the earlier Argentine ophthalmologists. Among these may be mentioned Aguirre, a man of character and action, who was not only an ophthalmologist but a great patriot, and who was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine from 1875 to 1884. He was succeeded by Lagleyze, who was an ophthalmologist of European as well as of American reputation. Among the activities of Lagleyze was a substantial and important volume on strabismus, published in French, which the reviewer has before him. Demaria has been appointed honorary professor of ophthalmology; it may be noted that during the last year he published observations of interest on trachoma in the Argentine; and is now in Egypt studying the trachoma problem.

These first two numbers contain many interesting papers, some of which will be referred to later.

Migraine and other Common Neuroses. By F. G. CROOKSHANK. *Psyche* miniatures, medical series, No. 1, pp. 101. London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., 1926. Price, 2s. 6d.

The first of these miniatures of the medical series consists of two papers on the psychological interest in the common neuroses, and migraine and its allies, reprinted from *Psyche* and the *Medical Press and Circular* respectively. The author describes his little book as "a psychological study." He is insistent on the need for medical men to recognize that in every functional case there is a physical defect, and in every case of organic disease, some psychological factor. The book should be of use both to medical practitioners and to the laity.

Paper and printing are very good, and while we are not fond of freaks in size of books, there is much to be said in favour of a work such as the present, which is of very handy size.

CORRESPONDENCE

AN OPTOMETRY DREAM: AN UNSELECT CHARTER!*

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

SIR,—Having fallen asleep over the annotation on the proposed Optical Practitioners' Bill in your last number I had a curious dream. It was that King John, irritated at not being able to see the proper place at which to sign Magna Carta, had been promptly supplied with a pair of glasses by one of the barons, to whom he thereupon granted a message with curtilage adjoining, in the parish of Wigmore, by the tenure of finding yearly a new pair of spectacles at the feast of the Annunciation. It was a curious

* With apologies to Bishop Stubbs.

hotch-potch, for John did not sign Magna Carta and glasses were hardly in general use at this early date; but I was so much impressed by the coincidence of Wigmore that I looked through the calendar of patent rolls in my possession, but found no allusion to any such grant.

I have therefore deemed it advisable to draw up a form of licence from the Minister of Health to all surgeons' opticians to enable them to carry on their trade, and to obviate any necessity on the part of the old-established firms having to register under the proposed Act; for I hold that such firms are enfeoffed of their business by old enfeoffment.

NEVILLUS, dei gratia, Senescallus Sanitatis, Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac pro tres libras argenti, nobis in hanaperio solutis, concessimus et licenciam dedimus ac per presentes concedimus et licenciam damus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilectis nobis — et — de Wigmorestrete in comitatu Middlesexie, vendere spectacula possint. NOLENTES quod predictus — vel heredes sui, aut prefatus — vel heredes sui, ratione premissorum, per nos, heredes vel successores nostras, aut per justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites, ballivos, aut alios officarios seu ministros nostros, aut dictorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur, molestentur, impetantur, vexentur in aliquo, seu graventur. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium primo die Aprilis (die omnium vervicium), 1926.

TRANSLATION.

Neville, by the grace of God, Minister of Health, to all to whom the present letters shall have come, greeting. Know ye, that we of our special grace and for three pounds of silver paid to us in our hanaper, have conceded and granted licence and by these presents concede and grant licence for us and our successors, as far as in us lies, to our beloved — and — of Wigmore Street in County Middlesex, that they may be able to sell spectacles. BEING UNWILLING that the aforesaid — or his heirs, or the aforesaid — or his heirs should by us, our heirs or successors, or by our justices, escheators, sheriffs, bailiffs, or other our officers or servants, or by the heirs or successors of our said servants be, in the matter of these premises, disturbed, molested, impeached, vexed in anything, or oppressed. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Given by me at Westminster on April the first (All Fools Day), 1926.

Such a licence as this strikes me as being both neat and sufficiently comprehensive to meet all the requirements of the firms in question.

Yours truly,

JACOBUS.

OBITUARY NOTICES

WE regret to record the death at Malahide, on February 18, of Mr. J. B. STORY, since the death of Sir Henry Swanzy, the doyen of the Irish ophthalmologists. Born, August 31, 1850, Mr. Story was the son of the Rev. William Story, Rector of Aghabog, Newbliss, co. Monaghan. He was educated at Winchester,