Retirement of the Manager of the Journal

Mrs. H. D. Kelf, who has been manager of the British Journal of Ophthalmology since its inception in 1917, retired from her post at the end of March, 1945. Before accepting this position she had already served in a similar capacity with the Ophthalmoscope since its start in 1903. Thus it will be seen that she has served British Ophthalmology, and served it remarkably well, for more than forty-one years. It is fitting that we should not let her retire without thanking her for all she has done for us.

At the outset Mrs. Kelf performed her duties in London but for many years now she has been able to do her work from her own home with frequent visits to headquarters.

We doubt if readers realize what a lot of work the manager has to do. Much of it is of course routine work, but endless questions are for ever cropping up. Subscriptions have to be received and acknowledged and letters have to be written to all parts of the world. The accounts must be kept in order. The advertisements are under the general control of the manager and in early days she had to direct the wrappers in which the journal was sent out each month.

All these years she has kept a watchful eye on our expenditure and there is no question but that the soundness of our financial position is largely due to her. Nothing has been too small to escape her business eye. It has been the Journal's great good fortune to have had so loyal a manager all these years and Mrs. Kelf will carry with her, in her retirement, the thanks and good wishes of us all.

COUNCIL OF BRITISH OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

Annual Report, 1945

The Council presents its report for the year 1944-45.

The Council records with regret the death of Mr. Harrison Butler, a permanent member.

The Council's reports upon the Regionalisation of the Ophthalmic Services of London, and upon the Ophthalmological Aspects of the White Paper were duly forwarded to the proper quarters.

The Council's scheme for a higher diploma in Ophthalmology was forwarded to the Royal College of Surgeons and has been accepted. The arrangement of details has been postponed until after the inauguration of the Faculty.
The Consultant's panel selected by the Ministry of Labour has been twice convened by the Ministry.

The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons have elected Mr. George Black as co-opted member of their Council to represent Ophthalmology.

The Council has prepared a memorandum upon a post-war National Ophthalmic Service, which is available for the use of the Council of the Faculty when required.

The Council produced a memorandum upon Post-graduate Teaching and Research which was widely circulated, and has received favourable comment from the recipient bodies.

A sub-committee has been elected and is now considering the question of the definition of industrial and educational blindness.

The Council has sponsored the inauguration of a Faculty of Ophthalmologists, as announced in the press. The response has been good, and there are up to date some 220 members and associates. The Council has been elected by ballot, and met on Thursday, April 12, for the first time. The Council of British Ophthalmologists has handed over its records to the new Council.

As in the past, the expenses of the Council have been met by contributions from its members. In this connection, the Council of the Faculty will be asked to consider the desirability of re-imburseing the members for expenses incurred in connection with the Faculty.

ABSTRACTS

I.—MUSCLES


Guibor describes an operation for recession of the inferior oblique muscle. A vertical incision 8 mm. long is made through the conjunctiva 3 mm. from the outer canthus over the external rectus muscle. The external rectus is divided behind its insertion. The inferior oblique is freed from its attachments to the external rectus and inferior rectus. Recession stitches are inserted in the muscle belly midway between its origin and insertion. Illustrations show both ends of the divided muscle sutured to the sclera at the appropriate site for recession; a space on the sclera separating the ends.

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