

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

GENTLEMEN,—In the November issue of the *Brit. Jl. of Ophthal.*, p. 649, there is a review of the book, *Detachment of the Retina*, by H. Arruga, translated by R. Castroviejo.

It is very justly stated in this review that there are a number of misspelled words. The book was published shortly after the unfortunate events in Spain started. The author and the translator did not have the opportunity to correct the proofs. The words that are misspelled in the book were properly spelled when the manuscript was submitted to the editors, but it seems that the edition was carried out under unfavourable circumstances by non-English speaking editors.

The author and the translator offer their sincere apologies for a condition beyond their control. Will you be so kind as to publish this letter in the book review section of the *Brit. Jl. of Ophthal.*?

Very sincerely yours,

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NEW YORK.
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DEAR SIRS,—It is probable that during the time of the Coronation that some old students of Moorfields from Overseas, will be in London. We are, therefore, arranging a short series of demonstrations that they may like to attend, and the following programme is being arranged:—

1. Exhibition of Ophthalmoscopic Conditions, Tuesday, May 4, at 5.30 p.m.
2. Exhibition of Slit-lamp Cases, Thursday, May 6, at 5.30 p.m.
3. Operation Demonstrations: (a) Cataract.
(b) Glaucoma.
(c) Detachment.
(d) Squint.

A selection of the above on the mornings of Monday, May 3, Wednesday, May 5, Friday, May 7.

4. Orthoptics, Tuesday, May 4, at 10 a.m.
5. Pathological exhibitions, Wednesday, May 5, at 5.30 p.m.

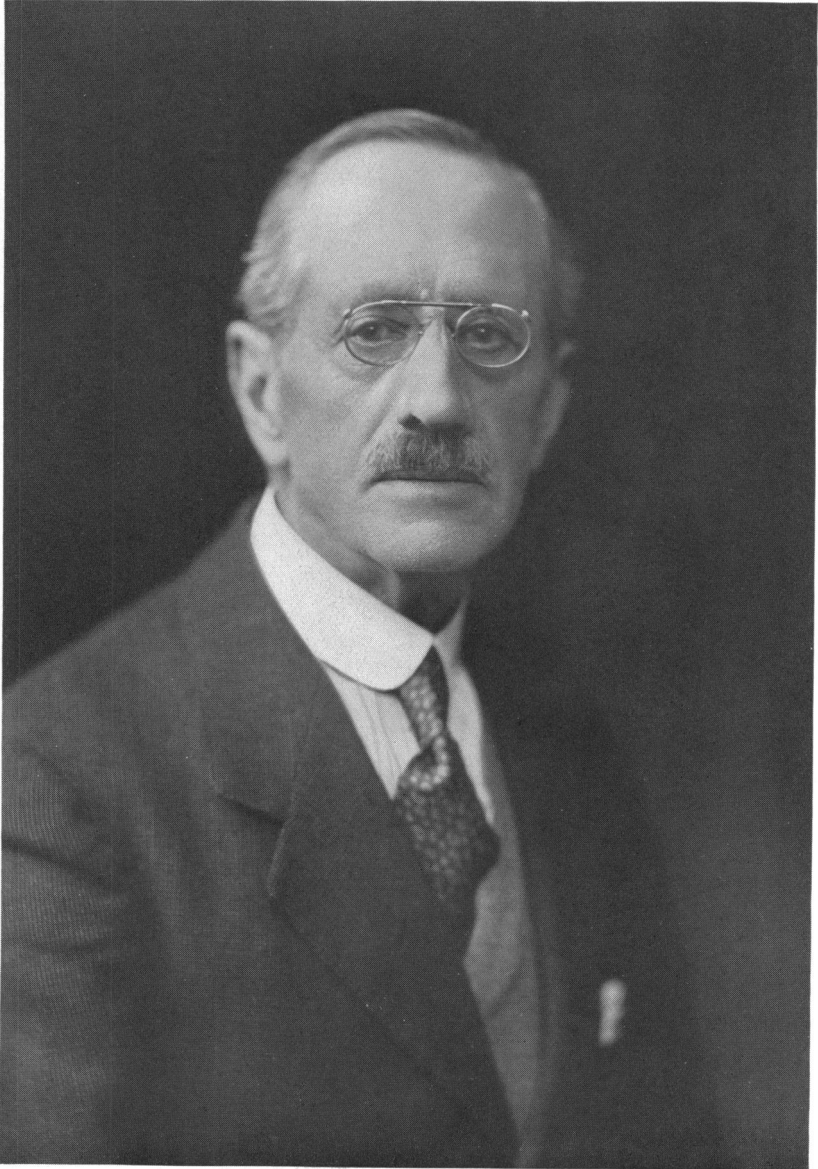


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LOUIS WERNER

We will be pleased to welcome any of our old friends, and it would make arrangements easier if they would be so good as to send us notice of their intention to attend the course.

Yours faithfully,

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OBITUARY

LOUIS WERNER

IRISH Ophthalmology has suffered a severe loss in the death of Louis Werner which occurred in Dublin on November 24 at the age of 78 years.

He was the eldest son of Louis Werner, a French artist, who had studied at the Académie des Beaux-Arts in Paris under Paul Delaroche, and finally settled in Dublin.

At the age of fifteen, the young Louis was sent to the College of La Chapelle near Belfort in Alsace, where he acquired that proficiency in French and German which later proved invaluable to him in his extensive study of contemporary ophthalmic literature.

Returning to Dublin in 1876 he entered Trinity College. At his final Arts examination he obtained the "Large Gold Medal" in Ethics and Metaphysics. In 1880 he entered the Medical School, obtained a "Scholarship," and finally qualified in 1884.

Having decided to devote himself to the practice of ophthalmology, he was appointed to the Staff of the National Eye and Ear Infirmary under Dr. C. E. Fitzgerald and Dr. (later Sir) Henry Swanzy.

During the next few years, Louis Werner played an active part in helping to bring about an amalgamation between this small hospital, established in 1814, and the hospital of St. Mark's, an institution founded in 1844 by Sir William Wilde.

In 1897, he and his colleagues had the gratification of assisting in the establishment of the present Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital. This institution is a worthy monument to the zeal and public spirit displayed by the Irish Ophthalmologists of the nineteenth century with its 134 beds and large annual dispensary attendance.

Louis Werner was best known outside Ireland through his connection with the popular text-book: "Swanzy's Diseases of the