NOTES

PROFESSOR LINDNER

On January 19, 1953, Professor Karl D. Lindner celebrates his 70th birthday. Born in Vienna, he was educated at the Universities of Vienna and Paris, and began his ophthalmological training thereafter in the clinic of Ernst Fuchs. On the retirement of Fuchs, Lindner became an assistant to Dimmer; in 1924 he took charge of the ophthalmological section at the Poliklinik in Vienna, and in 1927 succeeded Dimmer as head of the Second University Eye Clinic.

Lindner’s scientific investigations have touched on many aspects of ophthalmology; his early work was mainly bacteriological and for his researches on trachoma he received the Von Graefe Prize from the German Ophthalmological Society (1911–1913). In a further important contribution, which concerned refraction, he insisted on the value of retinoscopy with cylinders and introduced refinements into the method of velonoskiascopy.

His experimental and clinical papers on retinal detachment are well known, besides his early work on scleral resection and his introduction of the Lochbrille now used in most clinics throughout the world.

All through his life Lindner has been a pioneer in the use of new operative techniques. Latterly his interests have centred in the problem of the pathogenesis of myopia. A concise idea of his scientific work is most readily obtained from his “Text-book of Ophthalmology”.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (B.M.A.)

TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL AND SCIENTIFIC MEETING, 1952

This meeting was held in Melbourne, in conjunction with the Australasian Medical Congress, from August 21–30, 1952. Dr. George A. Brew, President of the O.S.A., was in charge of the business meetings, and Dr. James A. Flynn presided at the scientific sessions. The Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, Sir Charles Lowe, conferred the honorary degree of M.D. upon two visitors from overseas, Dr. A. B. Reese (New York), and Mr. John Foster (London), and also upon Dr. Norman McAlister Gregg (Sydney).

The Presidential Address was on “Eclipse Blindness—Prevention is Better than Cure”. Dr. Reese delivered papers on “Our Present Concept of Primary Glaucoma”, “Melanosis of the Conjunctiva”, and “Trends in Cataract Surgery”. Mr. Foster’s paper on “The Practitioner’s Guide to the Fundus Oculi” was attended by final year medical students who requested an encore; his other addresses were entitled “Curiosa Ophthalmica” and “The Büdinger-Müller Operation”. At the request of the late Dr. Cedric Cohen, Mr. Foster also gave a demonstration of “Gadgets” which was of great practical value. Whilst in Sydney he gave another address entitled “A European Colonnade”, and in Adelaide he spoke on “The Time Factor in Ophthalmology”. Mr. Foster has arranged for a paper by Dr. Alfredo Arruga to appear in the Transactions instead of his talk on “Ridley’s Lenticulus Operation”, a decision which has been greatly appreciated in Australia.
On behalf of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, Dr. Reese presented a motion picture entitled "Embryology of the Eye", which was made by Dr. George W. Corner (Baltimore), and Dr. George Sinclair (New York). Professor Ida Mann expressed her own admiration of this film, and the gratitude of members of the O.S.A.

Professor Mann herself delivered an address of unusual importance entitled "The Changing Attitude to Developmental Anomalies". Other papers were "Observations on the Eye of the Monotremes" by Kevin O'Day, "Investigations into the Blood Supply of the Optic Nerve" by John L. Bignell, "The Advantages of General Anaesthesia in Ophthalmology" by T. a'B. Travers, G. Housman, and K. Galbally, and "Dacryocystorhinostomy" by T. Boyd Law.

IRISH OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING, 1953

The Annual Meeting of the Irish Ophthalmological Society will be held at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, on April 16 and 17, 1953.

L. B. SOMERVILLE-LARGE (Hon. Sec.)

OXFORD OPHTHALMOLOGICAL CONGRESS, 1953

The next meeting will be held at Oxford on July 6, 7, and 8, in the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology. Members will be accommodated in Balliol College. Those wishing to read papers should communicate with the Hon. Sec., I. C. Fraser, 21, Dogpole, Shrewsbury.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL CLINICAL SOCIETY

The January meeting will be held at the Royal College of Surgeons on Wednesday, January 28, 1953, at 8.0 p.m., when a demonstration of the work of the Ophthalmological Research Unit of the Royal Eye Hospital and the Royal College of Surgeons will be given by the staff.

Supper at 5s. 6d. will be served at 7.0 p.m. at the Refectory of the College. As accommodation is limited those who wish to take supper are asked to inform the Secretaries of the Society at the Royal Eye Hospital, St. George's Circus, S.E.1., by Saturday, January 24, 1953.

MR. HAROLD RIDLEY, F.R.C.S., has received the Honorary Diploma of Fellowship of the International College of Surgeons.