Clinical evidence of trachoma may appear before the child has an attack of acute conjunctivitis, but amongst the children of the fellahaen one never sees trachoma without there having been previously some Koch-Weeks or gonococcal infection. In the earliest months of life Koch-Weeks conjunctivitis is much more common than gonococcal conjunctivitis.

Chronic Koch-Weeks or gonococcal conjunctivitis undoubtedly produce much papillary hypertrophy, so much so that Tr. I may never be seen. In such cases the disease passes direct to Tr. IIb, a stage which apart from the corneal signs is indistinguishable from a simple chronic hypertrophic conjunctivitis. A simple chronic ophthalmia, however, can never of itself give rise to genuine trachoma.

There is no doubt that many of the so-called severe forms of trachoma are largely due to a bacterial infection; it is therefore of the greatest importance to continue the use of simple antiseptic measures before undertaking the more drastic forms of treatment.

It is clear that the professional administration of the laboratory matches the admirable building in which it is carried on.

OBITUARY

It is with much regret that we record the death on March 8 of Dr. John Attlee of 65, Grosvenor Street. For many years he had worked regularly as Chief Clinical Assistant at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, and this in spite of the claims of a large general practice.

Attlee was trained at Cambridge and St. Bartholomew's Hospital. At the former he took his B.A. with a 2nd class in the Natural Science Tripos in 1889. He proceeded M.B., B.Ch. in 1892, M.A., 1893 and M.D. in 1895. He entered St. Bartholomew's with a Shuter Scholarship. Among his other appointments may be noted that of Consulting Physician to the Hospital for Consumption, Margaret Street. During the War he replaced the late Devereux Marshall in charge of the ophthalmic department of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Tite Street. In earlier days he had been Ophthalmic House Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Clinical Assistant at Moorfields. Though he did not contribute largely to ophthalmological literature he was the author of several practical papers on general subjects. Dr. Attlee became a member of the Ophthalmological Society in 1895. He had only recently retired from practice. He will be much missed by his old patients and his many friends.
Mr. Elmore Brewerton writes:—

John Attlee showed a keen interest in eyework since his appointment as ophthalmic house surgeon at "Barts." in 1892 under Henry Power and Bowater Vernon. He joined the Ophthalmological Society in 1895 and rarely missed a meeting of that Society, or of the Ophthalmic Section of the Royal Society of Medicine.

He had many interests outside his profession; and was a first-class mechanic and a skilled worker on the lathe; in the basement of his house in Grosvenor Street he had a very fine lathe and hundreds of tools, as well as a forge for tempering metals. On one occasion he obtained the first prize in a competition, given by one of the largest lathe-makers in the country, for the best report on the work done by an amateur on a lathe in the preceding year. This mechanical bent naturally led him to motor mechanics, and in the early days of motoring he was frequently to be seen careering about the country with his wife on a tandem motor quadricycle, accompanied by a noise like the firing of a machine gun. Since those days he was never without a motor car of some sort. He was a good shot and a keen fisherman.

His wife died in the influenza epidemic soon after the War. He leaves one son and one daughter, the former has his father's natural mechanical ability.

NOTES

Death

We much regret to record the death of Mr. D. J. Wood, our representative in Cape Town, on March 18. We hope to publish a memoir in a later number.

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Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Dinner, 1937

The Annual Dinner of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital took place on Thursday, March 11, at the Langham Hotel. Mr. T. Harrison Butler, Consulting Surgeon to the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, presided. The toast of the School was proposed by the Chairman, and Mr. Theodore Luling, the Chairman of the Hospital, and Mr. Charles Goulden, the Dean of the Medical School, replied. The health of the guests was proposed by Mr. R. Affleck Greeves, and Mr. W. Girling Ball, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of London, replied. Mr. R. Foster Moore proposed the health of the Chairman. The attendance numbered 92.

In responding to the health of the School, the Dean incorporated his report. He said that the School was flourishing and that students had joined the Hospital in larger numbers than previously.