Johnson Taylor all his life retained a great affection for Moorfields Hospital. For years it was a common practice of his to spend a day in town by visiting the hospital in the morning, going to a cricket match at Lord’s or some other form of entertainment in the afternoon, and attending a meeting of the Ophthalmological Society in the evening.

His was a very familiar figure in the operating theatre, where by watching the procedures of his confrères he kept himself well up to date in all that pertained to ophthalmic technique, a matter in which he took the greatest interest.

Taylor’s admiration for Moorfields was manifested in a very material way, apart from his attendance at its clinics. At the time of its Centenary Appeal, when a dinner was held to raise funds, Johnson Taylor sent a most munificent contribution, and at the time wrote a letter which so aptly expressed the warm feelings which so many hold for the institution, that Charles Wyndham, who was in the chair, read it to the assembled company with great effect.

The death of Johnson Taylor’s son was his great grief in his later years. To the memory of his old teacher, Charles Murchison, F.R.S., M.D., and of his late son, Charles Murchison Johnson, he last year presented the Hospital with the sum of £1,000 for the endowment of a bed.

CORRESPONDENCE

MISTAKES

To the Editor of The British Journal of Ophthalmology

SIR,—With reference to your interesting annotation on “Mistakes,” in the November number of the Journal, and especially to one paragraph in it in which you say: “We have ourselves got into trouble for dilating the pupils of a patient, and have been accused of ruining the patient’s sight,” it may be of interest to recall some statements in a paper contributed in a paper contributed to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Reports, in 1863 (Vol. IV, p. 405), by Dr. Hughlings Jackson. In this paper he states that one patient ascribed the loss of vision to the application of a blister; another to the use of galvanism; and a third became blind soon after an ophthalmoscopic examination, and ascribed the loss of vision to the examination.

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November 15, 1924.

Yours truly,

JAMES TAYLOR.