

ANNOTATIONS

London the Centre of Post-Graduate Ophthalmology

It scarcely admits of doubt that London is without a rival in its wealth of clinical material, not only in ophthalmology, but also in other branches of medicine and surgery. For many years our brethren of the dominions and our cousins of America have regarded Vienna or Berlin as the Mecca of ophthalmology, and to a large extent have ignored London's splendid resources. We are now not interested to inquire as to the cause or causes of this neglect. One thing, at least, is certain at this juncture, namely, that it should not be allowed to continue. By organization and co-operation much may be done to make London what it should be, the world centre of post-graduate ophthalmology. The work should be undertaken now, so that when peace is an actual fact, London would be ready to receive the host of visitors wishful to better their knowledge of eye work who may confidently be expected to visit these shores. If individual hospitals find difficulties in the way of providing lectures and demonstrations or of finding adequate material for those purposes, might not such obstacles be got over by the union for teaching purposes of the existing institutions? To that union might be added certain other hospitals, more particularly such as care for diseases of the nervous and genito-urinary systems, while special attention should be paid to the teaching of physiological optics, bacteriology, pathology, and radiography. On the staff of such a centralized institute, as is here outlined, there would be room for the pure scientist as well as his ophthalmological colleague. The hospital element would be strictly subordinated to the main function of such a place—the teaching of ophthalmology. Such an amalgamation of forces could scarcely fail to influence the teaching of ophthalmology in the metropolis of a far-flung empire.

The Oxford Diploma in Ophthalmology

After an interval of three years the examination for the Diploma in Ophthalmology at Oxford is to be resumed. The examination will begin on Monday, July 21, 1919, and is open to persons whose names are on the Medical Register of the United Kingdom, and to Bachelors of Medicine or Doctors of Medicine of Universities outside the United Kingdom, who have received permission from the Board of the Faculty of Medicine.

Candidates will be required to produce evidence satisfactory to the Board that they have duly attended a Course of Clinical