II. At the height of the parieto-mastoid suture:

1. In the new-born infant ... ... 7 millimetres.
2. In the child one year old ... ... 10 ,,
3. In the child two to three years old 17 ,,
4. In the child six years old... ... 6 ,,
5. In the child nine to ten years old 16 ,,

The distance is greater in proportion as the mastoid process is wide.

Dundas Grant.

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This paper contains a strong plea for superficial trephining of the bone in the mastoid region in case of long-continued pain attributable to chronic osteo-sclerosis of the mastoid. (Hartmann in his "Handbook" looks upon "mastoid neuralgia" as synonymous with mastoid osteo-sclerosis. It is also one of the indications given by Schwartze for the mastoid operation.—D. G.) The condition is usually the result of old-standing, perhaps exhausted, inflammation of the mastoid mucous membrane. The diagnosis from otalgia arising from internal or middle ear or antrum trouble, hysteria, neurasthenia, malingering, and reflex neuralgia from non-aural causes, is discussed. *Dundas Grant.*

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The writer believed the aphonia to be reflex, either from irritation of the pneumogastric through Arnold's nerve in the meatus, or else indirectly from pressure through the membrana tympani against the tympanic plexus of Jacobson's nerve on the promontory, and thence to the pneumogastric. *Price-Brown.*

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