APPLIANCES

A SMALL GONIOSCOPY LENS*

BY

A. LISTER

London

THE lens illustrated in the accompanying Figure has been designed for inspecting the filtration angle on the operating table and for carrying out goniotomy under direct view. For inspection purposes it can be used in conjunction with a corneal microscope dismantled from a slit lamp and held in the right hand. For operating, telescopic spectacles giving a magnification of $\times 2$ have been found to be most convenient. Illumination is provided by a hand operating lamp, held by an assistant standing beside the surgeon, and focusing as well as directing the light onto the lens.

FIGURE—Gonioscopy lens : (a) sectional diagram, (b) side view.

The advantage claimed for this lens is the ease of manipulation which is due to its small size. It can be used with or without a speculum and without canthotomy. After it has been placed on the cornea, saline is injected underneath it with a lacrimal syringe, the current of fluid washing out any bubbles. If air gets in during

* Received for publication March 21, 1951.

subsequent manoeuvres it is easily displaced with the syringe, without removing the lens from the eye. When used for inspection, the lens can rest unsupported on the cornea. For operating, it is steadied with the left index finger.

The lens, which is of glass, has been made by Theodore Hamblin Ltd. of Wigmore Street, London, W.1. This firm is also making an experimental illuminating binocular which may be a useful accessory.

NOTES

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

At a meeting of the International Council of Ophthalmology in Paris on May 5, 1951, the following appointments were confirmed :

President: - Sir Stewart Duke-Elder

Vice-President: Conrad Berens

Secretary: - Edward Hartmann (2 Avenue Ingres, Paris, XVIe)

Treasurer: - Marc Amsler

At this meeting it was decided that the XVII International Congress would be held in New York in the autumn of 1954 under the presidency of Bernard Samuels. Further details will be published in due course.

CANTON OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE Canton Ophthalmological Society came into being on February 15, 1948, but unfortunately lapsed during that year. We are now happy to state that it was resuscitated on May 13, 1951. The newly elected officers are as follows:

Chairman: - - Dr. Eugene Chan, Professor of Ophthalmology, Lingnan University, and Chief of the Eye Service, Canton Hospital.

Vice-Chairman: - Dr. Yih Shen, Professor of Ophthalmology, Chung Shan University, and Chief of the Eye Service, Chung Shan University Hospital.

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. E. Chang, Chief of the Eye Service, Central Hospital.

PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS, 1952

THE Fourth Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology will be held in Mexico D.F., Mexico, from January 6 to 12, 1952. Further information may be had from the Secretary-General of the Organizing Committee, 1A, Gomez Farias 16, Mexico 4, D.F.