Dependence on compensation by the provision of opportunities for work of some kind, the end in view being complete restoration to full work underground, under conditions of proper illumination, even if this has to be preceded by a period of work in daylight."


The 52nd volume of Transactions contains the papers read at the congress in Edinburgh last year, with Professor van der Hoeve's Bowman Lecture on "Ocular Movements," together with the report of the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress and the meetings of affiliated societies. It forms a volume of 604 pages and contains much that is of interest. We hope to notice some of the papers at greater length in future numbers. It is to be noted that Professor Priestley Smith and Sir George Berry have been elected honorary members. A new feature this year is the local list of members, which is a very useful innovation.

The council's report shows that the membership of the society is 559, and the balance sheet and treasurer's report shows that the finances are in sound order.

OBITUARY

F. A. C. TYRRELL

Francis Astley Cooper Tyrrell died on New Year's Day in London. He had not been well for some weeks, but his decease following a severe asthmatic attack was quite unexpected. It has come as a shock to his friends, who mourn his loss as that of a hard worker of proved ability and sound knowledge. With quiet unassuming modesty he got through a vast amount of work which was of real value to Londoners, concerned as it was with the ophthalmology of school children.

Tyrrell was 62 years of age. He was a student at Clare College, Cambridge, and at St. Thomas's Hospital, where he held a resident post under Mr. Lawford. He graduated M.B. (Camb.) in 1897, and took the F.R.C.S. (Eng.) in 1901. From 1904-1910 he worked as chief clinical assistant at Moorfields to Mr. E. Treacher Collins, whose memorial service he attended a few weeks before his death. His association with Collins persisted for many years, for, after being oculist to the London School Board, he was appointed one of the visiting surgeons under the Metropolitan Asylums Board in 1905 to the newly started trachoma schools at Swanley and Brentwood, where he attended daily for some years. Brentwood school was given up during the war, but Tyrrell continued as a surgeon to White Oak, Swanley, to the end of his life.
In 1907 he toured America to report upon the treatment of trachoma in school clinics, and visited New York, Toronto, Quebec, and Montreal on behalf of the Moseley Commission. He was the visiting ophthalmic medical officer for the L.C.C. to 29 residential schools and to 6 lunatic asylums. During the war he assisted the ophthalmic department at St. Mary's Hospital, and continued to do so up to recent times. He designed a forceps for the operation of expression and contributed several articles to the Transactions of the Ophthalmological Society. He wrote the account of his grandfather, Frederick Tyrrell, for this journal in the series on British Masters of Ophthalmology (December, 1918), and was related to the famous surgeon, Astley Cooper, whose niece became Mrs. Frederick Tyrrell. His father and brother were also St. Thomas's men, and practised in Great Malvern. His son, just qualified, and his brother-in-law, Dr. Edward Wrench, further strengthen the bond with St. Thomas's. His widow and two children will have received many messages of sincere sympathy from those who knew Francis Tyrrell. Happy in his home and work, of fine appearance and physique, his was an attractive personality, and his memory will live long in the hearts of those who knew him best.

HARRY LEE, F.R.C.S.

The tragic death of Mr. Harry Lee was noticed in our last number. He was at work, apparently in his usual health on January 11, and had some sort of seizure while driving home from his consulting room.

Mr. Lee was a Yorkshireman, having been born at Dewsbury. His uncle, Dr. Edwin Lee, was a well known physician in Leeds, and it was natural that the nephew should have settled in his native county as he had many friends there.

While at Cambridge, Lee received his blue for Rugby Football, and graduated M.B., B.Ch., in 1910. He pursued his clinical studies at Guy's Hospital, and passed the final F.R.C.S.Eng. in 1911. He was elected surgeon to the Leeds Public Dispensary in 1913, and worked there for 9 years. When Mr. Secker Walker resigned his post on the staff of the General Infirmary, Lee was elected to fill the vacancy, and rapidly acquired a large practice. At the same time he was appointed lecturer in ophthalmology in the University of Leeds. At the time of his death he was senior ophthalmic surgeon to the Leeds General Infirmary.

Lee was an ex-president of the North of England Ophthalmological Society, and succeeded the late Mr. A. L. Whitehead as the Leeds representative on the general editorial committee of this journal.

He was not a prolific author, but his kindness and straightforwardness of manner made him many friends in the ophthalmic fraternity,