

Anti-trachoma League

In the *Revue Générale d'Ophthalmologie* for November, 1922, will be found an interesting résumé of the proceedings of the trachoma meeting of the French Colonial Congress of Public Health, held at Marseilles on September 15 last. After a number of oculists had dealt with various points in connection with trachoma—the chief of which were the question of compulsory notification and the formation of an Anti-trachoma League—Morax outlined the functions of the League. These may be summarised as follows:—(1) The collection of statistics, (2) propaganda work, (3) subvention of research, (4) organization of anti-trachomatous hygiene and therapeutics in infected regions, (5) social and financial support, and (6) the establishment of hospitals, dispensaries and laboratories. Professor Truc of Montpellier closed the discussion by putting to the meeting the following resolution:—

“The Colonial Congress of Public Health, considering that granular ophthalmia constitutes a formidable scourge in our colonies and in certain important centres of the metropolis, is of opinion (1) that the fight against trachoma should be organized in a more methodical and active manner, (2) that an anti-trachoma league should be founded charged with the duty of studying the regulations and measures to be taken, and of giving support to all efforts in the direction of studying and combating this contagious ophthalmia.”

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

COUNCIL OF BRITISH OPHTHALMOLOGISTS ANNUAL REPORT

THE Council of British Ophthalmologists presents its report for the Session 1922-23.

At the first meeting of the Session the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. B. Lawford; Vice-Presidents, Sir George Berry and Mr. E. Treacher Collins; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Fisher; Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. S. Mayou.

The following members were elected to serve on the Executive Committee:—

Messrs. Collins, Fisher, Paton, and Sir John H. Parsons, with the President and Secretary *ex-officiis*.

The Council has revised and published the report on the question of Sight-testing Opticians.

A Committee is still engaged on the Standardization of Test Types.

At the instigation of the Royal Society of Medicine, a new