take the inspection of school children as well as their treatment, all the other medical officers of the County Education Committee having volunteered for service. In 1921 he resigned his whole time appointment, and the Committee, a year later, decided to appoint two part-time officers instead, and Ernest Thomson was glad to come back.

After leaving Glasgow he moved to Bothwell, and in 1923 to Stirling, which was his home for the rest of his life. He gave up operative work in 1914, but in Stirling did some private practice as well as his school work.

Ernest Thomson wrote a great many papers, mainly on ophthalmological subjects. His first important paper, however, was his M.D. thesis, for which he obtained the Gold Medal. It was on "The true position of oxygen as a restorative in carbonic acid poisoning," and was published in the Glasgow Medical Journal in 1894. Among other early papers was one in the Edinburgh Medical Journal in 1897 on "Sensory Aphasia, with sector-shaped homonymous defect of the Fields of Vision." To "The Ophthalmoscope" he was a regular contributor from the start until 1914. Many of his papers were written conjointly with his friend Dr. Leslie Buchanan. In 1909-10 he was the author of a long review on Detachment of the Retina, and in 1912 his Notes on the Continental Clinics, noticed above, were published.

In the British Journal of Ophthalmology he published many papers. He was a member of the executive editorial committee from the start. Altogether more than 66 papers stand to his credit. We have already attempted to indicate the enormous amount of voluntary work he did for us in proof reading. In the matter of composition nothing but the best satisfied him; and we fear that our English composition has suffered in those numbers which have appeared without his kindly criticism. Henderson was always insistent on the value of Ernest Thomson's work for the Journal, and the writer, who has had the privilege of his friendship in correspondence during the past 14 years, can honestly say that the high standard of the composition of the Journal has been due as much to Ernest Thomson as to anyone else. His first wife having died in 1896, he married in 1898 Miss Isabel Wingate, to whom the sincere sympathy of British ophthalmology will go out in her bereavement.

Mr. HARRY HOLMES

On October 30, 1937, aged 63 years, there passed away in the person of Mr. Harry Holmes, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., one of the best friends of the Voluntary Hospital System of Merseyside.
Springing from sturdy yeoman stock in Lincolnshire he had all the good qualities of the typical Englishman, sharing also in the reticence and self-effacement.

Passing through St. John's College, Cambridge, and then through Barts., he qualified at the age of 21, and early in his career became associated with the Wigan Infirmary as junior, and then as senior House Surgeon.

Appointed in 1904 to the honorary staff of the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Myrtle Street, Liverpool, he spent the rest of his life, health and energy in unostentatious hard work for this and kindred medical institutions in Wigan. as ophthalmic and aural surgeon.

A brilliant Chess player, who held many championships, he nevertheless put his duty to his work first; indeed, there were few who maintained a more consistent level of all round good results in his clinical work year in, year out.

Joining the North of England Ophthalmological Society in 1914, he served on its Council in 1925. His skill and ability often went un-noticed, so modestly was it tendered, but it was on the point of character that he will be best remembered by his medical friends as “one more skilled to raise the wretched than to rise.”

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NOTES

Appointments

Mr. H. B. STALLARD has been elected Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Mr. E. F. KING has been elected Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Westminster Hospital.

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The Treacher Collins Prize

UNDER the above title the Council of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom has instituted a Prize of £100 awarded Triennially for the best Essay submitted upon a subject selected by the Council.

The Prize shall be open to qualified Medical Practitioners of any nationality.

The Essay shall be written in the English language.

The Subject of the first award of the Prize is “Cerebro-spinal Disease and its Relation to the Optic Nerve.”

The closing date for sending in Essays for the first award is December 31, 1938. Essays should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, 5,