

exophthalmos. Especially valuable is the section dealing with the treatment of these conditions; the stress laid on ligation of the superior ophthalmic vein has received much support by publications since 1920.

In the innumerable bibliographies the names of English authorities and journals are too frequently misspelt.

**Die Differentialdiagnose der Wichtigen Augenerkrankungen und Augenverletzungen.** By VICTOR HANKE. Pp. 104. Vienna and Berlin: Julius Springer. 1930. R.M. 4.00.

Hanke's book is one of a series of monographs on subjects of interest to general practitioners. The author of a book on the differential diagnosis of the more important eye conditions, is therefore under the disadvantage of speaking on highly technical subjects to a relatively uninitiated audience, and it must be allowed that he has creditably performed a difficult and thankless task. The appendix on the prescribing of glasses is particularly well done.

Some of the information in this little book is rather out of the ordinary. It is of interest to learn that sausage poisoning is a cause of absolute rigidity of the pupil, but it is bewildering to be told of 12 possible causes of a spot on the lids; the reviewer found it quite a task to remember only 11.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

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We have received the following communication from the Honorary Secretary of the Midland Ophthalmological Society.

At the Annual Meeting of the Midland Ophthalmological Society held at Birmingham on October 7 the following resolution was carried unanimously: "The Members of the Midland Ophthalmological Society most emphatically repudiate the suggestion made in a paper published in the September number of *The British Journal of Ophthalmology* that 'It is impossible for a busy British oculist to spend so much of his time in quest of a hole.' They are prepared before performing a Gonin operation to spend as much time as is necessary to find the hole."

We would remind our readers that *The British Journal of Ophthalmology*, in common, we believe, with most other journals, does not accept responsibility for the opinions expressed by authors of original communications.

We have no doubt ourselves that British surgeons are always ready to devote as much time to any case as the interests of the patient demand.

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