I am indebted to Professor Holth for acknowledging and rectifying the inaccuracy in his original statement, and I would ask anyone who is sufficiently interested to read for himself the passages under reference in Duane's book.

With regard to Professor Holth's main contention as to the frequency of late infection in America, I have recently returned from that country, where I visited four of the largest towns, and had the opportunity of discussing this question very fully with a number of distinguished specialists including Dr. Duane himself. I was confidently assured that they had seen very little of this complication, and that Professor Holth's opinions on the subject are by no means widely shared in the United States.

I have never wished to understate the seriousness of late infection when it occurs, but the opinions of a number of distinguished American experts, who are themselves performing the trephine operation on comparatively large numbers of patients, has fortified me in believing that late infection should be, and is, a very infrequent complication, provided good operative conditions exist.

Yours truly,

R. H. ELLIOT.

54, Welbeck Street, W.1,
July 4, 1922.

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To the Editor of The British Journal of Ophthalmology

Sir,—The following parts of journals are missing from the Bowman Library, and many of them are now unobtainable. May I appeal to those of your readers who have spare copies which they do not wish to keep, to send them to me, in order that the periodicals in the library may be brought up to date, as far as possible?

Yours faithfully,

R. R. JAMES (Librarian).

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Archives d'Ophtalmologie, August, 1920.
Knapp's Archives of Ophthalmology, No. 6, 1915, No. 2, 1916, Nos. 2 and 6, 1918, the whole of 1919, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1920.
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The present edition of this work is improved in many ways; it is a good deal increased in size, about 50 illustrations have been added so that they now number 213; and an attempt has been made to bring the subject matter up to date, an attempt which may be said to have been entirely successful.

This is a book which anyone will certainly acquire who wishes to be fully informed with regard to the glaucoma problem in all its many aspects, and at the same time there is much of a more general ophthalmological interest; thus 60 pages are given to the consideration of the intraocular tension and pressure, 20 pages to tonometry, while perimetry and other subsidiary matters are considered with corresponding completeness.

There are few of the newer operations for glaucoma which do not receive notice, but, as is to be expected, sclero-corneal trephining receives an especially full and detailed consideration.

The illustrations are from various sources and for the most part are excellent. Many are original.

In some parts such a multiplicity of signs and symptoms and views are put forward as to lead to confusion; one feels that their inclusion is the outcome of a laudable desire to include views, however diverse, of the many workers in this field. At the same time one feels that a number of them do not add to the value of the work.

A collection of references is given at the end of each part of every chapter which will prove of great value. They, however, would have been of greater value had they been more complete, and had the general convention with regard to references been adopted. In many instances the date, or the number of the volume, or the