

THE COUNCIL OF BRITISH OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

The activities of this Council have unfortunately been restricted during the past year.

A Committee was set up to deal with the question of the standardisation of Snellen's test types but owing to the war this Committee was unable to hold any meetings.

The Council continue to supervise the affairs of the Orthoptic Board.

Beyond this there is nothing to report; but at the same time the Council particularly wish it to be understood that it is always ready to deal with any urgent matters brought to its notice about which an expression of opinion from the Council is desirable.

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The Annual Congress of the Society was held at the Royal Society of Medicine on April 25 and 26, 1940, under the presidency of Mr. Harrison Butler.

The Nettleship Medal was presented by the President to Dr. Dorothy Campbell, who returned thanks.

The following is the abstract of the papers read.

THE PRESIDENT,

"Anomalies of the Posterior Layers of the Lens."

Drawings shown of cases of Lenticonus Posticus, and the anomaly described, together with some remarks upon puddlers' and glass-blowers' cataract, with illustrative drawings, and changes in the posterior capsule seen after perforations of the globe, with drawings.

MR. M. L. HINE,

"Six Months at an Emergency Ophthalmic Hospital."

This was not a scientific contribution, but put on record, as a matter of possible interest, how one emergency base did its work during the unexpected initial waiting period of the war.

MR. H. M. TRAQUAIR,

"Observations on the Causation and Treatment of Dacryocystitis."

Present views as to causation unsatisfactory. Necessity to take the sex incidence into consideration. The importance of heredity. Bacteriology. The infantile form. Treatment by Toti's operation.