January 16th. As the patient was able to breathe naturally when the finger was placed on the orifice of the tracheal tube, Sir P. C. Smyly, at 1 p.m., removed the tube, and dressed the wound with boric acid, gauze, and wool.

The laryngoscopic examination showed the parts all healthy and free from inflammation, with the exception of the right vocal band, which had been torn near to its arytenoid insertion.

February 2nd, 1893. Mrs. D. called to show her throat. It is now perfectly healthy, except a very small notch in the right vocal cord. Her voice is slightly husky.

[P.S.—I have to thank Mr. Tenison Lyons for the care with which he watched over this case, and for the careful notes he has given me for this report.—*Philip C. Smyly.*]

# ANNOTATIONS.

## MALIGNANT TRANSFORMATION OF INNOCENT GROWTHS.

IN the February number of our Journal a reference was made to the paper published by Dr. Balloch on this subject on account of the interest taken in the subject at the present time. The annotation in question was in no sense a review of the subject, but merely a passing reference to the work of the author. It has been pointed out to us, however, that the references to Dr. Semon's work therein might be misleading, and Dr. Balloch's paper refers to the rough estimate made from a collection of 3000 cases in 1887 by Dr. Semon, and not to his complete work of 1888. Dr. Semon's original papers have shown that malignant degeneration of benign growths is not a frequent occurrence after intra-laryngeal operation, although it would be unfair to say that he has ever denied the fact of the influence of irritation upon the production of malignant degeneration. In fact, he has stated the reverse. We should be sorry that an annotation of ours should lead anyone to think otherwise, that he has claimed an immunity for the larynx in this respect, or, in fact, that his opinions as far as the larynx is concerned are opposed to the generally accepted views of surgeons and pathologists on this question. Dr. Semon has arrived at very much the same result in the special department as Dr. Balloch in a wider field, and it would be matter of regret to us if the annotation in question were to lead to any misapprehension in the matter. We desire, therefore, to place these statements before our readers.

## THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ROME, 1893.

ACCOMPANYING this meeting, which will take place in September, there will be an International Exhibition of Medicine and Hygiene, which will be open from the 15th of September to the 15th of October.

The sections of Laryngology and Otology will be under the presidency of Prof. Massei (Laryngology) and Prof. E. de Rossi (Otology).

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In the laryngological section the following subjects have been announced for discussion :—

1. The comparative value of electrolysis and other surgical methods of treatment of deviations of the nasal septum.
2. Pachydermia laryngis.
3. Indications and local treatment of laryngeal tuberculosis.
4. Intubation of the larynx in the adult.
5. Motor innervation of the larynx.

Dr. Mount Bleyer will give a demonstration of the phonograph and its applications to medicine.

## THE FRENCH SOCIETY OF LARYNGOLOGY AND RHINOLOGY.

THIS Association will meet on the 17th of May, at nine a.m., at the Palais des Sociétés Savantes, Rue Poitevine.

The following subjects are announced for discussion :

1. Treatment of otorrhœa. Drs. Miot (Paris) and Polo (Nantes).
2. Treatment of laryngeal tuberculosis. Drs. Castex (Paris), Garel (Lyons), and Moure (Bordeaux).
3. Affections of the accessory cavities of the nose. Drs. Carta/ (Paris) and Lacoarret (Toulouse).

It is asked that communications be sent in to the secretary by the 25th of April.

## SECTION OF GENERAL MEDICINE OF THE PAN AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS.

WE are requested to make known the following invitation to the medical profession to join this section :—

"This unique assemblage promises to be one of the most important events that has occurred in the history of medicine in the Americas. Its success is assured by the large number of valuable papers already promised. The section on General Medicine, which is one of the most important that has been created, bids fair to be one of the most successful in the entire Congress, and already many valuable contributions are in process of preparation, and will be read at the meeting in September. It is hoped, with the hearty co-operation of all physicians living not only in North, but also in South and Central America, that the work in this section will be memorable, and each physician living on this continent is requested to join this most important section, and to prepare a contribution to be read before that body. It is especially requested that those intending to join this section or to read papers will at once send their names, with titles of papers, to the secretary, Dr. Judson Daland, No. 319, South Eighteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, so that they may be noted on the calendar and given their appropriate places."

WE greatly regret to lose the valued co-operation of our colleague, Dr. HUNTER MACKENZIE, of Edinburgh, who has through ill-health been compelled to relinquish some of his literary work.

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