Foreword

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The papers included in this enlarged issue of the British Journal of Ophthalmology were delivered at the First Symposium, which was held in Cambridge at St. John's College on September 13 and 14, 1971, under the chairmanship of Professor Hans Goldmann.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Diana Brinkley, Consultant Radiotherapist at King's College Hospital, London, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, who worked with Miss Marjorie Perrers Taylor on the effects of ionizing radiation on the eye. Miss Perrers Taylor trained at the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital and at Moorfields Eye Hospital and then came to Cambridge where she worked for many years. On her death in April, 1970, her many patients, friends, and colleagues set up a fund to commemorate her work, and the money is being used—together with generous contributions from the Wellcome Trust and from Geigy Pharmaceuticals, and under the auspices of the Cambridge University Medical School—to sponsor an annual symposium on selected topics in Ophthalmology.

The purpose of these symposia is to deal with a specific topic in depth and at the highest possible level with contributors of international repute. The participants are limited in number to encourage free and useful discussion and are resident in college for the period of the symposium so that informal discussion can take place after the formal sessions.