papers in our journal will be on view together with a series of drawings of similar conditions. The pictures are hung in special frames containing about half a dozen each in a good light. We would wish to express the thanks of the ophthalmic fraternity to Mr. Rayner Batten, who has spent much time in cataloguing and arranging the drawings in this department.

Inaccurate Bibliographies

To no one does the familiar injunction, "verify your references," apply with more force than to the worker in the scientific field. A paper on a scientific, or even a clinical subject loses much of its value if accompanied by a host of erroneous or unrecognisable references. In this connection it is sad to see the blunders which appear in some European journals, the editors of which appear to take little trouble to check the names and titles submitted by their contributors. We trust that our readers will not jump to the conclusion that The British Journal of Ophthalmology is immune from error; "humanum est errare," and we plead guilty to making occasional mistakes. It is in the matter of foreign names that the chief source of error usually lies, and, while it is the duty of the author of a paper to see that the names are correctly spelt in the manuscript (which in the author's own interest should be typewritten), it is incumbent on the editor to correct obvious misprints. It is not fair to the compositor who has to set the type to expect him to be able to read foreign names in the hand-writing of most authors.

These reflections are the outcome of musings on the translation into French of some of the recent work of Stewart Duke-Elder (a serious pitfall these double-barrelled names), every page being headed with the name Stewart. The same journal translates "under the chairmanship of the late Sir Wm. M. Bayliss" as "sous la présidence de feu Sir Wm. M. Baylin." Similarly McCrae becomes Macrac, Orr is Orn, Cramers is Kramer, while Colebrook, Eidinow, and Hill appear as Colebrock, Eidinowd, and Holl, with Hell as an occasional happy variation. The fact that the mistake in the author's name is corrected in the following issue, without apology or explanatory remark, in no way diminishes the confusion which must be felt by the literary searchers.

Another serious inaccuracy in certain foreign journals is to be found in prescriptions of drugs of an unusual type. Any reader who acted on the advice given without verifying the dosage might have serious cause to regret his confidence.

We would plead with the editors of such journals that inaccuracies of the type which we have mentioned are good neither for their reputation nor for science in general.