The left tympanic cavity was examined through the tegmen tympani, and found to be free from pus. *Per speculum*, the external auditory meatus and the membrana tympani were normal in appearance.

Remarks.

Macewen[1] states that a case of primary marasmic thrombosis of the cavernous sinus has never been recorded. In this case the age of the patient and previous history were also against such a supposition. I have recorded elsewhere[2] a case of idiopathic thrombosis of the lateral sinus, in which the middle ear was absolutely healthy, and in which the thrombus, with the consequent passive œdema, remained aseptic, death occurring from a non-infective encephalitis. The patient's previous history, and the examination of the nose, orbits, and ears, led us to conclude that the primary mischief was in the pterygoid plexus. If ever again a similar case be encountered, an attempt to surgically treat the cavum sellæ, after preliminary removal of the middle turbinal, would be made.

My best thanks are due to Dr. Thomson, the patient's medical attendant, to Dr. C. H. Turner, Senior House-Surgeon, for much valuable assistance in the conduct of the case, and to Mr. Wrathall, the electrician, for the photographs.

NOTES.

The National Association of Teachers of the Deaf will hold its Biennial Conference in London on July 7, 8, 9, 10. A joint meeting will be held in the Board Room of the London School Board Offices, Victoria Embankment, with the Otological Society of the United Kingdom on Wednesday, July 8, at 2.30 p.m., when a discussion will take place on "The Methods of Dealing with and Developing the Residual Hearing-power and Speech of the Deaf." Demonstrations of practical teaching will be given prior to the meeting.

British Medical Association.—The Seventy-first Annual Meeting will take place this year in Swansea, from July 28 to July 31 inclusive. The Section of Laryngology and Otology will be held under the presidency of Dr. P. Watson Williams.

[1] Macewen: "Pyogenic Diseases of the Brain and Spinal Cord," p. 245.
[2] The Journal of Laryngology, September, 1900.

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Foreign and colonial visitors will be cordially welcomed in the section, and such as may desire to attend are requested to send in their names as soon as possible to the Honorary Secretaries, together with the titles of any papers they may wish to read.

The following subjects have been selected for special discussion:

1. Wednesday, July 29: "On the Operative Treatment for Malignant Disease of the Larynx." Introduced by Sir Felix Semon, C.V.O., and Dr. E. J. Moure (Bordeaux).
2. Thursday, July 30: "On the Technique of Operations on the Temporal Bone in Suppurative Middle-Ear Disease." Introduced by Dr. P. McBride and Dr. A. Hartmann (Berlin).
3. Friday, July 31: "On the Upper Respiratory Tract as a Source of Systemic Infections." Introduced by Dr. de Havilland Hall and Dr. Jobson Horne.

Mr. H. T. Butlin, Dr. Urban Pritchard, Dr. Dundas Grant, Prof. Gluck of Berlin, and others will take part in the discussions.

Members are invited to contribute any instruments or apparatus pertaining to the work of the section which have been designed by themselves, in order that the committee may make arrangements to form a special exhibit of such objects.

Titles of communications should be sent to us as soon as possible, and the papers themselves, accompanied by an abstract of each, not later than June 27. As the ratio between the number of papers sent in and the time available for reading them at the Annual Meeting will probably be a very disproportionate one, preference will be given, in the case of communications of equal importance, to those which are first received.

In order to save time and correspondence, all communications relating to instruments and apparatus may be addressed to Dr. A. F. Blagdon Richards, Walter Road, Swansea; and all others relating to papers and discussions to Dr. J. Lacy Firth, 20, Richmond Park Road, Clifton, Bristol, and marked "Section of Laryngology and Otology."

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