
A NEW EYE-BANK

An affiliated "Eye-Bank" has been organized in New Orleans, La., which will have the cooperation of the Louisiana State University Medical School and the Tulane University Medical School and Hospital, it was announced recently at national headquarters of The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., 210 East 64th Street, New York City. Other affiliated Eye-Banks are functioning in Boston and Chicago.

The new Eye-Bank is located in the Hutchinson Memorial Building, New Orleans, and Mrs. Orville Ewing is serving as Executive Director. The officers are Charles E. Fenner, President; Dr. William B. Clark, First Vice-President; George L. Hardin, Second Vice-President; John F. Reilly, Treasurer; and John W. Sims, Secretary.

The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., in New York and its three affiliated Eye Banks collect and preserve healthy corneal tissue from human eyes for transplanting to blind persons who have lost their sight because of corneal defects, and this tissue is available to surgeons who are qualified to perform the corneal transplant operation. Two other objectives are the training of surgeons in the technique of the delicate corneal graft operation and the furtherance of research studies.

Dr. Clark, Vice-President of the New Orleans Eye Bank, who is a practicing ophthalmologist in that city, recently visited the national headquarters of The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., in New York to observe the methods used there as a model for the new affiliated Eye-Bank. Earlier, visits to New Orleans in connection with this project were made by Mrs. Aida de Acosta Breckinridge, executive director at national headquarters, and Dr. R. Townley Paton, New York ophthalmologist and Vice-President of the Eye-Bank there.