Transactions of the Ophthalmological Societies of the United Kingdom

The *Transactions of the Ophthalmological Societies of the United Kingdom*, which first appeared in 1880, present any interested reader with a compendium of the best in British Ophthalmology. Unfortunately the *Transactions* have hitherto been mailed only to members of the Society and their treasures have thus been shared among a small, if select, band of readers over a period of nearly 100 years. It is true that a few percipient librarians have seen to it that the *Transactions* have reached the shelves of their own institutions and this is particularly true of the University libraries of North America.

Nevertheless it has become apparent to the younger generation of ophthalmologists in the United Kingdom (and by that is meant anyone under the age of 90 years), that our national heritage and our present work in matters ophthalmological should have an audience outside these islands, that the name of the *Transactions* should appear in *Current Contents*, and that they should be open to purchase by readers other than members of the Society with a big S. After much persuasion and argument the 94th volume of the *Transactions* is about to appear in four quarterly parts. The first number reports the April meeting of the O.S.U.K., the second the Oxford Congress, and the third the Perrers Taylor Cambridge Symposium; the fourth will include selected transactions of our extra-metropolitan societies and to these may be added the proceedings of the periodic symposia which are now endemic. The format of the new *Transactions* will remain the same during their first year; they will thereafter be published in modern two-column quarto pages and will thus emulate the *B.J.O.* which is to adopt this style in January, 1975.

All readers of the *B.J.O.* will wish the new *Transactions* the wide circulation which should be feasible with the help of the experience and expertise of the British Medical Association as their publisher.