an unsatisfactory result of a cataract operation performed by a
calified surgeon, and end up:

"Hence nothing I could say should smart 'em,
The eye was lost secundum artem."

Most of us have lost an eye or two, secundum artem, in our time;
but we would rather not break out into verse about it.
The tract in question has been presented to the Bowman Library.

COUNCIL OF BRITISH OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

Annual Report

The Council presents its report for the Session 1927-28. At the
first meeting the following were elected as officers:—President: Mr. J. Herbert Fisher; Vice-Presidents: Sir George Berry, M.P.
and Sir John Parsons; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. M. S. Mayou; Hon.
Secretary: Mr. Frank Juler.
The following were appointed to serve on the Executive Committee: The President and Hon. Secretary (ex officiis), with Mr. E. Treacher Collins, Sir John Parsons, Mr. M. S. Mayou and Mr. W. H. McMullen.

The Optical Practitioners (Registration) Bill, 1927

Continuing its action in opposition to this Bill, to which the
Council referred in its last annual report, a special committee
prepared a statement of evidence. The Council, having approved
this draft, nominated the President with Messrs. Adams, Gray
Clegg, Mayou, Walker and Whitehead to attend and give evidence
before the Departmental Committee appointed by the Minister of
Health. The report of the Departmental Committee has since
been published. (H.M. Stationery Office, Cmd. 2999.)

Medical Certificates of Blindness

The Council was approached as to the remuneration available
for medical men supplying certificates of blindness in the case of
persons applying at voluntary hospitals. The Council obtained
from the Ministry of Health a statement which has been published
This statement enumerates clearly the several bodies by which
such certificates are required, and shows for what certificates funds
should be available.
Treatment of Ophthalmia Neonatorum

The Council has received a report from its Committee appointed "To inquire how far the recommendations of the Departmental Committee on the Causes and Prevention of Blindness with reference to ophthalmia neonatorum have been put into practice, and to advise the Council as to any action it might be advisable to take."

The Council adopted and published this report (Brit. Jl. of Ophthal., March, 1928, pp. 149-154), and copies of the report with appropriate digests have been sent to the Ministry of Health, the General Medical Council and the Central Midwives Board.

Eyesight Tests for Staffs of Indian State Railways

The Council considered a letter from Dr. Cairns, the chairman of the Standing Advisory Committee of Medical Officers of the Government of India, asking for criticism on the draft minutes of his committee with regard to Standards of vision and procedures of sight testing for employees of State railways. A sub-committee presented a report which was approved by the Council and forwarded to Dr. Cairns.

Industrial Eye Diseases and Accidents

An interim report has been prepared by the Committee appointed "To consider what effect has been given to the recommendations of the Departmental Committee on the Causes and Prevention of Blindness in respect of industrial eye diseases and accidents, and to advise the Council as to any further action the Committee thinks desirable." A considerable amount of information has been collected, and the Committee is continuing the investigation.

The Council desires to thank the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness (U.S.A.) for continuing to send copies of its publications.

The expenses of the Council have been defrayed, as in former years, by its members.

The Council desires to thank the Council of the Royal Society of Medicine for the use of rooms for meetings.