

of the right ventricular band. There is no trace of inflammation or infiltration. The voice, which in May, 1894, was very weak, is quite clear; the movement of the vocal cords normal. The patient is unable to economize the use of his voice, therefore healing has been rather slow--only complete at the end of October.

Dr. SCHLEICHER. *Demonstration of a Galvano-Cautery Handle with a Rheostat.*

This instrument has attached to its handle a rheostat, on which there is a metal slide; and as the loop of the galvano-cautery is shortened in the process of operation more and more of the resistance of the rheostat comes into the circuit, so that the current is kept the same throughout, and a tendency to the burning through of the wire is avoided. This appliance is intended to do away with the necessity for having an assistant at hand to diminish the strength of the current as ordinarily employed. He recommends strongly the snare devised by Chardin, in which the wire is not carried through the usual long tubes.

Dr. ZWAARDEMAKER congratulated the speaker upon the excellence and simplicity of his rheostat. *Dundas Grant (Trans. and Abs.).*

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THE organizing commission of this, the first Spanish Congress, is composed of Drs. Urunuela, Cisneros, Gonzalez Alvarez, Compaired, Forns y Rueda, of Madrid, and Dr. Verdós (Barcelona), Dr. Sota y Lastra (Seville), Dr. Moresco (Cadiz), Dr. Casanova (Valencia), Dr. Añese (Bilbao), Dr. Fundarena (Tolosa), Dr. Aguirre (Pamplona), Dr. Royo Galindo (Saragossa), and Dr. Santiuste (Santander). The following officers were elected:—President, Dr. Urunuela; Vice-President, Dr. Gonzalez Alvarez; Secretary-General, Dr. Compaired; Second Secretary, Dr. Forns; Treasurer, Dr. Rueda.

Those proposing to visit the Congress will have special rates granted by the railway companies, and by certain hotels in Madrid, and arrangements will be made for the inspection of museums, official establishments, etc.

Three weeks before the Congress a complete list will be published of communications to be made.

The Congress will meet on October 18, in Madrid.

The subscription will be 25 pesetas.

Administrative matters will be under the direction of Drs. Gonzalez Alvarez and Rueda, the social arrangements under that of Drs. Cisneros and Compaired, and the arrangements with public bodies under that of Drs. Urunuela and Forns. Further details as to this Congress will be published later.

R. N. Wolfenden (Trans.).