The legend below Fig. 10 states that the current used at Moorfields Eye Hospital is 30 milliamperes whereas it is in fact 65 to 70 milliamperes.

The printing and production are good.

Forty Years of Scientific Work of Dr. M. I. Auerbach. Moscow.
1935. (Russian.)

The volume of papers compiled by more than 52 ophthalmologists as a commemoration of the 40 years of scientific work of Dr. M. I. Auerbach, a well-known contemporary Soviet Russian authority, is an important and imposing piece of scientific work that would bring credit to any country of Western Europe. It is impossible in a short review to give even a general account of these papers, ranging from phlyctenular affections and their connection with tuberculosis to neoplasms of the orbit and covering practically all the important progress and achievements of modern ophthalmology. If by the quality and method of the published papers one can judge the esteem in which Dr. Auerbach is held by his Russian fellow ophthalmologists, then it must be very high indeed. To point out only a few instances:—the operation of Toti is very popular there and the old operation of complete excision of the lacrimal sac is nearly abandoned. Special stress is laid upon research work in connection with industrial fitness, professional disease and aviation. The operation of the late Cracow Professor Wickerkiewitz—division of all external muscles of a badly injured eyeball—hardly known in Western Europe, is still used with good results in Soviet Russia. Many papers are devoted to tuberculosis of the eyes. One of them is by Professor Meller of Vienna, one of the many foreign contributors to this volume—French, German, Spanish, Austrian, Latvian, Lithuanian, and even two German professors—in spite of the fact that Dr. Auerbach is a Soviet citizen and even—a Jew. It is, therefore, with special pleasure that the reviewer points out this evidence of international scientific solidarity in this period of “nationalism madness”; and here some criticism is legitimate. The Russian workers would only gain in an outsider’s eye if they would quote more from Russian pre-Soviet ophthalmological literature than they do at present. After all, it was not so poor.

OBITUARY

J. A. WILSON, O.B.E., M.D.

We much regret the death of Dr. James A. Wilson, of Cambuslang, on February 19, 1936. In our early days Dr. Wilson contributed an article on “Gunshot injuries of cortical visual areas,”
in which he described cases which had come under his observation when resident surgeon to the Lord Derby War Hospital, Warrington. He also wrote on Cinematograph eye irritation; and collaborated with Dr. John Rowan in a paper on Hereditary cataract.

In later years he wrote on Twins with eye defects and on Ametropia and sex. the latter paper being published last year.

Dr. Wilson was trained in Glasgow where he graduated M.B., C.M., in 1880. He proceeded to the M.D. in 1889, and became D.P.H.(Cambs.) in 1890. He was a clinical assistant at Moorfields and also put in post-graduate work at the West London Hospital and Central London Hospital for Diseases of the Throat. At Glasgow he had served as house surgeon to the Royal Infirmary and he was for some years assistant surgeon to the ophthalmic department of this institution. He was the author of several papers in the *Lancet, British Medical Journal and Glasgow Medical Journal* as well as those in our columns to which reference has already been made.

Dr. Wilson leaves a widow to whom we would wish to offer our respectful sympathy in her bereavement.

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**NOTES**

**Corrigendum**

In the account of the Annual Congress of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom we gave the names of those firms of opticians, instrument-makers and others who exhibited in the Trade exhibition. We regret that the names of the following firms were omitted: Clement Clarke, Ltd., Down Bros., Ltd., and John Weiss & Son, Ltd.

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**FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS**

**1936**

*June 12.*—Royal Society of Medicine, Section of Ophthalmology (Annual Meeting).

*October 6.*—Midland Ophthalmological Society, at Birmingham Eye Hospital.

*December 1.*—Midland Ophthalmological Society, at Birmingham Eye Hospital.