generally with disastrous results. And in after life we have often relished W. S. Gilbert's lines in "Haunted."

... the horrible ghosts that school days scared:
If the classical ghost that Brutus dared
Was the ghost of his "Caesar" unprepared,
I'm sure I pity "Brutus."

A distinguished member of the profession once told the writer that in his own case he was very slow in learning to read and he was inclined to blame a ductless gland which was not functioning properly, and only took up its work after puberty. This might have accounted for the difficulties which William Dobbin experienced in mastering the Latin grammar. Though dull at Latin, at mathematics he was uncommonly quick. We believe that most of these cases of word blindness have no trouble with figures. Anyhow Dobbin lived to write his History of the Punjab, and the author of the paper has overcome his difficulties; but the writer of this note regrets that he has never been able to conquer his inability to translate a simple Latin sentence, or his propensity for making false quantities. And he doubts if a course of thyroid or other hormone would ever cure him.

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**Faculty of Ophthalmologists**

Meetings between representatives of the Council of the Faculty, the Council of the Association of British Ophthalmologists and the Council of the Ophthalmic Group Committee (British Medical Association) have been held. Agreement has been reached regarding the constitution of the Faculty, including new criteria for membership and associateship, and revised arrangements for the election of Council. For the original statement on the formation of the Faculty, reference should be made to the *British Journal of Ophthalmology* of February, 1945, to the *British Medical Journal* of February 3, 1945, or to the *Lancet* of February 3, 1945. As a result of this agreement the Council of the Association of British Ophthalmologists were enabled to urge all their members to join the Faculty and to approve the dissolution of the Association in order that it may be merged into the Faculty. A postal ballot of members of the Association has revealed the necessary majority in favour of dissolution. A new Council of the Faculty is to be elected after due time has been allowed for all, including serving ophthalmologists, to join the Faculty; in the meantime any applications for membership or associateship which present any doubt are to be scrutinised by a joint Committee representing the Council of the Association of British Ophthalmologists and the present Council of the Faculty.

The following are the new criteria:—
FACULTY OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

Membership

1. Any ophthalmologist of the status of ophthalmic surgeon or assistant ophthalmic surgeon, who holds an appointment on the staff of a voluntary or municipal hospital with a recognised Eye Department.
2. Any ophthalmologist, no longer on the active staff of a Hospital, who has held such an appointment.
3. Other ophthalmologists of consultant rank approved by the Council, including those in the Services or holding Government appointments, and those of the British Commonwealth and Empire overseas.

Associateship

1. Full-time ophthalmologists of two years standing.
2. Part-time ophthalmologists of two years standing, holding a Hospital appointment or possessing a special diploma.
3. Practitioners who on June 1, 1945, were on the N.O.T.B. list.

Council

The Council shall be increased in number to 25; the number of regions to be increased to 6, to correspond with the regions defined by the British Medical Association.
The Council shall be constituted as follows:—
1. One member shall be elected from each region by a local regional vote of members.
2. Twelve members shall be elected by a national vote of members.
3. One associate shall be elected from each region by a local regional vote of full-time associates, representing the full-time associates.
4. One part-time associate shall be elected by a national vote of part-time associates, representing part-time associates.
5. Any member of Council shall be free to stand for election indefinitely if properly proposed and seconded.
The outline of the Constitution, functions and management of the Faculty included in the statement published in the medical press and as amended above will in general terms remain valid. As soon as the new Council is elected, the Constitution and Bye-Laws will be legally drawn up.

Forms of application for membership or associateship of the Faculty may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, 45, Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

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Frank W. Law, Secretary, Faculty of
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J. N. Tennant, President,
H. R. Bickerton, Secretary, Association of British Ophthalmologists.