

OPHTHALMOLOGY IN EGYPT

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

DEAR SIR,—I have read with interest the article by Dr. MacCallan in your December issue, 1927, on the history of ophthalmology in Egypt. The article was most interesting, but I very much regret that Dr. MacCallan, who has done so much for Egypt, should have attacked the prominent late Dr. Eloui Pacha.

Dr. Eloui Pacha also did great services for Egypt before Dr. MacCallan, and many Egyptian oculists owe a debt of gratitude to both Dr. MacCallan and Dr. Eloui Pacha. To suggest that Dr. Eloui Pacha stooped to commercialism by benefiting financially from the dispensing of eye drops is quite erroneous. It is by no means an uncommon practice, even in Europe, to find that chemists dispense eye drops and call them after the name of some famous doctor or oculist without their permission.

This is an explanation of what happened in Egypt in Dr. Eloui Pacha's time.

Dr. MacCallan has pained many Egyptian oculists by such an unworthy suggestion of the professional conduct of a colleague who has done so much for ophthalmology in Egypt.

Yours faithfully,

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CAIRO,

June 4, 1929.

Mr. MacCallan's remarks on p. 607, Vol. XI, are as follows :

“ It is interesting to remember that he ceased to be a member of The Ophthalmological Society of Egypt in 1911, as objection was raised by members to widespread advertisements issued by a drug store in which he had a financial interest.”—EDITOR.

NOTES

Death

WE record with regret the death on September 7 of Sir SEYMOUR J. SHARKEY, M.D., F.R.C.P., in his 82nd year.

Sharkey was an original member of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, one of a comparatively small number of

young physicians who joined the Society at its foundation. During the early years one of the two secretaries of the Society was a physician, and Sharkey was the third medical secretary, succeeding the late John Abercrombie. He served the Society in that office for three years, taking an active part in the meetings and contributing to the papers and discussions on the medical aspects of ophthalmology. At a later period he was appointed a trustee of the Society and continued in this office until his death.

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The International Ophthalmological Council and THE International Ophthalmological Council have decided to hold the next Congress in Madrid in April, 1933. Professor Lundsgaard (Denmark) is the new president of the Council and Professor van der Hoeve (Holland) and Dr. Pflugger (Switzerland) are Vice-Presidents. Mr. Leslie Paton (Great Britain) is the Treasurer and Dr. E. Marx (Holland) the Secretary. It was decided that four of the eight members of the Council should retire and that they should be chosen by ballot. The lot fell to Professor Axenfeld, Dr. Byers, Professor Ovio and Professor Meller, and their places were taken by Professor Oguchi (Japan), Professor Roselli (Italy), Professor Wagenmann (Germany) and Lieut.-Col. Wright (India). Dr. de Schweinitz resigned and his place has been taken by Dr. Walter R. Parker to represent the United States. The remaining three members of the Council served on the old Council—Prof. Coppez (Belgium), Dr. Marquez (Spain) and Dr. Morax (France).

FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS

1929

- November* 8.—Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine.
November 15.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, at Bradford.
December 3.—Midland Ophthalmological Society, at Birmingham.
December 6.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, at Leeds.
December 13.—Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine. (Clinical Meeting.)

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- January* 10.—Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine.
- January* 17.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, address by Professor Van der Hoeve at Sheffield. Subject: "X-ray Diagnosis in Ophthalmology."
- January* 20.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, address by Professor Van der Hoeve at Leeds. Subject: "Strabismus."
- January* 21.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, address by Professor Van der Hoeve at Manchester. Subject: "Tumours and Pseudo-Tumours of the Eye and Orbit."
- February* 4.—Midland Ophthalmological Society, at Birmingham.
- February* 7.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- February* 14.—Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine.
- March* 7.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, at Liverpool.
- March* 14.—Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine. (Clinical Meeting.)
- March* 28.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, at Sheffield.
- April* 1.—Midland Ophthalmological Society, at Wolverhampton.
- June* 3.—Midland Ophthalmological Society, at Worcester.
- June* 13.—Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine. (Annual Meeting.)
- October* 7.—Midland Ophthalmological Society, at Birmingham.
- December* 2.—Midland Ophthalmological Society, at Birmingham.

 CONTEMPORARY OPHTHALMIC LITERATURE

 American Journal of Ophthalmology. *September, 1929.*

- REDWAY. Photography of the living eye: Reproduction in natural colors.
- NEWMAN. Acquired axial myopia.
- BERENS, LOSEY and CONNOLLY. Retroplacement for strabismus.
- PETER. Important phases of a satisfactory senile cataract extraction.
- JAMES. Plasmoma of the conjunctiva.
- BRUNER. Cavernous hemangioma of the orbit.
- C. J. and W. J. L. McCULLOUGH. Loss of peripheral vision after head trauma.

Archives of Ophthalmology. July, 1929.

