BOOK NOTICES


This atlas is a collection of coloured paintings, photographs and line drawings of diseases of the eye seen on external examination or by the ophthalmoscope. The artistic work is excellent, and the illustrations are admirably arranged with short explanatory legends attached to each.

The only defect in this atlas is among the line drawings illustrating the main steps in certain common ophthalmic operations. Particularly is this so in the illustrations dealing with cataract extraction. In the diagram showing the Graefe section, the fixation forceps does not appear, but it is included in the diagrams demonstrating the application of the capsule forceps, peripheral iridectomy and even in the last illustration which shows the conjunctival flap sutured and the wound toilet completed. This error might give the impression to some students that the operator never releases fixation of the globe until a cataract operation is complete, and that in order to perform iridectomy he must hand over fixation to his assistant. However, these drawings are the only weakness in an admirable work which should prove of considerable value to teachers, practitioners and students both under-graduate and post-graduate. The printing and production are excellent.

OBITUARY

D. J. Wood

The death of David James Wood, of Cape Town, was briefly noticed in our last issue. It is much to be regretted on many counts. In the first place he had accepted the invitation of the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress to deliver the Doyne Memorial Lecture in July. He was also the doyen of our speciality in South Africa; our Cape Town representative from the start of the Journal, and an ophthalmologist whose reputation extended far beyond the borders of South Africa.

D. J. Wood was of Scottish extraction, and was educated in Edinburgh. He graduated M.B. in 1888. On coming to London he became house surgeon at the old Moorfields Eye Hospital, and spent the customary three years there, from 1889 onwards. He was thus peculiarly well fitted for the post of ophthalmic surgeon in any
country. He chose South Africa and settled in Cape Town. Before leaving England he became a life member of the Ophthalmological Society in 1889.

Besides his work in ophthalmology, Wood took an active part in the proceedings of the British Medical Association; holding at one time or another all the responsible posts in connexion with the Cape of Good Hope Branch. He was also at one time a member of the Union of South Africa Medical Council.

His loss to this journal is a heavy one. Hardly a year passed during the life of the journal in which he did not send us at least one paper for publication. His papers were usually clinical in type and a marked feature of them was the illustrations. He did all his own sectioning and micro-photography, and many of the results were of a very high order of merit.

His literary efforts were not confined to clinical ophthalmology. The writer remembers an interesting paper of his on Milton and Milton's blindness, and he will miss very much the many kindly letters he has received during the past 13 years from one whom, although unknown personally, he was proud to consider as a friend.

SIR MICHAEL YARR, K.C.M.G., C.B.

We much regret to record the death of Sir Michael Thomas Yarr of the Army Medical Service, which occurred in London, on April 24. He was 74 years of age, and had a distinguished career in the Army, where his training in ophthalmology stood him in good stead and was of permanent value to the Army Medical Service.

Yarr was an Irishman. He was born at Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary, October 17, 1862, and was educated in Ireland. He qualified L.R.C.P.I. and L.M. in 1882, and twelve years later took the F.R.C.S.I. In January, 1886, he entered the Army Medical Service and was promoted Surgeon-Major in 1898; Lieut.-Col., R.A.M.C., 1906; Colonel, 1915; temporary Surgeon-General, while D.M.S., August 3, 1916. He was seconded for service under the Siamese Government from 1895 to 1900, and for service on the staff of the government of Bombay, 1903-1907. Yarr served in the South African War, 1900-1901, and in the Great War as A.D.M.S. and D.D.M.S. to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. He was decorated with the C.B. (military) and was made K.C.M.G. in 1917, and was Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. In his early years he worked at Moorfields where he held the post of Chief Clinical Assistant and he became a member of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom in 1896. To its Transactions he communicated important papers on "Indirect