And so, after the weekend, to Manchester, where Mr. D. A. Leighton showed us the scope of the work being undertaken in the Professorial department in connection with detachments, glaucoma, 'soft' cataract extraction by a simultaneous irrigation/aspiration technique, and ultrasonography. From other departments we saw demonstrations of aspects of fluorescein photography, light coagulation, orbital fractures, and tobacco amblyopia. We were particularly impressed by the alacrity with which an illustrated report on the result of a fluorescein angiogram could be prepared with the use of sophisticated techniques by Mr. E. S. Rosen. On the first afternoon a large number of patients were gathered in the out-patient department for us to examine and discuss, and one short paper was read by a member of the party.

Our last port of call was Liverpool where the programme opened with a stimulating presentation by Mr. S. I. Davidson illustrating a surgical approach to the treatment of papilloedema by incising the dural sheath of the optic nerve in the orbit. Extension of the procedure to those patients with a better life prognosis than those treated so far seems justified. We were then introduced by Mr. R. Mapstone to thermometry and thermography as applied to ophthalmology and their application to diagnosis in regional and local diseases, especially of an ischaemic and inflammatory nature. The method is both simple and rapid to perform. On the following day we learned a lot about the hazards of the 'pill' from Mr. Davidson and about the studies being undertaken to prove or refute much of the speculation about the side-effects based upon case reporting. The tour ended with two further short papers from members of the party.

It was a most enjoyable and instructive tour and we all wish to express our great appreciation of the lavish hospitality afforded us by our hosts in every centre and to convey our grateful thanks to the Faculty for making it all possible.

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Obituary

John Smeed Bookless, 1878-1972

One of the very senior British ophthalmologists, J. S. Bookless, died at the age of 94 on May 26, 1972. Educated at Cambridge and Guy's Hospital, he spent a short period in general practice, and then returned to his old hospital in 1911 where he studied ophthalmology, and became F.R.C.S. in 1913. In 1916 he joined the Army, serving as an ophthalmic specialist in France, and soon after his return he became consulting ophthalmic surgeon to the Croydon General Hospital where he worked until 1946. In Croydon he was very popular and took a prominent part in medical activities. He was also a sportsman with an unusually wide variety of interests, playing cricket, golf, tennis, badminton, and bowls; one of the highlights of his sporting life was taking the wicket of Dr. W. G. Grace while acting as Captain of the cricket team at Guy's Hospital.