OCULAR LESIONS IN INTERNEES AT A CIVILIAN INTERNMENT CAMP AT HONG KONG

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DEAR SIRS,—Dr. Talbot's observations upon ocular manifestations among civilian internees in Hong Kong differ materially from my own and those of my ophthalmic colleague in military P.O.W. camps in the same area, and also from those of other British and Australian specialists who have studied them elsewhere in Japanese occupied territory in the Far East.

That the central scotoma which was so characteristic elsewhere should have been "surprisingly exceptional" is indeed surprising and requires explanation.

I would suggest that this may be found in the methods used in the investigation of the fields. Dr. Talbot gives us no indication of these beyond the statement that he is indebted to a Hong Kong Government official who "carried out practically all the examinations of the fields." We are not told what qualifications he possessed for this task beyond "immense patience."

Scotometry is an art which is often somewhat indifferently practised by ophthalmic specialists themselves.

More convincing evidence of the accuracy of the field examinations is necessary before admitting the validity of any deductions drawn from them, particularly when they conflict with those of experienced observers in similar situations.

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OBITUARY

HENRY HANNA

IT is with deep regret that we record the sudden death of Mr. Henry Hanna on September 28, 1946, at his residence 30, University Square, Belfast.

Born in 1874 he received his early education at Belfast Royal Academy while his university career was spent between Queen's College, Belfast, and St. John's College, Cambridge. The old Royal University of Ireland conferred upon him a Bachelor of