- FERREE and RAND. Lighting and the hygiene of the eye.
 REESE. Pigment deposit in the contraction furrows of the iris.
 KATZ. A localised area of calcareous degeneration in the sclera: Report of a case.
 KEY. Transplantation of the temporal half of the vertical recti tendons in a case of complete paralysis of the external rectus.
 FREEMAN. What does a test of visual acuity measure?
 SOMMER and YASKIN. Spontaneous nystagmus. Some practical clinical features, especially its occurrence with diplopia.
 POOS (trans. by ROY). The myopic problem.
 GOUGELMANN. The fitting of artificial eyes, with special reference to gold ball implantation.
 LANGDON. Two unusual experiences with streptococcus hemolyticus.

August, 1929.

- DANDY. An operative treatment for certain cases of meningocele (or encephalocele) into the orbit.
 JUDD. Primary squamous cell carcinoma of the cornea: Report of a case.
 GLIDDON. An optical replica of the human eye for the study of the retinal image.
 DEAN. Stenosis of the lacrimal ducts.
 SMITH. Sympathetic ophthalmia: Report of a case occurring forty-eight years after injury.
 PARKER. Management of simple glaucoma: A clinical report.
 MONCREIFF. Disturbances of visual functions in concomitant convergent squint, with special reference to retinal incongruity.
 LAMBERT and WOLFF. The systemic use of hypertonic solutions in glaucoma.

The Journal of Ophthalmology, Otology, and Laryngology.*May, 1929.*

- ATKINSON. The artificial pupil as a means of restoring vision.
 ROWLAND. Haemorrhage following chalazion operation on a bleeder.

Annales d'Oculistique. August, 1929.

- MAGITOT. The symptomatology and the problem of pathogenesis of glaucoma.
 NIDA. Concerning a case of congenital ptosis operated on by a new method.
 AUBINEAU. The "corneal œdema" of hypercholesterinaemia.
 CARLO. Monocular perception of relief and its consequences.

Archives d'Ophthalmologie. July, 1929.

- CANGE. "Grains blancs" in keratitis and leprous iritis.
 TRUC and DEJEAN. Median reversed V blepharotomy (bec-de-lièvre palpébral) permitting vision and closing of a defective eye.
 BEAUVIEUX. The true origin of the third nerve in the cat.
 VAN LINT. Some indications for tarsorrhaphy: Indolent ulcer, Mooren's ulcer, traumatic sclerotic staphyloma, contused perforating wounds of the anterior segment.
 COLRAT. Occupational eye diseases in the artificial silk industry.
 ROY. A case of monocular blindness of electric origin.

Archiv für Ophthalmologie. August, 1929.

- RONNE. Normal and abnormal colour systems and their mutual relationship.
 NOJI. On optically produced parallel rolling movements of the eyes.
 STÜDEMANN. Communication on the experimental investigation of the retarding and degenerating effect of aniline dyes.
 OHM. On our knowledge of nystagmus.
 SCHULTZ. Controlled production of pigmentation in albinotic eyes and sympathetic heterochromia iridis.
 GUIST. The histological picture of Safr's ring line.
 JAENSCH. Anatomical findings in papilloedema in myelogenous leukaemia.

- KAHLER and SALLMANN.** On the connection of the intra-ocular tension with the general blood pressure; also communication on the question of the law of equal stresses of Dastre-Morat.
- LÖWENSTEIN and HAURWITZ.** Experimental investigations on the content of ox lenses after alteration of the surrounding medium.
- ZEIDLER.** Melanosis of the conjunctiva.
- BLANK.** Investigations of the embryonic constituents of normal cornea.
- LOBECK.** On the question of the source in the vitreous of alterations of its actual reaction.

Klinische Monatsblätter für Augenheilkunde.

August—September, 1929.

- HANDMANN.** Hereditary, presumably congenital, central glial degeneration of the optic nerve with peculiar separation of the central vessels.
- BIRINGER.** On changes in the field of vision and the fundus in pituitary tumours.
- SCHEERER.** On the reason for retro-bulbar neuritis.
- VELHAGEN, Jr.** On the "Schauanfälle" and sleep.
- CORDS.** Nystagmus after injury to the skull.
- IGA.** On the question of sensitization and the production of "sympathetic choroiditis" with *Bacillus subtilis*.
- THIEL.** The rapidity of sedimentation of the red blood cells in ocular diseases.
- RAUBITSCHK.** The present form of the arrow shadow test.
- POOS.** On the disturbance of the function of opening and closing the lids in Basedow's disease.
- FODOR.** Gonococci and inclusion bodies.
- KOYANAGI.** Contribution to the knowledge of primary tuberculous corneal ulcer.
- KNAPP and LÜDIN.** Cure of a retinal glioma with ray treatment.
- LÖFFLER and WELLISCH.** On the therapeutic value of diathermy for the eye.
- FAZAKAS.** A new point of view in the treatment of tabetic optic atrophy by means of endo-lumbar and sub-occipital pneumocephaly.
- KREIKER.** Operation of blepharo-chalasis with the help of von Blaskovic's lid-fold stitch.
- MONASTYRSKAJA.** Dynamometric measurement of the akinesia of the musculus orbicularis.
- LAUBER.** A space-saving modification of Bjerrum's screen and an improvement of Elliot's scotometer.
- BIRCH-HIRSCHFELD.** A scoop for the introduction of the fatty implant into Tenon's capsule after removal of the eye.
- SCHEERER.** A new entoptoscope for the observation of the circulation of the blood in the eye.
- SANDER.** On quantitative measurement of pupil reactions, and the simple apparatus for its use in practice.
- KAYSER.** A case of acquired Axenfeld-Krukenberg corneal spindle and acquired arcus juvenilis in megalocornea.

