1918. It will be formed by the combination of the *Annals of Ophthalmology*, the *Ophthalmic Record*, *Ophthalmology*, the *Ophthalmic Year Book*, and *Ophthalmic Literature*. The omission of the names of certain periodicals will be noted, but there are reasons for believing that at least one of them will enter the combination. The newcomer will be owned by a company, the shares in which will be largely held by ophthalmic surgeons, and in order to prevent the stock from becoming of speculative value, it has been arranged that it shall always remain in the hands of ophthalmologists. It is believed that "the new journal will probably start with the largest list of subscribers of any ophthalmic journal published in the world," and it is hoped that "it will offer its contributors the best presentation of their papers, both as to paper, presswork, proof reading, and illustrations that it is possible to secure in America" (*Ophthalmic Literature, July, 1917*).

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The Children of Blinded Soldiers

That indefatigable worker in the interests of the blind, Sir Arthur Pearson, has issued an appeal for providing a fund whereby every child born to a blinded soldier after his disablement shall be allowed 5s. a week until the age of sixteen. It is estimated that the total sum required for this purpose may amount to £250,000.

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The Eyesight of Colliery Officials

The Home Secretary has drawn the attention of medical practitioners to a particular section of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, which requires that certified firemen, examiners, or deputies must obtain every five years a new certificate that their eyesight is adequate to enable them to conduct proper tests for inflammable gas, and that their hearing enables them to perform their duties efficiently. Such certificate may be obtained from an authority approved by the Secretary of State or from a medical practitioner. The new certificate must be made out in the prescribed form (Mines and Quarries Form, No. 73), and can only be granted after applying certain specified tests.

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War Nephritis

In Sundell and Nankivell's article in the *Lancet* of September 15, 1917, the eye changes in war nephritis (35 consecutive cases) are thus reported by Capt. R. Graham Brown:

"The fundus was normal in 29, while in 6 slight blurring of a