W. G. LAWS

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. William George Laws, which took place at his home at King's Langley, on May 27. Mr. Laws was in his 75th year and had retired from his practice in Nottingham about 5 years ago. His father was City Engineer of Newcastle-on-Tyne for a quarter of a century and his mother, Ellinor Shields, was also from the North Country. Laws was born at Barrasford, Chollerton, Northumberland and was educated at Newcastle Grammar School and Durham University. His medical education was at Edinburgh University and St. Thomas's Hospital; Qualifying M.B., C.M., at Edinburgh in 1888, he came to London and took the F.R.C.S.Eng. in 1892. St. Thomas's he came under the influence of Nettleship and Lawford and it goes without saying that he was thus a first class clinician.

Laws settled in Nottingham where he was surgeon to the Nottingham and Midland Eye Infirmary for many years and where he acquired a large practice in the city and surrounding neighbourhood. At the time of his death he held the post of Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon to his old hospital.

For many years he was a member of the Editorial Staff of the Ophthalmic Review and he also acted as sub-editor for some years early in the present century. Laws joined the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom in 1889 and served for a period on the Council. He was also at one time a member of the Board of Directors of this Journal.

Apart from routine editorial work for the Ophthalmic Review he did not write much; but he was the author of some papers in the Transactions of the Ophthalmological Society, mostly of clinical type.

Quiet and rather reserved in manner Laws disliked publicity; he was a staunch friend to all who sought his help both in professional matters and in other walks of life, and he was kindness personified. No one could meet Laws without at once recognizing his transparent honesty and, his professional attainments being of a high order, he was naturally much respected in Nottingham.

Towards the end of his professional career he lived at Car Colston, across the Trent, where he rejoiced in the possession of a garden. And he took great interest in all pertaining to the history of the neighbourhood, and particularly in Southwell Minster, the cathedral of his diocese. Much sympathy will be felt for his widow and daughter in their bereavement.
WILLIAM GEORGE LAWS.