Zeitschrift für Augenheilkunde. *September, 1929.*

- BEHR.** On the anatomy and pathogenesis of sickle-shaped degeneration of the posterior pole of the eye.
- BÖCK.** On our knowledge of dictyoma retinae.
- FISCHER.** A lentoid in a case of human microphthalmos.
- HEINE.** Four cases of tumours of the iris: gumma, lympho-granuloma, lupoid (or sarcoid?), minimal sarcoma.
- IGERSHEIMER.** Affection of the optic nerve in malignant sclerosis.
- JESS.** The disappearance of the phenomena of copper in the eye.
- KRASSO.** The influence on glaucoma of general irradiation with Bucky's boundary rays.
- LAUBER.** The source of light in red-free ophthalmoscopy.
- LENZ.** On the anatomical basis of ophthalmoplegia interna.
- MELLER.** On the action of the ciliary epithelium on absorbing vitreous haemorrhage.
- NITSCH.** Neurofibromatosis of the eye.
- PETERS.** Concerning the affections of the eye in acne rosacea.
- SAFAR.** On the intra-capsular extraction of senile cataract.
- URBANEK.** On relapsing hypopyon iritis and its connection with tuberculosis.

Annali di Ottalmologia e Clinica Oculistica. June-July, 1929.

- SPECIALE-CIRINCIONE.** The development of the lacrimal passages in man.
TESSIER. Note on pseudo-membranous conjunctivitis.
MORETTI. Trauma in the genesis of sarcoma of the orbit.
MARINOSCI. The ophthalmo-reactions in affections of the conjunctiva.
LODDONI. The colour sense in ametropes.
SANNA. On the connection between the volume and the behaviour of the ciliary muscle.

Bollettino d'Oculistica. September, 1929.

- BARDELLI.** Allergic conjunctivitis.
ALAJMO. Corneal opacities from lime.
ROSSI. Clinical and histological researches on experimental tuberculous infection and re-infection of the eye.
FEDERICI. Rare episcleral granuloma due to a new species of fungus.
MARIOTTI. The clinical aspects of ocular tuberculosis.

Archivos de Oftalmologia de Buenos Aires. June, 1929.

- ARGAÑARAZ.** Contribution to the study of functional and paralytic vertical strabismus (with torticollis). Its surgical treatment.
ADROGUÉ and SENÁ. The phenylchinconate of hexamethylenetetramine.
SATANOWSKY and SENÁ. Contribution to the study of amyloid degeneration of the conjunctiva.
FORTIN. Ciliary mucosa and glaucoma.
MANES. Transplantation of the human cornea. Operative cases.

July, 1929.

- BARRIEBE and MALET.** Lymphosarcoma of the conjunctiva.
ADROGUÉ and PEREIRA. Voluntary unilateral movements of the eyes.
MANES. Intra-capsular extraction. Results of 150 operations.
CRÁMER and SENÁ. Intra-ocular non-magnetic foreign body.
ADROGUÉ and SENÁ. Foreign body in the vitreous.
FORTIN. The canal of Schlemm and the pectinate ligament.

Archivos de Oftalmología Hispano-Americanos. September, 1929.

- BASTERRA.** On intra-capsular extraction with capsule forceps.
GUIRAL and VIONDI. Surgical treatment of glaucoma according to its type.
LUQUE. The syphilitic glaucoma patient.
POYALES. Fisher's simplified phakoerisis.

Revista Oto-Neuro-Oftalmologica. May-June, 1929.

- PEDRAZZINI.** On papilloedema.

Revista Oto-Neuro-Oftalmologica y de Cirurgia Neurologica.*July, 1929.*

- KENNEDY.** Ocular changes observed in epidemic encephalitis.
HALPHEN, MONBRUN and TOURNAY. Headaches in oto-neuro-ophthalmology.

Revista Cubana de Oftalmologia y Oto-Rino-Laringologia.*June, 1929.*

- RIBÓN.** Albinism. The albinotic eye.
FERRER. A canula lodged in the nasal duct for three and a half years.
GUIRAL. Nystagmus and hippus.