successes. Intra-ocular growths may be exceedingly difficult cases or extremely easy. We call to mind a case in a middle-aged woman who came to Moorfields in our early student days. On her first visit she had been seen by the chief clinical assistant; the pupil had been dilated, the refraction estimated and glasses ordered. A few weeks later she returned and said the glasses had not relieved her symptoms. Her statement was:—"I still see a cloud at the side of what I look at." On taking the field a large peripheral defect was evident and on examining the fundus it was obvious that she had a choroidal sarcoma. It always pays to listen to the patient's history even if it may be very diffuse, and to note the salient points in the history. Years later a case was admitted to hospital. Here one eye was blind and painful with a yellowish reflex from behind the lens; the fellow eye showed extensive retinal haemorrhages and sclerosis of the vessels. It was decided to eviscerate the blind eye, leaving a cuff of sclera round the optic nerve. A few weeks later the patient came with a tense bulging tumour in her socket.

THE COUNCIL OF BRITISH OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

Annual Report—1943

No report has been issued by the Council since that for 1938-39; this report therefore covers the period 1939-1943. No Meetings of the Council were held between July, 1939, and August, 1942, and no Meetings of the Executive Committee between April, 1940, and July, 1942, owing to war conditions.

At its Meeting on August 20, 1942, the Council elected the following officers:—President: Sir John Parsons; Vice-Presidents: Mr. R. A. Greeves and Mr. W. H. McMullen; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Humphrey Neame; Hon. Secretary: Mr. Frank W. Law.

The following were appointed to serve on the Executive Committee:—The President, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary (ex-officio), Mr. Cardell, Mr. Doyne, Mr. Greeves, Mr. MacCallan, and Mr. McMullen.

As the result of a request from the three Royal Colleges, a Committee was appointed to represent Ophthalmic Consultants to collaborate with the Royal Colleges. The Committee was as follows: Sir John Parsons, Mr. Greeves, Mr. McMullen, Mr. Alabaster, Mr. Rugg-Gunn, Mr. Harman, Miss Mann, Mr. Cardell, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Savin, Mr. Law. This Committee has not so far been called upon.

The Council records with regret the deaths of the following
permanent members: Sir George Berry, Dr. C. H. Usher, Mr. Percival Hay, and Mr. Malcolm Hepburn, who was Honorary Secretary till the time of his death.

Mr. Cardell and Mr. Doyne were re-elected observers on the Ophthalmic Group Committee of the British Medical Association.

In response to a request from the Secretary of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Medical Schools a Sub-Committee was set up with the object of drafting a memorandum on the terms of reference of the Committee, in so far as they related to Ophthalmology, with the following constitution: Sir John Parsons and Mr. F. W. Law (ex-officio), Mr. McMullen (Chairman); Mr. Affleck, Greeves (Deputy Chairman); Sir Stewart Duke-Elder, Messrs. Rugg-Gunn, Wolff, Cardell, Savin, Tudor Thomas, Foster, Iles, Professor Riddell, Miss Ida Mann, and Drs. Souter, Traquair, Moodie, Wheeler, Arkle, Hird, de Courcy, Ferguson, and Wharton.

The Draft Memorandum was in due course considered by the full Council and in its amended form was submitted to the Ministry of Health Committee.

In response to a request for liaison with the Association of British Ophthalmologists, the Association was asked to appoint a representative on the Council. Mr. George Black was appointed.

A sub-committee has been set up to consider the Draft Articles of Association of the British Orthoptic Society, and to report to the Council, with the following constitution: Mr. J. D. M. Cardell (Chairman), Air Commodore P. C. Livingston, Mr. Macky, and Mr. Law (Convener).

The Industrial Supplies Department of the Board of Trade has been requested to release Maddox Eye Warmers and Optotherms from control of Supply.

With a view to easing the situation with regard to supply of spectacle lenses, a letter suggesting simplification of prescriptions written by civilian ophthalmic surgeons was inserted in the Medical Press and also sent to the N.O.T.B.

A Sub-Committee has been set up to consider the advisability of enlarging the scope and widening the activities of the Council of British Ophthalmologists, and to make concrete proposals to the Council. The following were nominated: Mr. McMullen (Chairman), Mr. Affleck Greeves, Sir Stewart Duke-Elder, Professor Riddell, Mr. G. Black and Miss Mann (Convener and Secretary).

The expenses of the Council have been met out of the funds in the hands of the Honorary Treasurer.