Notes

St Mary's Hospital, San Francisco

31 October to 1 November 1975

A two-day comprehensive course on the macula will be held in San Francisco. The course will include lectures on classification, diagnosis, and fluorescein angiography, and workshops on the reading of angiograms, management, and treatment. The guest speakers will include E. Rosen, Manchester, H. Little, Palo Alto, S. Ryan, Los Angeles,

L. Yannuzzi, New York, J. Justice, Houston, J. B. Crawford, San Francisco, C. Zweng, Palo Alto, K. Gitter, New Orleans, M. Rabb, Chicago, T. Burton, Iowa City, and H. Schatz, San Francisco. For further details write to Miss D. Miller, 3637 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94118, USA.

International Symposium on Cataracts

Iowa City, Iowa 12 to 15 November 1975

The Department of Ophthalmology is to sponsor a symposium on cataracts honouring Professor P. Boeder.

The topics will include evaluation of visual function, operative management, and optical rehabilitation.

Symposium on Medical Ophthalmology

London, 27 and 28 November 1975

This symposium is designed for consultants and registrars in medicine, neurology, and ophthalmology, and sessions include: modern methods of investigation, retinal and optic nerve disease, and multi-system ocular syndromes.

Further information can be obtained from The Secretary, Eye Department, St. Thomas's Hospital, London SE1 7EH.

Obituary

The Hon Geoffrey Bridgeman, MC, MB, BChir (Cantab), FRCS(Eng) 1898–1974

Geoffrey John Orlando Bridgeman, the second son of the first Viscount Bridgeman, was born on 3 July 1898. He was educated at Eton and later at Trinity College, Cambridge, but on leaving school he went straight into the Royal Field Artillery to fight in the first world war. He was on active service in the Middle East and was awarded the Military Cross.

After the war he went up to Cambridge where he was awarded a Classical Exhibition, but he subsequently read Natural Sciences and became a medical student. He played cricket for Trinity College with considerable success. Later a cricket ball injury to the pulley of his right superior oblique resulted in a paresis of that muscle causing some diplopia but which he easily overcame by the adoption of a characteristic slight head tilt to the left. He was a student at St George's Hospital qualifying in 1926, and after working in the Outpatient Department at Moorfields and achieving the FRCS he was appointed ophthalmic surgeon to the East Ham Memorial Hospital. He was subsequently appointed ophthalmic surgeon at the Western Ophthalmic Hospital, and also at St George's Hospital, where he was recognized as a conscientious, reliable, and sound clinician.

In the second world war he served in the RAMC and was soon promoted to the rank of Brigadier serving as consultant ophthalmologist in the Middle East and later in India. In Delhi he shared living quarters with three other RAMC consultants, Grant Massie (a general surgeon) of Guy's Hospital, Bill Dagget (an ear, nose, and throat surgeon) of King's College Hospital, and Eddie Bennet (a psychiatrist) of the Maudsley Hospital, and they became life-long friends. Bill Dagget wrote 'I often went on tour with Geoffrey visiting the various army

hospitals in India. This was a great education for me because Geoffrey had read a lot about India and her history. I particularly remember walking around Lucknow with him—he was able to reconstruct the famous siege and its relief in remarkable and fascinating detail. For nearly 20 years the four of us used to meet for dinner once every year at our different London clubs, until death began to overtake some of us'.

I too got to know Geoffrey in the war but I got to know him better later when we both served as secretaries of the OSUK. He developed a great interest in the subject of strabismus and he became an accomplished ocular muscle surgeon. Later we collaborated in the production of the ninth edition of Worth and Chavasse's *Squint*. He was a painstaking, methodical, and accurate worker capable of taking meticulous care in everything he did. At that time we used to meet regularly about once a fortnight after dinner and work until after midnight. On these occasions I was often entertained at his house for dinner, and enjoyed the company of his charming wife Mary and his daughter Daphne.

He was a good raconteur and had sound views on a variety of subjects – such as, the correct way to read a lesson in church and the fundamentals of giving a lecture – and a number of assorted topics on gardening. He was a staunch Christian with the highest ideals and served for many years as a church warden at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate.

He was a devoted husband, father and godfather, and a man of the highest integrity. This modest and friendly man was held in high esteem by his medical colleagues and will be sadly missed. We could do with more people like him in the medical profession.

T. Keith Lyle