proposed the law in question. I refer to the excellent collection of ophthalmia neonatorum laws of the different states which appeared in "Ophthalmology," a number of year ago, and which owes its existence to the industry and humanity of Dr. Frank Allport. I did not wholly rely upon that collection, it is true, but consulted some original statutes in addition. Yet I found the collection of very great service, and, if it be not now too late, I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to Dr. Allport's collection.

Very sincerely yours,

THOMAS HALL SHASTID.

Superior, Wis.

Methylene Blue for the Cornea.

To the Editor:—Let me add something to the correspondence published in the American Journal of Ophthalmology concerning the treatment of corneal ulcers with Methylene-blue.

The method used by me for the past six years was taught me by Dr. Meyer Weiner of St. Louis, Mo., and I find it an excellent treatment in old, deep, sloughing ulcers with undermined edges, where they seem so hard to clean.

Use one drop of saturated aqueous solution of methylene-blue every fifteen minutes until the patient has had six drops, instilling cocain to control pain. Finally dust surface of ulcer with powdered methylene-blue and apply a light protective bandage. At the end of twenty-four hours it will be seen that the blue has filtered through into the anterior chamber, and permeated the cornea all around the ulcer. This is followed by instillations of atropin 1 per cent. I have seen some beautiful results from it.

Sincerely yours,

T. WALKER WEAVER.

Wichita, Kan.

BIOGRAPHIC NOTICES.

FLORENCE MAYO SCHNEIDEMAN, M. D.

PHILADELPHIA.

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MELLINGER, CARL, professor of ophthalmology and chief of the eye clinic of the University of Basel, died suddenly, May 21st. He contributed numerous articles relating to ophthalmology to both French and German journals, but will be best remembered for the inner-pole magnet devised to remove foreign bodies from the interior of the eyeball, which he first brought to the attention of the profession at the Tenth International Congress of Ophthalmology, held in Lucerne in 1904.

MILLS, JAMES, aged 65, of Janesville, Wis., a specialist on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, was drowned in the Rock River, Janesville, Nov. 18th.

MOFFAT, JOHN LITTLE, of Ithaca, N. Y., a member of the American Ophthalmological, Otological and Laryngological

Society, for several years consulting ophthalmologist to the Cumberland St. Hospital, Brooklyn, editor of the *Journal of Ophthalmology, Otology and Laryngology* from 1901 to 1904; and of the *Homeopathic Eye, Ear and Throat Journal* from 1905 to 1910, died at his home Feb. 18th, from tuberculosis, aged 63.

NEILL, WILLIAM JOHN, of Chicago, an ophthalmologist, died at his home April 18th, from arteriosclerosis, aged 66 years.

NIEDEN, ADOLF, of Bonn, died during the latter half of the year, at the age of 70. He was once assistant to Saemisch. In 1874 he settled in Bochum as an ophthalmic surgeon, and left for Bonn in 1902. His investigations upon miners' nystagmus are well known, as are also

his several publications upon occupational diseases of the eye.

PERGENS, E., died during the latter half of the year in Maesyck, Belgium, where he was born and practiced. He made many investigations dealing with optotypes and wrote extensively upon the historical aspects of general medicine and ophthalmology. He was a foundation member of the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress.

PITCHER, MORRIS, Tuft's College Medical School, 1900, a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, died at his home, Sardinia, N. Y., Jan. 17th, aged 31.

POSEY, ADDISON CORNELIUS, of Hanford, California, aged 68, a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, was found dead in his home, May 31st, from heart disease.

PRITCHARD, MAHLON R., College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, 1880, former president of the Tioga County, Pa., Medical Society, a specialist on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, died at his home, Westfield, Pa., Feb. 23rd, aged 64 years.

REILY, CHARLES GUY, of Los Angeles, a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear and throat, died at his home, May 26th, aged 58 years.

RICHARDSON, ROBERT McALLISTER, of Chattanooga, Tenn., a specialist on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, died at his home, Sept. 18th, from tuberculosis.

ROBINSON, GEORGE WILLIS, of Shreveport, La., University of Pennsylvania, 1895, for three years house surgeon of the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, New York City, died at his home, Feb. 4th, from pneumonia, aged 53.

ROBINSON, SAMUEL R., of Sturgis, Mich., a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, died June 13th, after a surgical operation, aged 65 years.

SANTA CRUZ, MIGUEL, director of the National Ophthalmic Institute in Madrid, died during the latter half of 1916.

SARGEANT, FRANK LORING, of Victoria, Texas, died at his home, Nov. 11th, aged 45.

SCHIRMER, OTTO W. A., University of Griefswald, Germany, 1888, professor of diseases of the eye in the New York Post Graduate Medical School, ophthalmologist to the Knapp Memorial, St. Mark's and Bronx hospitals, New York, died May 6th, aged 52 years.

SCHOEN, PROF. W., of Leipsic, died during the latter half of the year at the age of 69.

