Secretary; Drs. Ballenger and Ingals, of Chicago, Dr. Levy of Danver, Dr. Dean of Iowa City, Drs. McCuen Smith, Reber, Randall and Makuen of Philadelphia, Dr. Richards of Fall River, Dr. Chas. Richardson, Washington, and Dr. Birkett of Montreal. The Committee organized in Chicago last week during the meeting of the Trilogical Society.

"ARTICLES OF FAITH" CONCERNING CANCER*

A PLATFORM UPON WHICH TO UNITE IN THE CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION.

(1) That the hereditary and congenital acquirement of cancer are subjects which require much more study before any definite conclusions can be formed concerning them, and that, in the light of our present knowledge, they hold no special element of alarm.

(2) That the contagiousness or infectiousness of cancer is far from proved, the evidence to support this theory being so incomplete and inconclusive that the public need have no concern regarding it.

(3) That the communication of cancer from man to man is so rare, if it really occurs at all, that it may be practically disregarded.

* During the four-day Cancer Educational Campaign, held under the auspices of the Vermont State Medical Society, June 8-11, 1915, Dr. William Seaman Bainbridge, of New York City, presented the accompanying twenty-one "Articles of Faith" at several sessions. They form the conclusion of a paper entitled "The Cancer Patient's Dilemma. A Plea for the Standardization of What the Public Should be Taught in the Campaign of Education Concerning Cancer," which Dr. Bainbridge read at one of the sessions, and which appears in full in the Cancer Number of the *New York Medical Journal*, July 3, 1915.