May 13, 1932. Second intervention under local anaesthesia (adrenalin-novocaine). The fold from the bridge of the nose was excised.

May 31, 1932, flaps and graft are totally healed.

June 8, 1932. The patient left the clinics. His general appearance seems much improved.

Microscopic examination: Basocellular epithelioma.

Mr. J. B. LAWFORD

The death of Mr. Lawford on January 3 not only deprives British Ophthalmology of one of its acknowledged heads but is an especially heavy blow to this Journal.

The wings of Azrael have indeed overshadowed the ophthalmic fraternity during the past twelve months: Treacher Collins, Priestley Smith, Herbert Fisher, Maddox and now Lawford.

A memoir, by one who knew him well, will appear in our next number; here we wish to emphasize the loss which the Journal has sustained.

Lawford was elected Chairman of the Editorial Committee on our foundation at the end of the year 1916. But when Mr. Jessop died in February, 1917, the Journal was barely six weeks old. It was a critical time. Lawford became Senior Managing Director of the Company which owns the Journal and with Leslie Paton did a great deal of work to establish it on a sound financial basis and achieved a complete success. At the Annual Meeting, 1926, Lawford resigned his post.

He was an active member of the Editorial Committee from the start until his health broke down about a year ago, and though no longer able to attend our meetings, he continued to work for us until the end. He had had much experience of ophthalmic journals, for he edited the Ophthalmic Review for some years before the British Journal of Ophthalmology was established.

Lawford’s name was known all over the Empire. His sterling qualities, his uprightness of character and his logical mind made him an ideally wise and kindly adviser in cases of difficulty, and he certainly never spared time or trouble in the interests either of his friends, or of this Journal.

His public work—whether in connexion with the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, of which he had been President and Treasurer; with the Council of British Ophthalmologists, of which he had been Chairman; or with the Committee on the Causes and Prevention of Blindness, as well as his hospital work, was carried out with meticulous conscientiousness.

It is with a very special sense of loss that we, of the Editorial Committee, say Ave atque Vale.