"KERATOCONUS"

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

SIR,—With reference to the abstract (on p. 545 of the last volume), "Diseases of Cornea: Wolz, Otto, on the question of the inheritability of keratoconus," the following may prove of interest. I quote from the memory of notes made in 1923, which are not available at the moment of writing this. Incidentally during an examination I found peculiarities in the nerve fibres of a young woman, which were suggestive of those often seen in cases of keratoconus. When I was examining her she chanced to say that some 30 years or more ago her mother had had operations on both eyes in Moorfields Hospital. I traced the notes on her mother in Moorfields Hospital. The operations were cauterizations for keratoconus, performed by Sir John Tweedy.

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Yours truly,
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MEDICAL TREATMENT OF CATARACT

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

SIR,—I was very interested to read Mr. George Young's notes on Absorption of Cataract in the October (1924) Journal. I have seen a number of such cases and two particularly stand out distinctly in my mind.

(1) Mrs. K., aged 54 years, the wife of a Middlesbrough doctor, consulted me in July, 1920. I had seen her several times before about her glasses. She now said her sight was much worse. Her vision was reduced to 6/9ths (partly) and could not be improved. On careful examination with the ophthalmoscope her lenses showed quite well-marked striae coming in from the periphery, with scattered small opacities through the centre. I did not wish to give her cause for anxiety and expressed no opinion. I made some alteration in her spectacles and asked her to return and see me later. She came back in about twelve months and I found her lenses absolutely clear and with normal vision. I then said to her: "I was very concerned about you last time; I thought you were in for cataract; you are now quite well." She replied: "I thought in my own mind I was in for cataract." She expressed herself as being in much better health.

(2) Mrs. R., aged 50 years, residing at Redcar, Yorks. I have attended off and on for the past ten or twelve years for mild attacks of irido-choroiditis. About two years ago she had an attack more severe than usual. When I examined her I found there was much more exudation than usual into the vitreous. The