OPHTHALMOLOGY CONVENTION

CONVENTION OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

A PRELIMINARY bulletin of the Convention of English-Speaking Ophthalmological Societies, which is to be held in July in London this year, has already been circulated to members of such societies, and most of the particulars contained in it were quoted in our December issue.

A more detailed programme is to be sent to all registered members next month. In the meantime we are able to announce the following more recently arranged matters in connection with the Convention.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has most graciously consented to be present at the Banquet on Friday, July 17, which, by the permission of the Lord Mayor and Court of Common Council, is to be held in the Guildhall of the City of London.

The scientific meetings of the Convention will take place in the Memorial Hall at University College, Gower Street, and the registration offices, the scientific and business Museums will be in its Anatomical Department.

At the reception at the Royal Institution of Great Britain in the evening of Tuesday, July 14, Sir William Bragg, K.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., will deliver an address on "Thomas Young and his Work," and some of the apparatus actually used by Thomas Young will be exhibited.

The visits to institutions of ophthalmic interest, in the afternoon of Tuesday, July 14, have been divided up as follows:

EXCURSION I.

(a) St. Margaret’s Hospital for Cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum.
(b) London County Council Myopia School, Islington.
(c) Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields.

EXCURSION II.

(a) St. Dunstan’s, Regent’s Park.
(b) The Central London Ophthalmic Hospital.

EXCURSION III.

(a) The Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.
(b) The Library for the Blind, Tufton Street, Westminster.

EXCURSION IV.

(a) The Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark.
(b) The Royal Normal College for the Blind, Upper Norwood.

EXCURSION V.

The White Oak Ophthalmia School, Swanley.
The number that can take part in any one of these excursions is limited and the places for those wishing to participate in them will be allocated in the order in which they are applied for. It will greatly facilitate the arrangements for the Convention in July if provincial members who intend to be present will let the Secretary for Finance and Registration (Mr. Leslie Paton, 29, Harley, Street, W.1.) know as soon as possible.

If a sufficient number is registered it will be possible to arrange with the railway companies to allow a considerable reduction on railway fares. To secure this reduction, members will probably be required to produce their Convention tickets signed by the Secretary. Convention tickets will be sent immediately on receipt of the subscription. The subscription for Associates (e.g., wives or daughters of members) is 10s.: the extra subscription for members of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom is £1. Ophthalmic surgeons who are not members of the Ophthalmological Society pay a subscription of £2.

ABSTRACTS

I.—OCULAR SYPHILIS

(1) Lundvick, C. V. (Chicago).—Annular gummatous conjunctivitis.) Amer. JI. of Ophthal., March, 1924.

(1) This interesting case of Lundvick's may be summarized as follows:

Onset with severe and constant occipital headaches, followed next day by swelling and pain in the left eyelids. Some lacrimation, no discharge and patient felt feverish.

The oedema of the bulbar conjunctiva increased, and numerous uniform nodules were found 1-3 mm. in diameter, brick red in colour, completely surrounding the cornea, and extending to the fornices. The vitreous was hazy, the right eye appeared normal. The white cells numbered 14,000 per cubic millimetre; a differential count was not done. The Wassermann reaction for the blood and cerebro-spinal fluid was negative. A fortnight after admission the patient was treated with mercury and potassium iodide, and the condition cleared up in thirteen days.

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