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The surrounding skin must be protected against irritation by sterile vaseline, paraffin, or other greasy substance. Irrigation should begin two hours after operation, and be repeated every two hours. The dressings should be changed at least every second day. As a sequela of irrigation, even with cold solution, labyrinthine irritation has, in the writer's experience, never occurred. The unpleasantness caused by occasional penetration of liquid through the Eustachian tube is only transitory. A bacteriological control is kept by the systematic enumeration of organisms collected in a drop of pus in a platinum loop. If the microbic count rises during treatment an intracranial complication may be suspected; the authors quote a case where this application of the method led to the discovery of a cerebral abscess. An arbitrary figure of one micro-organism to every two microscopic fields is given as indicating that healing is well under way. As a means of checking post-operative progress the microbic count is more informative than a leucocyte count, which should, however, in all cases supplement the former at regular intervals. The Carrel-Dakin treatment in a majority of cases aborts the period of cicatrisation and leaves a much smaller scar; the dressings are painless. *J. S. Fraser.*

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SIR,—In order to avoid misunderstanding, I write to inform you and the subscribers to the JOURNAL that I have resigned my Fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine and consequently the Presidency of its Laryngological Section, for the reason that I consider the Society to have acted with reprehensible disregard for the national interests and national sentiment in retaining upon its list the names representative of German medicine.

I am, Sir,
Yours very truly,
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