room, is the large General Laboratory, providing bench room for five or six persons. Here the laboratory assistant has accommodation.

The various research rooms have been equipped with microtomes, microscopes, incubators, and all that is necessary for histological investigation. Facilities will be provided for experimental work as the occasion demands.

The rent of the premises and the expenses connected with lighting and heating are paid to the Hospital by the Medical School, while the remainder of the income from the Ferens' gift is used in payment of the laboratory assistant, in the purchase of fresh equipment as necessity arises, and in providing a portion of the salary of the Registrar of the Ear and Throat Department. An important part of the duties of the Registrar is to exercise a general supervision of the Institute in the absence of Mr Somerville Hastings and Mr F. J. Cleminson, the Directors.

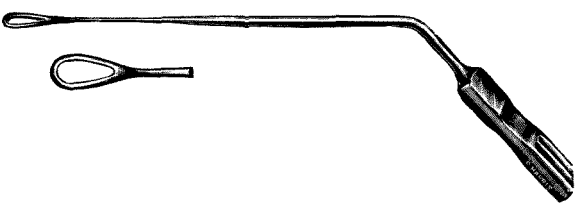
For the purpose of encouraging research, it is hoped that three post-graduate studentships, each of the value of £300, will be founded. These will be allotted in cases of exceptional merit to men specially qualified to hold them; one studentship for Great Britain, one for the Overseas Dominions, and one for the United States of America. The fund necessary for providing the first of these has already been presented to the Institute.

THE LOOP AURAL CURETTE.

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THE instrument here illustrated was devised by me a year ago. It has proved of such service that I am tempted to publish it. It is used for the extraction of small plugs of cerumen, desquamated skin, cholesteatomatous masses from the external meatus or attic, and for the removal of small polypi and granulations.

It is especially useful in easing cerumen away from the wall of the meatus before syringing, and in cleaning out the whole meatal wall in order to gain a view of the drumhead.



There is a considerable element of danger in plucking away a large aural polypus with the snare. The promontory may be torn away or the facial nerve damaged. Two cases of fatal meningitis, consecutive to extirpation with the snare, have occurred in the last three years at the Ear and Throat Hospital, Birmingham.

I have more recently cut through the polypus with the snare as far down the meatus as possible and removed the root with the loop curette either at the same time or a fortnight later. The loop of the curette in section is rounded on the outside and straight on the inside. This design is an essential feature of the instrument.

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