IMBALANCE OF OCULAR MUSCLES

To the Editor of The British Journal of Ophthalmology

SIR,—The amount of eye-strain caused by War Work is still much in evidence in the form of Imbalance of the Ocular Muscles, and it is extraordinary the amount of discomfort and even actual pain that can be produced by this condition.

When a patient comes you naturally first of all work out the refraction, and if an error is present—give glasses. This will relieve the condition for a time but eventually the patient returns and states the pain has come on again. You check your former refraction, and, if correct, what are you to do next? Undoubtedly, test the condition of the ocular muscles, and if there is imbalance, I have found there is nothing so useful as galvanism. This gives relief at once and if continued long enough will give freedom from discomfort for as long as six months or more.

I do not claim that this is a form of treatment originated by me (as the late Mr. Juler in his text-book advocates the use of electric therapeutics in defective muscular action) but I do not think its usefulness is generally appreciated by the profession, and there are so many sufferers who could easily be relieved.

Yours, etc.,

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NOTES

Members of Council, 1922-23. Permanent Members:—Mr. J. B. Lawford (President); Mr. E. Treacher Collins (Vice-President); Sir Anderson Critchett, Bt., K.C.V.O. (Vice-President); Mr. J. Herbert Fisher (Treasurer); Sir George Berry, M.P.; Mr. F. Richardson Cross; Mr. W. Lang; Mr. A. Maitland Ramsay; Mr. Priestley Smith; Mr. W. T. Holmes Spicer; Mr. Sydney Stephenson; Mr. J. B. Story; Dr. Jas. Taylor, C.B.E., Sir John Tweedy; Mr. A. L. Whitehead.

Elected Members. Ophthalmological Society.—Sir John H. Parsons, F.R.S.; Mr. Stephen Mayou (Secretary); Mr. A. B. Cridland; Mr. J. Jameson Evans.

Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine.—Mr. W. G. Laws; Mr. W. H. McMullen; Mr. Leslie Paton; Mr. A. W. Ormond, C.B.E.

Oxford Ophthalmological Congress.—Mr. P. H. Adams; Mr. C. H. Walker.
At the Annual Meeting of the Ophthalmological Society of New South Wales the following Office-Bearers were elected:—

President: Dr. E. Temple Smith; Vice-President: Dr. F. J. Blaxland; Hon. Treasurer: Dr. J. J. Kelly; Hon. Secretary: Dr. R. G. Waddy; Members of Council: Dr. R. H. Jones and Dr. Cyril Shepherd.

At a recent meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Dr. George Mackay was re-elected Vice-President for the ensuing year.

DR. BIELSCHOWSKY, of Marburg, has been called to Breslau to take up the Professorship of Ophthalmology rendered vacant by the resignation of Dr. W. Uhthoff, necessitated by the age limit.

DR. GEORGE E. GOLDING has been elected first President of the Brooklyn Ophthalmological Society.

MISS EUPHAN MAXWELL has been appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, in succession to Mr. J. B. Story, who has accepted the post of Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Hospital.

MR. CHARLES KILLICK has been appointed Honorary Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Bradford.

MR. O. G. MORGAN has been appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.

The Annual Dinner of past and present students of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital will be held on Thursday, February 8, 1923. The chair will be taken by Mr. Cyril H. Walker, Surgeon to the Bristol Eye Hospital.