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Syphilis was suspected despite negative tests; treponemes were found in the aqueous humour of five of them. Dr. Dunlop discussed the serological tests which had been performed in these patients. The FTA-ABS test was perhaps the most sensitive, but in many instances even the most sophisticated tests were negative; in one case all tests were negative but treponemes were found in the aqueous humour and the cerebrospinal fluid. Many of the patients concerned had received intensive early treatment for syphilis.

In the final session Dr. Robert K. Abraham (U.S.A.) discussed the successful use of transconjunctival cryopexy in the prophylaxis of retinal detachment; Mr. J. H. Dobree and Mrs. Enid Taylor (London) illustrated the progress of proliferative diabetic retinopathy with its various secondary changes and discussed the position of treatment by light coagulation. Mr. E. S. Rosen (Manchester) described modifications to the Zeiss fundus camera which allowed its use in the vertical axis and investigations of retinal detachment. Prof. Barrie Jones and Mr. N. S. C. Rice (London) discussed a technique of keratoplasty for bullous keratopathy by inserting a sheet of healthy endothelium from a large penetrating graft and protecting this by an air-cushion. Mr. M. Klein (London) described the use of fully fluorinated tributylamine as an inert non-toxic non-inflammable fluid that permitted effective and very rapid sterilization of surgical instruments. Mr. P. G. Watson (Cambridge) discussed the traumatic orbital apex syndrome and its treatment; vision was restored in two of his three cases by combining decompression with cannulation of the supra-orbital artery in order to infuse the central retinal artery with spasmolytic agents.

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ALEXANDER REID MOODIE, 1886–1968

A. R. Moodie was born in Dundee and spent most of his working life in that city. He graduated in medicine in the University of St. Andrews in 1911 and after resident appointments in Dundee and at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond St., London, he joined the R.A.M.C. and served with distinction in the Balkans in the first World War; this connexion with the Army he maintained until later life as a Territorial in the Highland Division. After the war he took a resident post at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and then returned to his native city where he became ophthalmic surgeon to the Dundee Royal Infirmary and lecturer in ophthalmology in St. Andrews University. He was an excellent surgeon and his administrative ability was seen in the prominent part he played as a member of the University Court of St. Andrews and the Eastern Regional Hospital Board. He has left a widow and two sons.
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