1929 was awarded the Lucien Howe gold medal of the American Ophthalmological Society for his “Great services to Ophthalmology.” He had previously received the Graefe Medal of the German Ophthalmological Society.

In 1928, he and Wessely represented Germany at the meeting of delegates which arranged the 1929 International Congress at Amsterdam, and those who met him at that congress will remember how active he was, how interested in everything and how much he devoted himself to making that congress the success it was.

He had intended being present at the Jubilee Meeting of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom this year but was unable to do so as he had accepted an invitation to visit the Universities of Japan. From this visit he returned in the middle of May and resumed his work, but it was only to be for a short time. An illness supervened and he died on July 29 in his 64th year.

Axenfeld’s great characteristics were a deeply religious feeling, honesty of purpose, uprightness of character and an extraordinary power of concentration and work. This was combined with great intellectual ability and a critical faculty which led him to be an indefatigable searcher after the truth. As a teacher he was unexcelled and to all those who had the privilege of working with him he was a constant source of inspiration—his example stimulated all so that they gave of their best for him.

His death while still in possession of his full mental vigour is an irreparable loss to ophthalmology and he will be mourned by a great circle of pupils and friends all over the world.

He leaves behind a wife, three daughters and one son and to them we would express our deepest sympathy.

Arthur Robertson Brailey

We regret to record the death of A. R. Brailey in tragic circumstances when the yacht “Islander” was lost with all hands off the Cornish coast in a gale on August 21. The younger son of Dr. W. A. Brailey, Ophthalmic Surgeon to Guy’s Hospital, whom he much resembled in face and figure, Brailey was born in October, 1877. Educated at Westminster, he gained a scholarship at Downing College, Cambridge, and completed his medical course at Guy’s Hospital, where he gained a University entrance scholarship. He also spent some time in Vienna. Qualifying at “the Colleges” in 1903, he took the M.B., M.C., Cantab. in 1904, having in the previous year obtained his M.A., B.Ch. His F.R.C.S. dated from
1904. He was House Surgeon and Ophthalmic House Surgeon at Guy's Hospital and later Clinical Assistant in the Ophthalmic Department; and he succeeded to his father's practice. Early in the Great War Brailey served in the R.N.V.R., and later became Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon to the R.A.F. He was Hon. Surgeon to the King and Surgeon-Captain R.N.V.R., in which he held the post of Senior M.O., London Division, the headquarters of which are in H.M.S. President.

Brailey contributed papers to the Transactions of the Ophthalmological Society on "Congenital Distichiasis" and on "Cysts of the Pars Ciliaris Retinae" in 1906, 1907; and he was one of the three openers in 1919 in the discussion on the "Visual Requirements of Aviators," when he gave a most practical exposition of his subject. He retired a few years ago and lived at The Clock House, Dunmow, Essex.

The cause of the catastrophe will in all probability never be known and in expressing the sympathy of the Ophthalmic fraternity with the members of his family we may appropriately echo the lines in Spencer's "Faerie Queene":—

"Sleepe after toyle, port after stormie seas,
Ease after warre, death after life, does greatly please."

NOTES

We are asked to announce that a very comprehensive course in ophthalmic surgery will be given in Paris in the month of October under the supervision of Professor Terrien, assisted by MM. Regault, Velter, Casteran, Favory, Veil, Renard and Jean Blum. This will begin on October 10 and will consist of twelve lectures at the Hôtel-Dieu, with practical work in the laboratory and instruction in operative surgery, diathermy and X-rays. The fee for the course has been fixed at 300 francs. Further information can be obtained from Professor F. Terrien, at the Hôtel-Dieu.

At a recent meeting of the American Medical Association in Detroit, the Ophthalmic Research Medal was awarded to Dr. Frederick H. Verhoeff, of Boston.