NOTES.

Laryngological Society of London.—At the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting, held on January 12, the following Officers and Members of Council were elected for 1906—President: Charles J. Symonds, F.R.C.S.; Vice-Presidents: F. Willcocks, M.D., J. B. Ball, M.D., 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: Felix Semon, K.C.V.O., M.D., Philip de Santi, F.R.C.S., J. Middlemass Hunt, M.B., S. Paget, F.R.C.S., Atwood Thorne, M.D.

The annual dinner was held the same evening at the Café Royal, Regent Street. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. Charters Symonds. After the toast of "The King," Sir Felix Semon proposed "Prosperity to the Laryngological Society." The toast of "The Sister Societies" was proposed by Mr. Cresswell Baber and responded to by Sir Lauder Brunton. "The Guests" was proposed by the Chairman and responded to by Mr. John Tweedy, President of the Royal College of Surgeons.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held this year at Toronto, Canada, August 21 to 25. The Section of Laryngology and Otology will be presided over by Dr. Dundas Grant. The vice-presidents of the section are: George R. McDonagh, M.D., Toronto; H. S. Birkett, M.D., Montreal; John Macintyre, M.B., Glasgow; Hugh Edward Jones, M.R.C.S., Liverpool; and the honorary secretaries: David J. Gibb Wishart, M.D., 47, Grosvenor Street, Toronto; Geoffrey Boyd, M.D., 167, Bloor Street, Toronto; Adam Brown Kelly, M.D., 26, Blythswood Square, Glasgow.

Those desirous of taking part in the work of the section are requested to communicate with the latter as soon as possible.

International Laryngo-Rhinological Congress.—In 1908 fifty years will have passed since clinical laryngology and rhinology was established in Vienna by Türck and Czermak. The Vienna Laryngological Society has resolved to celebrate this jubilee by organising an International Laryngological-Rhinological Congress to be held in Vienna during Easter week in 1908—*i.e.*, from Tuesday, April 21, to April 25. The President is Professor

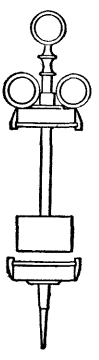
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O. Chiari, 1, Bellariastrasse 12; and the Secretary is Professor M. Grossmann, ix, Garnisongasse 10.

SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS & THERAPEUTIC PREPARATIONS.

An Aseptic Syringe. (By Wyatt Wingrave, M.D.)

The defect of most piston and other syringes which are filled through the nozzle is the great difficulty of keeping them "surgically" clean. This instrument, however, since its parts are made entirely of metal and readily separated, can be easily sterilised. Further, its makers have, at





my suggestion, added a nozzle which, being detachable, not only enables the syringe to be filled without risk of contaminating its interior through an infected aperture, but also facilitates the cleaning of the nozzle itself, a precaution of the utmost importance in aural treatment.

This syringe is made by the Medical Supply Association, of 228, Gray's Inn Road, London, with nozzles of various sizes.

"Lichenoids." (By Wyatt Wingrave, M.D.)

Iceland moss at one time enjoyed considerable reputation among "throat remedies" in the form of either decoction, jelly, or lozenges, and was to be found in the "British Pharmacopœia" as late as 1885, but it has gradually become neglected and is now rarely heard of. Recollection of its associations awakened a desire to test the clinical evidence of its traditional value, and through the co-operation of Mr. W. H. Martindale I am able to substantiate those traditions, and have no hesitation in suggesting its restoration to a place in our throat pharmacopœias.

Percentage Composition of Cetraria Islandica:

Cetrarin	3
Lichenin	45
Amylaceous fibrin	36
Gum	4
Non-crystallisable sugar	4
Water and salts (inorganic)	8

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