

Dr. John E. Weeks of New York, Vice-President. Dr. Thomas B. Holloway of Philadelphia, having in the last year proven an efficient Secretary, is re-elected to that office.

Next year the American Medical Association will meet in New Orleans, probably early in May; and the American Ophthalmological Society will meet at Hot Springs, Va., in June. Those in charge of the preparations for these meetings are among our most valued collaborators and contributors. We tender them the hearty support of this journal in making their meetings most useful to the ophthalmologists of America.

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### WELCOME TO THE NEW EYE JOURNAL.

THE REVISTA CUBANA DE OFTALMOLOGIA, under directorship of Dr. Francisco Maria Fernandez, of Havana, Cuba, with a large list of collaborators thruout the world, save in the enemy countries.

Surely this is the most pretentious first number of an eye journal that has appeared. It is a quarterly and to the reviewer's great pride, has been modeled upon the former American Quarterly, "Ophthalmology," now amalgamated with our journal.

The first number contains two hundred and twenty-six pages, of which sixteen are given to biographies of some of the editors of the original articles. Eight are by Juan Santos Fernandez upon various subjects. Of particular interest are those on cataract and trachoma. Uribe Troncoso has an article on acné-rosacea of the eye. Espino, Rinconos, Gonzales, Penichet, Cohen, Escolano, Francisco Fernandez and Guiral have the others.

A number of paragraphs are given to the progress of Ophthalmology, and more to extracts from the literature. Reviews of French, Spanish, American and Japanese journals are given.

Reports of the Section on Ophthalmology of the New York Academy of Medicine, the Ophthalmological Society of Madrid, and the Mexican Ophthalmological Society, together

with necrologic notices and news items, make up a very commendable book.

The printing, paper and illustrations are beautifully done. Certainly Fernandez' ambition has led him to begin a great work, a man-sized job in fact, and a credit to the foreign language press.

H. V. W.

### BOOK NOTICES.

**The Blind**, their condition and the work being done for them in the United States. By **Harry Best, PhD.**, New York; The MacMillan Company. 1919. 763 Pages. Price \$4.00.

After a life-time spent in the treatment of the eyes by the reviewer, it has always been a marvel to him that the practising oculist sees relatively so few of the blind. Our work being preventive of this terrible condition, it behooves us to have a little more knowledge of those who have passed beyond our help and this work is therefore a welcome source of information. The field of inquiry therein has been limited mostly to the United States, but takes up a vast number of subjects under the general headings of "The General Conditions of The Blind; Blindness and the Possibilities of its Prevention; Provision for the Education of Blind Children; Intellectual Provision for the Adult Blind; Material Provision for the Blind; Organizations Interested in the Blind; Conclusions with Respect to the Work for the Blind." Our particular interests are the questions of pensions, indemnities and legal measures. A great number of abstracts of legal cases are given, and are very valuable for reference. As experts, ophthalmologists are more or less often called into court, and questioned about these things.

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This book contains a wealth of material regarding blindness, as seen in its sociologic, institutional, economic and legislative aspects. If to it one adds the insight into personal problems and living adjustments, that are so well revealed in the little book of Javal, he