Occasional Notes.

The International Neurological Congress will be held at Berne, Switzerland, from August 31 to September 4, 1931.

The following are the provisional programmes as arranged for the various subjects which will be presented during the morning sessions (inclusive of one afternoon session) of the Congress:

I. Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures (Surgical and otherwise) in Tumours of the Brain.—Programme arranged by Prof. Max Nonne, Hamburg. Monday, August 31, morning and afternoon sessions.

1. Diagnosis.

   (a) Clinical Symptomatology.
               G. Ayala, Rome.
               Foster Kennedy, New York. 'Tumours of the Temporosphenoidal Lobes; Subfrontal Syndromes.'

   (b) Histological Diagnosis.
       Reporter: P. Bailey, Chicago.
       Co-reporters: W. Penfield, Montreal.
               B. Pfeiffer, Nietleben. 'Callosal Puncture.'

   (c) X-ray Diagnosis.
       Reporter: A. Schüller, Vienna.
       Co-reporters: E. Sachs, St. Louis. 'Roentgenology in Neurosurgery.'
               H. W. Stenvers, Utrecht.

   (d) Ventriculography and Encephalography.
       Reporters: W. Dandy, Baltimore. 'Tumours of the Hemisphere and of the Posterior Cranial Fossa.'
II. Muscle Tonus: Anatomy, Physiology, Pharmacology, Pathology, and Clinical Aspects.—Programme arranged by Sir Charles Sherrington, Oxford. Tuesday, September 1, morning session.

1. Anatomy.

Reporters: S. W. Ranson, Chicago. ‘Nuclei and Fibre Tracts concerned in the Postural Reaction elicited by Stimulation of the Mesencephalic Tegmentum.’

Ken Kuré, Tokyo. ‘On the Tonus Tracts and their Terminal Plates in Muscle.’

2. Experimental Physiology.

Reporters: G. G. J. Rademaker, Leyden. ‘Les facteurs régularisant le tonus musculaire.’
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T. Graham Brown, Cardiff. 'Tonic Responses from the Midbrain.'

L. Asher, Berne. 'The Influence of the Sympathetic on Muscle and an Analysis of its Mechanism.'

D. Denny-Brown, London. 'The Part played by Afferent Muscular Nerve-endings in Postural (tonic) Reflexes.'

V. von Weizsäcker, Heidelberg. 'Elektrische Analyse des Tonus.'

M. Kroll and D. Markow, Minsk (Russia). 'Muscle Tonus and Chronaximetry.'

3. Pharmacology.
   Reporters: F. Bremer, Brussels. 'Pharmacologie du tonus musculaire.'
   E. A. Spiegel, Vienna. 'On the Pharmacology of the Tonus Centres.'

4. Pathology.
   Reporters: L. J. Pollock and Loyal Davis, Chicago. 'On the Relation of Modifications of Muscle Tonus to Interruption of certain Anatomical Pathways.'

5. Clinical Aspects.
   Reporters: S. A. K. Wilson, London. 'Disorders of Tone at Different Physiological Levels.'
   A. Donaggio, Modena. 'Parkinsonismo encefalitico e lesioni cortico-nigriche.'
   J. Ramsay Hunt, New York. 'The Static and Kinetic Systems and their Relation to Muscle Tone.'
   R. Cruchet, Bordeaux. 'Relations du tonus musculaire avec le syndrome parkinsonien.'
   F. Negro, Turin. 'Altérations du tonus musculaire dans les syndromes extrapyramidaux.'
   A. Thévenard, Paris. 'Le phénomène de la poussée.'

III. Acute Nonsuppurative Infections of the Nervous System.—Programme arranged by Prof. Georges Guillain, Paris. Thursday, September 3, morning session.

Reporters: O. Marburg, Vienna. ‘Introduction to the General Pathology of Acute Infections of the Nervous System.’
G. Marinesco, Bucharest. ‘Pathogénie de certaines encephalo-myélites à ultra-virus.’
A. Wimmer, Copenhagen. ‘General Clinical Studies of Acute Infections of the Central Nervous System.’
H. Pette, Hamburg. ‘Rabies; Borna’s Disease; Landry’s Paralysis.’
André Thomas, Paris. ‘Zona; the Herpetic Infections.’
L. van Bogaert, Antwerp. ‘Vaccinal Encephalitis; Varicellar Encephalitis; Nonclassified Cases.’
V. M. Buscaino, Catania. ‘Psychiatric and Biological Questions in connection with Acute Infections of the Nervous System.’

IV. The Role of Trauma in the Production of Nervous Symptoms.—Programme arranged by Prof. O. Rossi, Pavia. Friday, September 4, morning session.

Reporters: Prof. O. Rossi, Pavia. ‘Importance and Limitation of the Subject; General Considerations.’
C. P. Symonds, London. ‘Commotio Cerebri; Diagnosis and Treatment of Cerebral States following Head Injuries (exclusive of the Ordinary Brain Injuries).’
J. Lhermitte, Paris. ‘Commotio medullæ spinalis.’
A. von Sarbó, Budapest. ‘Injuries of the Peripheral Nerves; Microscopic Traumatic Changes in the Nervous System.’
O. Veraguth, Zürich. 'Role of Trauma in Producing some Nervous Diseases (Cerebral Tumour, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Multiple Sclerosis, etc.).'

P. Rio del Hortega, Madrid. 'Traumatic Changes in the Glia as Explanatory of some Disorders of Nervous Function.'

F. Naville, Switzerland. 'Effects of some Special Traumas (Electrocution, etc.).'

S. E. Jelliffe, New York. 'The Psychological Level in Trauma of the Nervous System.'

The arrangement of the programmes for the afternoon sessions will ere long be completed, and we hope to be able to announce the details in our July issue. The present plans of the Programme Executive Committee are to hold sessions of the entire Congress on each afternoon. But since the number of papers offered is very large it may be desirable to divide the topics under various headings and to hold separate, simultaneous sessions of the Congress on the several afternoons. A decision on this matter is expected shortly.

English visitors to the Congress are urged to make their arrangements for hotel accommodation, travel, etc., through Messrs. T. Cook and Son, Berkeley Street, W.1, the official transportation agents, without any delay.