

them. He always seemed to have his emotions under control, and only a twinkle revealed his sense of humour or a tightening of his jaw muscles his displeasure; he rarely displayed anger in his speech. He enjoyed the company of his friends, whom he chose with care, and he was fond of all sports, but golf, at which he had a single figure handicap, was his favourite form of recreation.

To a large circle of friends, colleagues, and to innumerable patients, his was a personality which will be remembered and mourned. To his widow and family we tender our deepest sympathy.

J.J.H.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

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### RECESSION OF THE INFERIOR OBLIQUE

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*To the Editorial Committee of*

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

DEAR SIRS,—I have read with interest the article written by Mr. Ivor Lloyd on the subject of recession of the inferior oblique muscle, but I doubt whether the writer's view concerning the cause of overaction of the inferior oblique is as convincing as that of Chavasse. According to Chavasse\* the "elevation in adduction" in a case of convergent strabismus free from obvious paresis of the ipsilateral superior oblique, or contralateral superior rectus, is due to the fact that, when an eye is adducted, the inferior oblique's elevating action is intensified because it is a stronger muscle than its direct antagonist—the superior oblique. Chavasse's explanation is more likely than Mr. Lloyd's. The latter argues that an effort of abduction which involves overaction of the inferior oblique is made in order to counteract excessive convergence.

I agree with the writer concerning the need for correcting both the horizontal and the vertical components in squint, but it is open to question whether there is any advantage in performing a recession of the inferior oblique rather than the simpler procedure of myotomy or myectomy.

It would have been more convincing if the case-results had contained not merely the statement that the overaction of the

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\* CHAVASSE, F. BERNARD (1939).—Worth's Squint, 7th edition, London.

inferior oblique had been corrected, but rather the actual measurements of vertical deviation, both before and after operation—including those made with the eyes in laevo- and dextro-version.

Yours faithfully,

T. KEITH LYLE.

May 12, 1949.

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## NOTES

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**Deaths** AS we go to Press we regret to learn of the death of Dr. D. M. Mackay, formerly Ophthalmic Surgeon at Hull Royal Infirmary. Also of Dr. George Mackay, formerly Lecturer on Ophthalmology in Edinburgh University. Obituary notices will appear in our next issue.

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**Ophthalmological Society of Córdoba** THE next General Meeting of the Ophthalmological Society of Córdoba takes place on November 25, next, for the purpose of re-appointing the office-bearers. Those remaining in office are as follows:—

*President*, Dr. Roberto Obregón Oliva; *Secretary*, Dr. Alberto Urrets Zavalia (hijo); *Treasurer*, Dr. Roque A. Maffrand,

Any correspondence should be addressed to The Secretary, Calle 27 de Abril 255; Córdoba (R. Argentine).

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AN exhibition for the blind and the partially blind has been arranged in the Science Museum, South Kensington, from June 11 to 21. This exhibition is not open to the general public, but the organisers will be pleased to welcome those who are specially interested in the welfare of the blind.

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**The Secretary of the Editorial Committee,**

**British Journal of Ophthalmology,**

**Institute of Ophthalmology, Judd Street, London, W.C.1**

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