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As we approach the Millennium I thought it would be interesting to see what our forebears were writing about 100 years ago. The Journal of Laryngology, Rhinology and Otology was then published by Rebman Publishing Company, Limited, 11 Adam Street, Strand, London, W.C.—Editor

**CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDY OF AURAL AFFECTIONS
IN GOUT.**

M. GEORGES GELLÉ (*fils*). Hereditary gout attacks the ears in early life, and in gouty subjects otorrhoea following the exanthemata is very intractable. General hygiene is an important element in the treatment. In acute gouty otitis the membrana flaccida is injected, together with the walls of the attic, to which and to the ossicles the inflammation seems to be limited.

Chalky deposits are seen also in the membrane, and the thickened handle of the malleus appears to terminate in a broad spatula. The acute onset is preceded by a pharyngitis, the oedema arising from which gives rise to the appearance described as "false pillars." Suppuration may follow or the inflammation may subside on the establishment of an ordinary attack of gout.

Deafness, vertigo, and tinnitus may herald an attack of gout or an allied manifestation (*e.g.*, hepatic colic), ceasing as these develop. "Gouty vertigo" is, according to the author's experience, found only in old cases of ear disease, and should be described as *ab aure loesa*.

In answer to M. Helme and M. Lermoyez, the author stated that he used sulphate of quinine and sodium salicylate in these cases, and with very good results with the latter drug.

M. GELLÉ (*père*) had seen an excellent result with salicylates in a case of tinnitus due to rheumatism.

ANNOTATION

SHORT NOTES ON CASES.

WE would direct the attention of our subscribers and contributors to the value possessed by short notes of cases, as exemplified in this month's issue. It is often very difficult to bring notes of cases forward at societies' meetings—either one is busy, or prevented, maybe, by some other reason, such as the difficulty of presenting the patient. And it is a great pity that valuable material should be lost in private archives, and not put on record, even though they be presented in a bald and somewhat unvarnished state. Especially useful are series of cases reduced almost to a tabular form, as they are available for easy reference. These short notes have also the advantage to the writer that he is enabled to dispose of the laborious task of looking up references, one which must be one of the causes of the want of reports on interesting cases.