Appointments

Mr. W. Stewart Duke-Elder has been appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital.

Mr. A. Sourasky has been appointed Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon to the London Jewish Hospital.

Dr. George Young has been appointed Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Clacton and District Cottage Hospital.

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Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital

The Annual Dinner of Past and Present Students of the Royal London Ophthalmic (Moorfields Eye) Hospital was held at the Langham Hotel on Wednesday, February 8, 1928. Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., was in the Chair and 80 students and guests were present.

Among the guests were: Sir John Rose Bradford, K.C.M.G.; Sir James Berry; Vice-Admiral Arthur Gaskell, C.B.; Sir Mathew Fell, K.C.B.; Professors Elliot-Smith and H. Hartridge; and Mr. Ernest Clarke and Mr. Theodore Luling.

The various toasts were given by the Chairman, Sir John Parsons and Sir William Lister, and were responded to by Sir John Rose Bradford, Mr. Theodore Luling, Vice-Admiral Gaskell and Mr. Goulden.

During the evening the Dean (Mr. Goulden) presented the following report:

The number of new students that had attended the School during the past year was 120 and the number attending the practice of the Hospital, 216, practically the same as last year.

During that time 386 lectures had been delivered by members of the Staff with the assistance of Mr. Hume, the lecturer in Anatomy and Mr. Brinkworth in Physics.

Among the successes gained by students last year two received the Diploma of-F.R.C.S. of Edinburgh in ophthalmology.

For the First Part of the D.O.M.S. 43 students, 46 per cent. of the total list, were presented and 28 passed.

For the Second Part of the D.O.M.S. 42 students, 70 per cent. of the total list, were presented and 26 passed.

A new departure has been made in the past year by obtaining the service of lecturers outside the hospital to give courses of
lectures, or occasional lectures, on subjects of which they are acknowledged authorities.

In the autumn Dr. Traquair of Edinburgh gave a course of lectures on "Perimetry."

Professor Hartridge gave two occasional lectures on "The Resolving Power of the Eye," and again there were good attendances.

In the coming term Professor Elliot-Smith will give a course of six lectures on "The Optic Connections in the Brain," and Dr. Kerr, late Principal Schools Medical Officer of the London County Council, will give two occasional lectures on subjects related to education of the partially sighted.

If these efforts are appreciated it is hoped still further to extend the usefulness of the School, and so that those outside the School may attend we are now able to find lecture accommodation for about 200 by adapting a portion of the Out-Patients' Department.

Several changes by retirement and death have to be recorded on the teaching staff.

Dr. Gordon Holmes retired last summer. He had for several years given valuable lectures in medical ophthalmology.

Mr. Hudson retired in January. For many years he had taken classes in operative surgery, than which none could be better, and he will be able to continue with these classes in the future.

Mr. Basil Lang died in January.

Mr. Hillman was forced to give up the lectureship of anatomy that he has held so successfully during the past six years.

The new-comers are Dr. Adie, who had succeeded Dr. Gordon Holmes; Miss Ida Mann; Mr. Duke-Elder.

Mr. Hume, from St. Bartholomew's succeeded Mr. Hillman as lecturer in anatomy.

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Corrigendum In the article on Roger Bacon in the January number, page 12, the opinion is expressed that he must have had a working knowledge of Arabic. Dr. Charles Singer has called our attention to the fact that this is not correct. He states that Bacon wrote his commentary on the Secretum Secretorum from a Latin translation of the Arabic made by Johannes Hispalensis, a Spanish Jew of the twelfth century. It is also needful to point out that both Philip and Gilbert de Columbariis (footnote, page 3) were barons in attendance on Henry II, and each must have been at least one generation earlier than Roger Bacon. It is, of course, not unlikely that one
of their sons, if they had any, may have had the same name as his father, and so might have been of the same generation as Roger Bacon.

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An extra Gifford Edmonds Prize of £100 for the best essay on a subject dealing with ophthalmology involving original work will be awarded in December, 1929.

The subject for this essay is “Central Scotoma: its Pathology and Clinical Significance.”

Essays should be sent to the Secretary, Moorfields Eye Hospital, City Road, E.C.1, from whom any particulars may be obtained.

The subject for the current essay to be sent in in December, 1928, is “The Causation and Differential Diagnosis of Proptosis.”

The prize is open to all British subjects.

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H.R.H. the Prince of Wales recently honoured Messrs. Curry and Paxton by visiting their works in Camden Town. The Prince was accompanied round the works by the Governing Director, Mr. George Paxton, and by several ophthalmic surgeons.

FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS

1928

March 2.—North of England Ophthalmological Society (jointly with the Midland Ophthalmological Society) at Sheffield.

March 9.—Royal Society of Medicine, Section of Ophthalmology (Clinical Meeting).

March 30.—North of England Ophthalmological Society at Liverpool.

April 19-21.—Annual Congress, Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom at the Royal Society of Medicine.

May 14-16.—Société française d’ophthalmologie at the Faculty of Medicine, Paris.

June 8.—Royal Society of Medicine, Section of Ophthalmology (Annual).