SCHUR, MAX, born at Kitzingen in 1885, for a long time assistant in the eye clinic of Tubingen, died at Neu-Gaiesanka (Roumania) in 1916.

SHERMAN, HARRIS GRAY, of Cleveland, Ohio, a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, and American Ophthalmological Society, first medical inspector of schools of Cleveland, died Oct. 30th, aged 61, from pneumonia.

SNODGRASS, JESSE, of Kenton, Ohio, a specialist on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, at one time president of the Northwestern Ohio Medical Association, Assistant Surgeon of the Eighth Tennessee Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, died Dec. 8th, aged 77.

STANCULEANU, GEORGE, Professor of Ophthalmology in the University of Bucharest until the German invasion, died August 15th, at a sanatorium at Stamford, Conn., U. S. A. He was born in Roumania in June, 1874, and graduated in medicine at Paris. He was appointed Professor in the University of Bucharest in 1908, and since that time has been one of the most active writers and teachers of ophthalmology in Europe. His salary as Professor of Ophthalmology was divided among his assistants in amounts proportionate to their respective positions and lengths of service. Those who visited his clinic were most courteously received and given every available opportunity for observation and operation and found their contact with his work most instructive and inspiring. His day at the hospital began at 7:30 or 8 o'clock in the morning and ended with literary work in the evening.

With the entrance of Roumania into the war he placed his services at the dis-

posal of his government; and with the disastrous collapse of the Roumanian defense he found his way to Moscow. After annoying and wearing delay he made his way by Vladivostok to San Francisco, to solicit American help for the Roumanian Red Cross and Roumanian army. But prolonged overexertion and emotional strain caused a complete mental break down, which terminated in pneumonia. He will be most widely remembered for his operation for extraction of the crystalline lens in the capsule, having first systematized the use of the capsule forceps, which he had devised for this purpose. He cultivated close relations with the ophthalmologists of other countries; and had participated in the proceedings of the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress.—(H. F. Hansell. *Ophthalmic Record*, v. 26, p. 598.)

TREITEL, PROF., of Königsberg, well known for his researches upon the light sense, died during the year.

VIBBARD, ARTHUR ALONZO, of Albany, N. Y., a specialist on diseases of the eye, ear and nose, died at his home, Jan. 19th, from pneumonia, aged 48 years.

WALKER, GORDON ALLEN, R. N., a former Ophthalmic House Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, was killed in action Nov. 14, 1916, aged 28 years.

WALLING, W., Chicago, died during the latter half of the year, aged 68 years.

WINSLOW, WILLIAM HENRY, an officer in the U. S. Navy during the Civil War, a specialist on diseases of the eye, author of many historical novels concerning the Civil War, died at his home in Roxbury, Boston, April 8th, from pneumonia, aged 76 years.

WOLFF, B., New York, died during the latter half of the year, aged 42 years.

ZEHENDER, PROF. W. VON, once Professor of Ophthalmology in the Universities of Bern and Rostock, died during the first half of the year at the age of 91. In December, 1862, he founded the *Klinische Monatsblätter für Augenheilkunde*, which he continued to edit for thirty-seven years, when he transferred it to Axenfeld. In this journal are to be found most of a long series of papers that he wrote.

BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES.

THOMAS HALL SHASTID, M. D.

SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN.

CHARLES HENRY CASTLE, a well-known ophthalmologist of Cincinnati, O., died January 21, 1918. He was born at Philadelphia, Penna., son of James H. and Phoebe Ann (Dick) Castle, November 28, 1862. His general education was received at the University of Pennsylvania, and his medical degree at the Miami Medical College, Cincinnati. From 1886 till 1890 he was receiving physician at the old Cincinnati Hospital, and from 1889 till 1899, a period of ten years, he studied the eye, ear, nose and throat with Dr. Robert Sattler, of Cincinnati. He was afterwards on the staff of Dr. Christian R. Holmes's private hospital. Dr. Castle was the first to use the Roentgen ray in Cincinnati, was one of the founders of the new Cincinnati General Hospital, a medical director of the The Federal Union Life Insurance Co., and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was a man of medium height, lean, muscular and very active. He married in 1905 Miss Meurice Abell. Of the union was born a son, Archibald. Dr. Castle's death is deeply regretted by the medical profession of Ohio.

ALBERT JEFFREY COX, ophthalmologist and oto-laryngologist of Superior, Wis., died of general arterio-sclerosis March 13. He was born at Trempeleau, Wis., March 2, 1862, was graduated at the Galesville, Wis., University, and at Rush Medical College, Chicago. He practiced in southern Minnesota for 26 years, and at Superior, Wis., for 4 years. He was a man of kindly, generous impulses, and had numerous friends.

ROBERT LOVE MOORE, of Columbia, S. C., died at the Columbia Hospital in that city, January 4, 1918. He is said to have had the largest ophthalmic and oto-laryngologic practice in the state. He was born at McConnellsville, York county, S. C., May 12, 1872, son of Joseph Palmer and Agnes Love Moore. His medical degree was received at the