Morton.—*A Case of Bilateral Mastoiditis.* The "Laryngoscope," February, 1899.

The author refers to the smallness of the number of recorded cases, and then gives the following case :

Mrs. R——, aged forty-four, after the use of a nasal douche was seized with sudden pain in both ears. On examination both ears were found to be discharging profusely. There was tenderness with marked swelling and redness of both mastoid processes. There was marked fever, and the pain radiated backwards and also down into the neck.

Calomel, Rochelle salts, and the application of leeches, followed by fomentations and the hourly douching with warm boric lotion, brought apparent improvement. On the ninth day from first examination the author opened both antra and removed a mass of pus and granular débris by douche and curette. This was followed by rapid and permanent recovery, and no noticeable deafness remained.

R. M. Fenn.

Siebenmann. — *Spongy Ossification of the Capsule of the Labyrinth as one Pathological-Anatomical Reason of the so-called Sclerosis of the Middle Ear.* "Corresp. Bl. f. Schweizer Aertze," No. 1, 1899.

The author says one ought not to speak any more about sclerosis of the middle ear, because in reality either different parts of the cochlear capsule—not only the fenestra ovalis and stapes—or the semicircular canals are affected. In sclerosis in older people he found sometimes a disease of the nerve without any affection of the bone. Treatment : Phosphorus in small doses. *R. Sachs.*

THE O'DWYER MEMORIAL.

A COMMITTEE of over forty physicians, representing sixteen different medical societies of the city of New York, and including representatives of both schools of medicine, has been formed for the purpose of doing honour to the memory of Dr. Joseph O'Dwyer.

The first meeting was held at the New York Academy of Medicine, November 22, 1898, under the chairmanship of Dr. J. D. Bryant, and was mainly devoted to organization. Dr. George F. Shrady was elected permanent chairman, and Dr. Alfred Meyer permanent secretary, and the following committee on scope and plan was appointed : Dr. Dillon Brown, chairman, and Drs. Robert Abbe, R. G. Freeman, L. Emmet Holt, and Louis Fischer.

At the second meeting, held at the Academy of Medicine, March 13, 1899, the report of the committee on scope and plan was adopted, and now only awaits final action of a meeting of the full committee.

The memorial to Dr. O'Dwyer will probably take an educational form, for by the plan now outlined it is proposed to raise a fund of $30,000, the interest of which shall support two

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O'Dwyer Fellowships in pædiatrics, open to competition by physicians who graduate in the United States, and to be held by the successful competitors for a period of two years. During this period they must furnish satisfactory proof of their engagement in original research work to a committee of five, one of whom shall be appointed by the President of Harvard University, one by the Dean of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, one by the Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, one by the President of the University of Chicago, and one by the President of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Many details of this general plan are still to be arranged, which it will be the agreeable duty of the Secretary to furnish to the medical press of the country so soon as they are finally decided. This preliminary notice has for its object merely to acquaint the profession with the fact that a movement of this nature is on foot, and that an effort will be made to give it the international character so fitting as a memorial to an investigator of international reputation.

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