preference to the classical iridectomy performed by v. Graefe half a century ago.

There is a chapter by Sydney Stephenson and A. J. Ballantine giving an historical account of trephining for glaucoma, and an interesting account of the more recent operations.

In giving the indications for sclero-corneal trephining the author mentions, *inter alia*, glaucoma secondary to cataract, in connection with which he states that judging from the literature on the subject, one gathers that this form of glaucoma is comparatively rare in European countries; it is, however, all too common in India.

The description of the method of preparation for, and of the operation itself, disclose the writing of a practical man and not that of a mere theorist.

It is to be noticed that "atropine" is instilled on the third day after operation, unless the pupil is already widely dilated, as the author finds "in congestive cases a strong tendency to the formation of posterior synechiæ; the quiet iritis which leads to this exudation gives no other evidence of its occurrence."

Though Freeland Fergus's method of trephining is described in the chapter by Temple Smith, on the site of trephining, we do not notice any mention of it in that by the author himself on modifications of operative technique suggested by other surgeons.

The author has been fortunate in his cases where complicated by dislocation of the trephine disc into the anterior chamber, and his results should be an encouragement to those surgeons who fear post-operative irido-cyclitis from this complication.

We notice that the author prefers instrumental means of measuring tension to the time-honoured procedure with fingers, which must appeal to the scientific mind as the only means of eliminating the personal element, and that the Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras, is equipped with no less than five ophthalmotonometers.

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