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THE One Hundred and Fourth Meeting of the Scottish Otolaryngological Society was held in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Saturday, 27 May 1972, the President, Mr. I. P. Munro, being in the chair.

The Society's lecture entitled 'The Rationale of the Vein Graft and Teflon Cup Piston in the Surgical Treatment of Otosclerosis' was delivered by Dr. John J. Shea, Memphis, Tennessee.

A lively discussion followed Dr. Shea's lecture and his film demonstrating the technique which he uses.

Mr. McNaughton and his colleagues, Messrs. Weir, Thompson, and Newlands, presented fourteen cases to the Society. These were fully discussed by the members present.

The One Hundred and Fifth Meeting of the Society was held in Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow, on Saturday, 25 November 1972, the President, Mr. I. P. Munro, presiding.

Mr. F. T. Crossling read a paper on Mediastinoscopy and a summary of his paper follows:

> 'The history of Mediastinoscopy was briefly outlined. Details of technique were elaborated and illustrated with a short excerpt of television film.
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> 'The indications for Mediastinoscopy were then elaborated. It was primarily of use in the assessment of operability of cases of bronchial carcinoma. It is also a method of obtaining a positive biopsy when other routes have failed and might also be a medium for final decision as to operability of carcinoma in the upper third of the oesophagus. A whole number of conditions in the superior mediastinum and in the upper pleural cavities were amenable to investigation by this route.
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> 'The incidence of complications was low; between 1 and 3 per cent. The commonest was pneumothorax and recurrent laryngeal nerve palsy. Hemiparesis has also been reported from undue compression of the innominate artery. Heamorrhage was the most serious complication which, fortunately, settled in most cases with the insertion of a pack, but which did require thoracotomy on occasions.'

There was a brief discussion after this paper. Mr. Gabriel asked about the possibilities of using the operating microscope in Mediastinoscopy and Mr. Crossling said that everything in the viewing field tended to pulsate, due to transmitted pulsation.

A series of fourteen cases were presented to the Society by Mr. Whyte, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Lees and Mr. Chatterjee.

Mr. Baxter showed a case of Van der Hoeve's syndrome illustrated by temporal bone slides of this condition and of otosclerosis and Paget's disease, all presenting a similar picture.

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Mr. Whyte had an unusual case of apparent osteoma in the external auditory meatus which proved to be a ceruminoma. It was excised and there was now evidence of recurrence confined to the meatus.

Mr. Baxter and Mr. Samuel showed a stapedectomy case where bone had grown up along a strut used in the stapedectomy. No drill had been used during the operation. Mr. Munro reported a case of his own in which bone had grown down under the teflon piston used for stapedectomy. Mr. Baxter said they had sectioned the strut through from top to bottom to try to decide from which end it was originating, but they could not decide this point.

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