

THE BOOK OF CHRONICLES.

BY

THE SCRIBE

EXPLANATION.

The Festive Season approaches when Peace and Goodwill should predominate and there is apparently no reason why this year should not see lasting peace in the Optometrical world successfully launched.

Our last Convention brought practicing Optometrists closer together than ever, and the Melbourne Centenary Congress was well attended and it was gratifying to notice that brethren from N.Z. were present. This is as it should be, because Optometry has become a very real profession now, and is in the ascendant because, especially in N.S.W., the necessity for a high standard of knowledge and technique is realised. Otherwise the middle-aged followers of the work would not attend Post-Graduate Courses. There is something real and sincere in men who will devote their leisure time to the acquisition of further technical information. Optometry must soon take its stand on an equality basis with its elder sister profession, Dentistry, because it is a public necessity, and although not in any way allied to medicine and surgery, it definitely assists in maintaining human efficiency.

The time has come when the people should know how much the Optometrist can do towards the conservation of their visual sense, and it is to be hoped that a definite ethical system of educational publicity will be instituted.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

Behold saith the Scribe the Doves of Peace are flying above us, yea even high above us.

Shall it be that they will descend and bring Peace and Goodwill among the Followers of Optish?

Yea, let us bring out the corn of sincerity, and the seeds of human kindness and the water of integrity that they may fly down and remain with us.

Verily saith the Scribe it will be a grievous thing if the eagles of antagonism swoop down upon them and destroy them.

And much speaking was done about the Following of Optish, and blur points and in the valley of the river Yarra held a great Convention of Optish, and the prophets Kett and Simon took ship and went over to be with them.

Likewise did certain brethren from the far lands of New Zealand take ship and land upon their shores, to show them how good fellowship doth exist in their own land where no dispensing Opticians do dwell.

And much speaking was done about the Following of Optish, and blue points and legislation and other matters dear unto the minds of Followers of Optish.

And some had hair upon their heads and others had not, some spake words that were heard with joy, and others said, lo, this is even a holiday, let us therefore rejoice together and smoke the cigar or pipe of peace.

And when even was come, the Prophet Jabara wound up his model car and taking Simon in with him, urged it into the city and left it upon the highway, saying unto it, "Be good and stray not away."

But when the night was far spent a man of evil gazed upon it and seeing no officer of the law nigh he took it under his arm and fled away with it.

And he put it to base uses and hid it in the cupboard beneath the kitchen sink and fed it not upon the oil necessary for it.

So that its cries went up to Heaven and they were heard by the officers of the law who restored it unto its sorrowing guardian.

But dire things have come to pass in Melbourne perchance owing to the sins of the price cutters of Optish.

Lo, the Yarra hath overflowed its banks and great waters are upon the earth and the brethren seek a Follower of Optish with a long beard so that he like Noah shall build them an ark and save them.

And who shall be the giraffe saith the Scribe and who the ass?

Again saith the Scribe, how is it that the scheme for honest publicity cometh not to full print?

Optometry offendeth not but helpeth the people if it be practised ethically, and publicity that is educative doeth no man any ill.

It is known that some would prefer blatant and inethical advertising and to bait their traps with well disguised chicanery, but these are few in the land.

Moreover it is known that some subscribe and others subscribe not, but ere long such publicity shall be brought forth that none shall see just cause to complain of and there shall unity be assured in this regard.

Optometry as a science hath nothing to be ashamed of, yea, it is a science that benefiteth the many, but as in all good things it is judged by the least worthy exponents thereof.

Therefore see to it saith the Scribe that ye are full of good works and subscribe ye your pence that the people may know that ye stand for clean and wholesome practice.

THE REFRACTION CLINIC OF THE INSTITUTE OF OPTOMETRISTS OF N.S.W., 75 PITT STREET, SYDNEY.

CLINICIANS' ROSTER FOR DECEMBER, 1934.

TUESDAYS.

4th December, Group 1:

C. G. McDonald (Sup.)
J. Solomons (Asst. Sup.)
T. Reid
Miss J. Dawson
J. Sanderson
G. Esdaile
B. Klooster
G. Ovenden

11th December, Group 3:

J. Burgess (Sup.)
G. Boulton (Asst. Sup.)
J. Brosnan
R. J. Kelly
L. L. Bell
F. A. Martz
G. Esdaile
H. E. Flemons

18th December, Group 1:

C. J. F. Sceats (Sup.)
J. Burgess (Asst. Sup.)
T. Reid
Miss J. Dawson
C. McClelland
F. A. Martz
B. Klooster
N. Coote

THURSDAYS.

6th December, Group 2:

H. Ralphs (Sup.)
J. Solomons (Asst. Sup.)
L. L. Bell
H. Alexander
F. A. Martz
V. Roberts
C. G. Burnheim
E. J. Porritt

13th December, Group 4:

C. G. McDonald (Sup.)
H. Ralphs (Asst. Sup.)
L. Shaw
J. Sanderson
V. Roberts
N. Coote
G. Ovenden
H. E. Flemons

20th December:

NO CLINIC.
6.30 p.m.: Executive Meeting.
7.45 p.m.: General Clinic Meeting.

DURING XMAS HOLIDAYS THE CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED, AND REOPENED ON
THURSDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1935.

J. TOCOVENKO, Registrar.

DONATIONS OF INSTRUMENTS

The Registrar of the Clinic reports having received the following gifts of instruments:—A photoscope from Mr. W. E. Wilson, an illuminated test chart from Mr. J. E. Prince, and an illuminated nearpoint phoria test from Mr. B. Adcock.

To these gentlemen the director and executive of the Clinic extend their warmest thanks. Such gifts are greatly appreciated and contribute largely towards aiding the efficiency of the institution.