Mr. Paton demonstrated some coloured sketches of the ophthalmoscopic appearances in various stages of papilloedema, and in answer to questions stated that a decompression operation is unlikely to arrest an atrophy of the nerve, if the arteries have begun to narrow, or if the disc shows any white opalescence.

Mr. Johnson Taylor brought forward a suggestion for the management of the flap in the trephine operation for glaucoma. This was to the effect that it should be rolled up on the whittled end of a large wooden match which had been sterilised by boiling until it sank.

Mr. Harrison Butler discussed the pros and cons of the extraction of cataract with a conjunctival bridge; his conclusions were against the operation, but he thought it might be indicated in "squeezers" and in cases where a general anaesthetic was necessary. Mr. Cridland said he was a strong advocate of the operation, but advised the use of a very narrow bridge of conjunctiva.

Mr. G. F. Alexander read a paper on the difficulties of cataract extraction.

Miss Mann and Mr. Juler reported a congenital anomaly of the optic disc, which appeared to be an example of the formation of pigment epithelium and abortive retina in the optic stalk in place of neuroglia.

At the business meeting, Dr. Maitland Ramsay, of Glasgow, was elected President for the ensuing year.

A number of members attended the annual dinner, which provided a very congenial evening. The speeches were commendably brief. In proposing the toast of the Society, the President tried to imagine what would be its future title, but was chary of a decision. In reply, Sir John Parsons was full of humour, rallied the past Presidents on their absence, spoke of the President's prowess at golf, and consigned the Secretaries to perdition. Professor Gullstrand, an honorary member of the Society, was warmly welcomed. He had just arrived from the International Congress at Washington, and hinted that the invitation to hold the next Congress in London in 1925 would probably be accepted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF BRITISH OPHTHALMOLOGISTS.

The Council of British Ophthalmologists presents its report for the session 1921-22.

At the first meeting of the session the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. B. Lawford; Vice-Presidents, Sir
The following members were elected on the Executive Committee:
Messrs. Collins, Fisher, Paton, and Sir John H. Parsons, with the President and Secretary ex-officiis.

It is with great regret that the Council has lost the services of Mr. Paton as Hon. Secretary, and it takes this opportunity of expressing its thanks for the excellent work done by him.

As the result of representations by the Council of British Ophthalmologists, and after conferences between a Committee of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and one appointed by the Council of British Ophthalmologists, the Royal College of Surgeons has instituted the diploma of F.R.C.S. (with Ophthalmology). The first examination is to be held this year.

The Council has completed a report on the question of sight-testing opticians, and this has been filed. It has also completed a report on the "Report and Recommendations of the Consultative Council of the Ministry of Health." It is not proposed to publish these reports at present.

The Council has issued a report concerning some Public Authorities who are in the habit of referring ophthalmic cases to hospitals for examination, treatment, and (or) report. Representations were made both to the Post Office about their employees, and to the Home Office about the Police Forces of Great Britain.

A Committee is at present engaged upon the Standardization of Test Types.

A letter was recently addressed to the Ministry of Health pointing out that certain Approved Societies were proposing to use funds, set aside for medical treatment, for provision of ophthalmic benefits for their members, through sight-testing opticians, inviting the Ministry to take steps to suspend such negotiations, until the Departmental Committee on the "Causes and Prevention of Blindness" had made its report.

Mr. E. Treacher Collins was asked to represent the Council of British Ophthalmologists at the International Ophthalmological Congress in Washington.

The expenses of the Council have been defrayed by its members.

The Council has to thank the Council of the Royal Society of Medicine for affording them the use of a room for their meetings.