To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

SIRS,—In the July number of this year appeared an article by Krishnaswami, “A New Anterior Synechia Knife.” The anterior chamber is opened with a keratome, and the anterior synechia severed with a knife needle, which is rounded on the point. Mr. Krishnaswami evidently is not aware of the fact, that this very same proceeding was used by Mr. Lang, of Moorfields, in the early 90's of the last century. I saw him perform the operation at least 45 years ago, bought a set of his knife needles, the one pointed the other blunt, at J. Weiss & Son, and have used them a good many times with success.

Yours very truly,

CARL KOLLER.

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The needle in question is not quite similar to that of Lang’s blunt knife in that the latter is sharp on one edge only.—EDITORS.

OBITUARY

E. DYKES BOWER, M.D.

We regret to record the death on September 16, of Dr. Ernest Dykes Bower, of Gloucester, in his eightieth year. Descended from the celebrated William Hey, of Leeds, he was born at that city in 1853, and educated at the Leeds Grammar School and Leeds General Infirmary. In 1874 he spent six months in Oxford as Radcliffe student, and having qualified in 1875, he was House Surgeon at Leeds to Pridgin Teale and Wheelhouse. He then was elected House Surgeon at Gloucester Royal Infirmary, and after holding this post for 3 years he settled in Gloucester and was soon elected Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Infirmary, and later Hon. Surgeon to that Institution.

He was much respected in Gloucester and its surroundings and was High Sheriff of the City in 1910. He was a Member of the Ophthal. Soc. of the U.K., 1885-1927.

Dykes Bower came of a musical family, the Rev. J. B. Dykes, author of some of the most beautiful tunes in “Hymns, Ancient and Modern,” having been his cousin. He himself was in younger days a very fine organist, his touch upon the piano was delightful, and he
was fond of declaiming his belief that his musical touch had helped him very materially in his surgical technique.

One of his sons was House Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital some years ago, and is now in practice as an Ophthalmic Surgeon at Exeter.

NOTES

Death

As we go to press we learn, with deep regret, of the death of Dr. E. E. Maddox, of Bournemouth. We hope to publish a memoir of him in our next number.

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Corrigendum

DR. Gjessing's lecture at Manchester in connexion with the North of England Ophthalmological Society will be given at the Royal Infirmary and not at the University, as stated in our last number.

FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS

1933

December 5.—Midland Ophthalmological Society, at Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital.

December 8.—Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine. (Clinical Meeting.)


1934

January 12.—Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine.

February 2.—Midland Ophthalmological Society, at Leicester.

February 9.—Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine.

February 16.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

March 9.—Section of Ophthalmology, Royal Society of Medicine. (Clinical Meeting.)

March 16.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, at Liverpool.

April 13.—North of England Ophthalmological Society, at Sheffield.