Obituary

M. Dykes Bower, MA, BM, BCH, DOMS

Mr Michael Dykes Bower, ophthalmic surgeon at Exeter, died at his home near Exeter on 1 January. He was 77.

After graduating from Trinity College, Oxford, in 1927 Michael Dykes Bower went to St. Thomas's Hospital for his clinical training, and his postgraduate training was at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, now Moorfields Eye Hospital, High Holborn. He is the only resident surgeon who arranged for a piano to be brought into the resident surgeons' quarters. In 1932 he settled in Exeter and became senior surgeon there in 1938. He

was active in the South Western Ophthalmological Society, the Oxford Ophthalmological Society, and the Royal Society of Medicine. His other great love apart from ophthalmology was music. He was an enthusiastic member of the Exeter Musical Society and became president and a regular lay clerk of the choir of Exeter Cathedral.

Dykes Bower was a striking character in many ways, with wide interests, particularly in the arts. Music and literature were his *métier*, ophthalmology a means whereby he was able to pursue them.

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Notes

Ophthalmic surgery seminar

A two-day course on modern techniques in microsurgery and strabismus surgery will be offered on 11 and 12 August. For further information write to James V.

Aquavella, MD, Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology, Park Ridge Hospital, 1555 Long Pond Road, Rochester, New York 14626, USA.

Destructive diseases of cornea

The Eighth Cambridge Ophthalmological Symposium, 7-8 September 1978, is on 'Destructive Diseases of the Cornea'. It will be a residential meeting in St. John's

College, Cambridge. Details and application forms from the Secretary, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge.

Nijmegen congress

An international congress on new developments in ophthalmology will be held in Nijmegen, Holland, on 25-26 September 1978. Subjects include surgery of the vitreous body and retina, lens implantation, and corneal

surgery. Further information from Miss Irene de Leeuw, Sint Radboudziekenhuis, Philips van Leydenlaan 15, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

German Society of Ophthalmology

The 76th congress will be held at Düsseldorf on 17-20 September 1978. The main topics are ionising radiation in diagnosis, ionising radiation in therapy, and radioisotopes in diagnosis and therapy. Simultaneous interpretation in English, French, and German. The deadline

for submitting formal applications is 31 March 1978. Further details from the secretariat of Professor H. J. Kühle (Frau Pfeifenberger), Univ.-Augenlinik, Westring 15, D-44 Münster, West Germany.

Glaucoma congress

The Third International Glaucoma Congress under the leadership of Professor Jules Francois, chairman, and Professor Fritz Hollwich, president, and the 14th Annual Scientific Assembly of the American Society of Contem-

porary Ophthalmology will be held on 14-19 January 1979 at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Further information from: Martin Szanto, MD, Suite 1110, 6 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60602, USA.

New journal

A new journal, *Historia Ophthalmologica Internationalis*, auspiciis *Academiae Ophthalmologicae Internationalis*, has been founded. The editor-in-chief is Jules François, MD (De Smet de Naeyerplein, 15-B-9000 Ghent, Belgium). The editors are F. Blodi, MD (Iowa City, USA), W. Duque Estrada, MD (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), E. Grom, MD (Caracas, Venezuela), F. Hollwich, MD (München, Germany), F. Newell, MD (Chicago, USA), H. J. Merté (München, Germany), B. Strieff, MD (Lausanne,

Switzerland), P. Trevor-Roper, MD (London), L. Corcelle, MD (Bordeaux, France), J. P. Bailliart, MD (Paris). The coeditors are G. Eisner, MD (Bern, Switzerland), Y. Delmarcelle, MD (Namur, Belgium), H. R. Koch, MD (Bonn, Germany), Mrs I. Maumenee, MD (Baltimore, USA), and J. Verdaquer, MD (Santiago de Chile). The editorial secretary is Mr J. B. Wayenborgh, Luisenstrasse 42, D-5300 Bonn-Bad Godesberg, Germany. The subscription price will be \$80.