greater 'magnifying power', combined of course with a corresponding reduction in the transmission of the well known baleful properties of light.

Not even contact lenses can solve this problem; 'not the labours of my hands, can fulfil thy law's demands'. There is perhaps hope for the refractionists yet, if only for the psychological comfort of their ministrations. It is difficult to see how contact lenses can meet the needs, the urgent imperative needs, of the young women (or the not so young women) who find the daylight too strong for them. Who is not familiar with the cold azure gaze of these maidens, entrenched behind the deepening tints of Crookes glass? With them the spectacle maker may take heart again; No contact lenses will fill their needs, for they are symbolic; no matter how carefully the conscious mind is dressing the shop window, with them the subconscious is already putting up the shutters.

FACULTY OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

In an effort to meet the objections of some Members and Associates that the activities of the Faculty were insufficiently advertised, and were only susceptible to comment once a year on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting, the Council at their last meeting on July 11, decided that an account of the more important actions and decisions of the Council at meetings should be prepared by the Honorary Secretary and submitted for publication to the Medical Press. An account of the last meeting, held on July 11 from 2.15 p.m. till 5 p.m. is appended.

Owing to the removal of Mr. P. M. Wood from Scotland to Halifax a vacancy had occurred among the Full-time Associate Representatives on the Council. It was decided to fill this casual vacancy by asking the Full-time Associates in Region 6 to vote for a representative. Only three voting papers had been returned and only one of them bore a vote. It was therefore decided to leave this Region unrepresented.

The President reported that, as "the appointed day" for the beginning of the National Health Service had been postponed, he had agreed with the British Medical Association's suggestion that the appointment of the medical members on the Professional Committees to prepare lists of participants in the Supplementary Eye Service should be deferred until the reaction of the general body of ophthalmologists to the Interim Report of the Eye Services Committee had been obtained. This was agreed.

A Hospital Services Committee has been set up with the following terms of reference:—

"To consider facilities for ophthalmological services, including education and research, under the National Health Service."

Representatives from the Universities, Teaching and other Hospitals have been invited to form regional Sub-Committees in Scotland, the Provinces and London, and to submit plans for the consideration of the main Committee.

In connection with the question concerning the fee of four guineas per session for Local Authority Work, it was stated that the matter had been raised at the last B.M.A. Council and that it was not possible to alter the four guinea rate, as this had been agreed for all consultant and specialist work, but that the question of £2 17s. 6d. for refraction work being increased was still under consideration.

It was reported that the question of study visits to clinics abroad was in hand, and that it was likely that some would be arranged for next year.

It was learned in connection with the Joint Committee of the Faculty and the British Optical Association, which had been appointed to consider the training of contact lens fitters, that the Association of Dispensing Opticians had been invited to nominate a representative to serve on the Contact Lens Board, which is now in process of formation.

The suggestion that the Faculty should organise a discussion on the Education of Blind and Partially Sighted Children was referred to the Ophthalmological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine.

The Honorary Treasurer reported that he had collected £64 in private donations from members of the Council to assist an orthoptist who had suffered bilateral detachment of the retina, and had passed the money over.

The rest of the meeting was occupied by routine and domestic matters.

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COLOUR VISION IN THE CONSULTING ROOM

To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

DEAR SIR,—Dr. Neubert's explanations in his letter in your August number are not convincing. In my letter I suggested that