

A great number of less common causes of ocular palsies may be enumerated. They comprise:—

Myasthenia gravis. Here variability of paralysis, and integrity of the pupils are important. Characteristic signs in other parts of the nervous system are usually evident.

Intracranial tumour. Here one must distinguish cases where ocular palsies are of localizing significance (as in the case of pineal, mesencephalic, pontine and auditory tumours), from the palsies which constitute "false localizing signs". Amongst the latter, an isolated abducens paralysis is a well known feature of internal hydrocephalus irrespective of the site of the growth.

Meningitis.

Cranial injury, especially when the base of the skull has been fractured.

Acute and chronic forms of encephalitis.

Polyneuritis cranialis, associated with an acute peripheral neuritis.

In the case of a *child*, cerebrovascular disease obviously does not appear as a common cause of ocular palsy. Syphilis, too, is infrequent owing to the comparative rarity of inherited tabes and general paralysis of the insane. The more usual causes of ocular palsy will, therefore, be found in meningitis and in cerebral tumour, although in the very young the possibility of a congenital defect should be borne in mind.

CORRESPONDENCE.

26 Great Ormond Street,
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27th July, 1934.

The Editor,
"The Post-Graduate Medical Journal".

DEAR SIR,

There appears to have been a little misunderstanding, in some quarters, over the issue by us of our advertisement of HALMAGON which appears on your front cover this month.

It has been pointed out to us that we issued this advertisement some days before your magazine was published. If this has caused you any inconvenience we are extremely sorry and can assure you that it was ignorance of your publishing date, that caused us to anticipate your Journal's publishing day.

We would point out, however, in mitigation of our offence, if we have offended, that it is a general practice after permission has been obtained to circulate, for various reasons, extracts from periodicals in advance of the periodicals' publication. This refers to both reprinted articles and advertisements.

That this reprint was not submitted for your inspection before we circulated it, was, perhaps, a lack of courtesy on our part, which we also regret; but as we were under the impression that we actually had obtained permission from your advertising manager to issue the copy, and as we desired to get this advertisement out as soon as possible, this formality was overlooked.

We trust this will clear up any misunderstanding over the matter. We assure you that throughout we acted in perfect good faith and if we have caused you the slightest inconvenience we are extremely sorry and ask you to accept our apologies.

Yours faithfully,

For TONICITY LABORATORIES LIMITED,

CHARLES VIVIAN,

Director.

NOTE.—The Editor gladly accepts the explanations contained in the above letter and fully appreciates the sentiments therein expressed.