or otology; in general, fellowships will be made for periods of up to a year for specific research purposes, but grants may also be given for short-term visits abroad to study particular methods of investigation and treatment in these fields. Fellowships will as a rule provide for appropriate maintenance allowance and travelling expenses, whereas grants for short-term visits (up to 3 months) will ordinarily cover travelling expenses only.

Forms of application for these awards may be obtained from the Secretary, Medical Research Council, 38, Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1., with whom applications must be lodged by May 1, 1951.

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OBITUARY

MARY EMMELINE MASON

Dr. Mary Mason (née Joll) died suddenly in Cockermouth, Cumberland, on January 10, at the age of 58. After studying at the London School of Medicine for Women and qualifying in 1915, she held posts of house surgeon and house physician at the Royal Free Hospital, London, and was later appointed chief clinical assistant and senior house surgeon at Moorfields Eye Hospital, being the first woman to hold this latter post.

As a well-known ophthalmologist in North-West England, she had a large consulting practice and also did much work among school-children. In her, ophthalmology has lost a highly competent surgeon. Remote from the main centres of activity she applied her knowledge and skill in the limited area in which she was working, and her warm human personality gave her contacts with her patients that are not readily established in the busy centres. These contacts she employed fully in her scientific investigations. She brought a single-minded devotion to whatever task was at hand, whether it was a routine refraction, a difficult operation, or a complicated investigation.

Her many artistic talents are illustrated in the ophthalmological paintings which have appeared in this Journal (33, 67). One of her chief interests was chamber music, and as a violinist she made a welcome contribution to musical activities throughout the county. She also did much public work and was a Justice of the Peace.

Her friends mourn the passing of a delightful colleague, and the kindly advice given in so many fields will be much missed by her numerous friends and patients. Her husband, Dr. Charles A. Mason, whom she married in 1922, and their daughter, survive her.