

## LEAGUE AGAINST TRACHOMA

*Chibret Gold Medal, 1955*

THE Chibret Gold Medal (value 200,000 francs) will be awarded for the third time during the General Assembly of the League against Trachoma which will be held in Paris in 1955 during the Congress of the French Ophthalmological Society.

Entrants may be trachomatologists of any nationality. Work submitted should follow this order: clinical, social, preventive, medical and surgical treatment. Entries must be written in French and must be sent before January 1, 1955, to the Secretary-General, Dr. J. Sédan, 94 rue Sylva belle, Marseille, France, from whom further details may be had on application.

## V PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

THE V Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology will be held in Santiago de Chile in February, 1956. A full programme has already been planned and those interested should write to the Secretary-General, Dr. René Contardo, Huérfanos 930-OF. 74, Santiago de Chile, Chile.

## BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL

*Postgraduate Course in Industrial Ophthalmology*

This course, which will be held from July 19 to 23, 1954, is designed for ophthalmologists and industrial medical officers, but is open to all medical practitioners. It will include clinical demonstrations, lectures on industrial diseases and injuries, and visits to local factories and a coal mine.

Further details may be obtained from the Director of Research, Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, Church Street, Birmingham, 3.

## OBITUARY

Our readers will be sad to learn of the sudden deaths of two of our colleagues, both of whom were in the prime of their careers and were widely known throughout the world, and especially in Great Britain, both for their professional ability and their personal qualities.

DR. DANIEL B. KIRBY died unexpectedly in the last days of December, 1953, at his home near New York. Born in Cleveland, in 1891, educated at the Western Reserve University and an interne at the Toronto General Hospital and the Bellevue Hospital, New York, he entered practice in this city in 1923 in association with John M. Wheeler. He served in the U.S. Navy in the first World War, and became Director of the Department of Ophthalmology of the Bellevue Hospital, and Professor of Ophthalmology at New York University. He was one of the best known figures in ophthalmic surgery in the United States, and his book *The Surgery of Cataract* (1950) was a unique contribution to our knowledge of this subject of which his practical experience was immense. He was widely known and had a large circle of friends outside the U.S.A., and his kindly personality as well as his professional stimulation will be missed particularly in Great Britain. Our sympathies are extended to his wife and four daughters.

DR. BERNARDO SEMADENI died suddenly on December 30, 1953, in his 47th year, following an operation after a prolonged illness. Born in 1906, he graduated at the University of Zürich where he remained as one of Vogt's assistants from 1932-1936, undertaking during this period extensive studies on the aetiology of radiational cataract. Thereafter he returned to Davos where eventually he became chief of the Eye Clinic of Guardaval. In 1941 he won the Vogt Prize with a comprehensive study on ocular filariasis, and as President of the Swiss Ophthalmological Society he represented his country at the XVI International Congress of Ophthalmology in 1950. He also has left a wife and family whom many of us know; and his professional enthusiasm and charming personality will be missed among a large circle of friends far beyond the bounds of Switzerland.