Little, if any, benefit is effected by local treatment, and the result of an exhibition of such drugs as iron, arsenic, strychnine, phosphorus, thyroid extract, etc., is very disappointing. Possibly some anti-toxin or some serum may yet be found capable of neutralising the effects of the toxins floating in the perineural lymph-spaces.

The points which I specially wish to raise are: (1) the advisability or otherwise of young women already the victims of advanced chronic middle-ear catarrh, purulent or non-purulent, or of otosclerosis, entering into matrimony; (2) if marriage has already taken place and the existing deafness has been materially increased by a first pregnancy, the advisability or otherwise of suggesting means to prevent any farther pregnancy; and (3) if in a case of advanced deafness where previous pregnancies have invariably increased the existing deafness, and where the patient is again pregnant, whether it is advisable or justifiable to induce premature labour.

NOTES.

The Tenth Congress of the Italian Laryngological, Otological, and Rhinological Society will take place in Milan, under the presidency of Professor Vittorio Grazzi, on September 17, 18, and 19. The subjects selected for discussion are the following: "On Clinical Methods for Examining the Sense of Equilibrium in Aural Affections" (introduced by Dr. Giuseppe Nuvoli, Professor Giovanni Ostino, and Dr. Luigi Rugani); "Foreign Bodies in the Larynx, Trachea, and Bronchi" (introduced by Dr. D. de Carli, Dr. F. Federici, Dr. U. Melzi, and Dr. D. Tanturri). Communications to this Congress should be addressed to the Secretary of the Society, Dr. O. Lughius, *viâ* de Città, No. 13, Sienà, not later than August 21. Unpublished papers of non-members of the Association may be read if the authors are introduced by a member.

Laryngological Society of London.—The following have been elected Officers and Members of the Council for the ensuing Session. President: J. B. Ball, M.D.; Vice-Presidents: F. Willcocks, M.D., Charters J. Symonds, F.R.C.S., William Hill, M.D., P. Watson Williams, M.D.; Hon. Treasurer: H. B. Robinson, F.R.C.S.; Hon. Librarian: StClair Thomson, M.D.; Hon. Secretaries: H. J. Davis, M.B., W. Jobson Horne, M.D.; Council: Sir Felix Semon,

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The American Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society.—At the meeting recently held in Kansas City the following were elected officers of the Society. President: Wendell C. Phillips, M.D.; Vice-Presidents: C. G. Coakley, M.D., Chairman Eastern Section; John M. Ingersoll, M.D., Chairman Middle Section; Wm. C. Bane, M.D., Chairman Western Section; J. M. Ray, M.D., Chairman Southern Section; Secretary: Thomas J. Harris, M.D., 117, East 40th Street, New York City; Treasurer: Ewing W. Day, M.D.

SOCIETIES' PROCEEDINGS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARISIAN SOCIETY OF LARYNGOLOGY, OTOLOGY, AND RHINOLOGY.

Meeting held April 6, 1906.

The President, Dr. G. Gellé, *in the Chair.*

Dr. Bosviel showed *a Case of Perichondritis of the Thyroid Cartilage.*

The patient was a diabetic, aged seventy, who, while apparently in perfect health, developed a progressive swelling on the exterior of the neck, following the impaction of a foreign body on one of the ventricular bands. There was no fluctuation, but pain, fever, fœtor of breath, difficulty in respiration and phonation. On laryngoscopic examination there was found a general erythema of the larynx and of the epiglottis, as well as a circumscribed swelling at the middle of the right ventricular band, concealing altogether the subjacent vocal cord, while the other one was quite visible. Spontaneous evacuation of the pus took place, which was followed by rapid amelioration in all the symptoms. This fortunate and rapid termination without any ulceration was rare in cases of this kind.

Dr. Cauzard asked by what exact sign the exhibitor made the diagnosis of perichondritis. Why not look upon it as a simple abscess resulting from erosion?

Dr. Bosviel, in reply, said there was no fluctuation; the tumour had the same consistence as the cartilage, and the finger could

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