RHINOSPORIDIOSIS

To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

SIRS,—In August of last year you were good enough to publish a paper of mine entitled "Rhinosporidiosis of the Eye." In view of the fact that I have had numerous letters from various ophthalmic surgeons interested in the subject I would like you to print a photograph of my case who now shows a recurrence at the muco-

cutaneous junction of the right upper lid. The area of bulbar conjunctiva from which the previous polypus was removed twelve months ago shows no activity and the cornea has remained clear. The photograph being enlarged just shows the yellowish-white specks in the substance of the polypus.

I should be very grateful if any of your readers know of any local treatment besides excision, which will guard against recurrence of the polypi in different parts of the conjunctival sac in which, recurrences only seem to show after an incubation period of at least twelve months.

I am, yours truly,

HERBERT KAYE.

JOHANNESBURG, December 1, 1938.

To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

SIRS,—It will be of interest to some of the readers of the *Brit. Jl. of Ophthal.* to learn that the short review of the important monograph on the pathology of trachoma by Professor Birch-Hirschfeld, published in the issue of December, 1938, p. 762, will

be supplemented by an extended abstract in a future number of the *International Review of Trachoma*.

As a result of this monograph Pulvertaft and MacCallan now have withdrawn the view they expressed as to the origin of the bleb-like excrescences in the second stage of trachoma (Tr. IIa) published in the *Lancet* of January 25, 1936, p. 215, and elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,

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NOTES

Oxford Ophthalmological Congress THE dates for the next meeting of the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress are July 6 to 8 inclusive. The new Master of the Congress is Mr. Percival J. Hay.

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Honour AMONG the New Year's honours we are pleased to see the name of Lieut.-Colonel E. O'G. Kirwan, our Calcutta representative, who receives the C.I.E.

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Appointments Mr. P. MCG. MOFFATT and Mr. A. S. PHILPS have been elected Assistant Surgeons to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.

Mr. J. MINTON has been elected Ophthalmic Surgeon to out-patients at the Hampstead General Hospital.

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Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital THE Annual Dinner of Past and Present Students of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, will be held at the Langham Hotel, Portland Place, W.1, on Thursday, March 9th, 1939, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Chairman:—A. F. MacCallan, Esq., C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S., Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon to Westminster Hospital.

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The de Schweinitz Lecture A LECTURE in honour of Dr. George E. de Schweinitz has been founded by the Section on Ophthalmology of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, to be known as the de Schweinitz Lecture. The lecture is to be given annually on the third Thursday of November, on a subject to be chosen by the speaker selected.