concussion deafness. Whatever value we may place on his theories, the direct observations of the writer are of value at the present time, and those interested will desire to read the paper *in extenso*.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The Treatment of Bronchial Asthma by Vaccination, with Report of Cases.—M. H. Licard (New York). "Amer. Journ. Med. Sci.," July, 1917.

Although asthma is undoubtedly in some cases an expression of anaphylaxis, a large number are obviously due to an infecting agent, and in these it is associated with bronchitis, and often runs an acute course with pyrexia, cough, and expectoration. The bacteria present are usually the *Streptococcus viridans* or *Streptococcus hæmolyticus*. Of the 16 cases treated by the author with autogenous vaccines, 12 were cured, 3 were improved, and 1, in which tuberculosis was also present, unimproved. Twelve cases required nine to sixteen injections, extending over a period of from four to eleven weeks. Two cases were given treatment for fifteen and seventeen weeks respectively. *Thomas Guthrie.*

NOTES AND QUERIES.

On Thursday, June 20, at the College of Ambulance, No. 3, Vere Street, Mr. Herbert Tilley gave a lecture on "First Aid in Diseases and Injuries of the Ear, Throat and Nose." The meeting was presided over by Sir Thomas Barlow, Bt. The lecture was illustrated by diagrams, models, stereograms, and lantern-slides. Only the general principles underlying the treatment of injuries, accidents, and diseases in these regions were dealt with, and emphasis was laid on the significance of earache, especially in children, the dangers of a chronic discharge from the ear, and the clinical significance of sore throat with pyrexia in children from the point of view of the infectious disorders of childhood. The audience was much interested in the demonstration of direct vision instruments and in the lecturer's collection of foreign bodies which is not unknown to our Section.

Some idea of the success of Mr. Tilley's lecture may be gathered from the fact that he was asked to repeat it, and on Thursday evening, July 28, he was welcomed by an equally enthusiastic audience.

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