organism obtained in pure culture from the blood, larynx and lungs was a typical *Staphylococcus pyogenes aureus*. There are very few records in the literature of a true diphtheritic membrane in the larynx due to *Staphylococcus aureus* such as occurred in these cases. They illustrate the necessity for examination of the larynx—an organ often neglected by pathologists in the course of routine autopsies. *Thomas Guthrie.*

The Selection of Candidates for the Air Service.—H. Graeme Anderson. "Lancet," March 16, 1918, p. 395.

In the course of a general discussion on this subject, the author lays stress upon absence of pyorrhœa, sore throats, earache, deafness, otorrhœa, and nasal obstruction. Defective hearing in the pilot or air mechanic may lead to serious injury or death. A sound equilibration and muscle-sense is essential in flying, but most of the impressions which control balance in flying come through the eyes. *Macleod Yearsley.*

Radium in Tuberculosis of the Skin.—W. H. B. Aikins. "Canadian Pract. and Rev.," February, 1918.

The writer describes a number of cases of lupus of face and nose treated with radium. In most instances the radium was applied in sufficient doses to cause destruction of the lupoid tissue, after which a clean, healthy scar formed. Finsen light treatment is in many cases more satisfactory, but radium gives better results in some cases, and has the advantage that it can be applied to the mucous membrane of the air-passages in situations where other forms of treatment are unsatisfactory. *J. K. Milne Dickie.*

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Sir Robert Woods, M.P.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Sir Robert Woods, Professor of Otology and Laryngology in Trinity College, Dublin, who has been elected one of the Members of Parliament for Dublin University at the recent General Election. He is, we believe, the first oto-laryngologist to become a member of the Imperial House of Commons.

Information.

"Earache," wrote Harry in his physiology examination, "comes from bits of information getting inside the ear tubes."—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

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