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To the Memory of
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A pioneer in virus and trachoma research whose contributions to the development of research in these fields are acknowledged

Editor's Preface
Although the agent of trachoma has now been generally accepted as non-viral, it was for so long considered a virus that it seems appropriate to include this review as a Monograph in Virology. Hence, this volume should be useful not only to those working directly with the trachoma agents, but also to virologists who need an overview of the developments during the last decade which have distinguished these chlamydial agents from the viruses.

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The opportunity to write a review on the recent developments in the research on the agent of trachoma had arisen from the invitation of Professor J. L. MELNICK to revise the review written in 1962, by the late Professor HANS BERNKOPF. As a result of marked developments in research on the immunology and biochemistry of the agent, a new review which will compile the knowledge added in the last decade seemed necessary. I have, therefore,
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