OBIITUARY

C. G. RUSS WOOD

We regret to announce the sudden death on September 26, at the age of 69, of Cyril George Russ Wood, O.B.E.

He was the only son of Mr. Cyril J. Wood of Bath.

His medical studies were pursued at Bristol University and he obtained his M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1892, and his F.R.C.S.(Eng.) in 1902. At first his main interests were devoted to the study of pathology but shortly afterwards he came under the inspiring influence of the late Mr. F. Richardson Cross, who turned his thoughts to ophthalmology and led to his appointments as Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon to Southport Infirmary and Southport Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. In 1900 he was appointed Hon. Surgeon to the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury, and it is to his lasting credit that in the exceedingly full and busy life that followed he gained his Fellowship though amongst other difficulties it involved a visit twice weekly to Birmingham University for the study of practical anatomy.

His services to the Hospital in Shrewsbury were the means of raising its status to a very high level and his name soon became widely known and respected in Shropshire and Mid Wales, not only as an Ophthalmic Surgeon but also as an Oto-laryngologist. He added to his appointments those of Hon. Ophthalmic and Aural Surgeon to the Royal Salop Infirmary, the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Wrexham Infirmary, the Montgomery County Infirmary and Much Wenlock and Broseley Hospitals, to all of which he held the position of Hon. Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon at the time of his death.

His association with the British Medical Association dates from 1892 and he was from 1900 to 1931 an active member of the Shropshire and Mid Wales branch, being elected President in 1925.

Since the institution of the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress in 1909, Mr. Russ Wood, as one of its founders, had always been one of its keenest and most active members. He was elected Hon. Secretary in 1928 and became Master in 1935. He served as President of the Midland Ophthalmological Society, being elected to deliver the Middlemore lecture in 1927, and he was also a member of the General Committee of this Journal, at whose meetings he was a most regular attendant until quite recently.

On his retirement from practice in Shrewsbury in 1931 he was elected Assistant Surgeon and Pathologist to the Oxford Eye Hospital and later Consulting Surgeon, while at the same time he became Lecturer in the Oxford Post-Graduate Course in Ophthalmology and Examiner in Ophthalmology to Queen's University, Belfast.

He had a very wide knowledge of the literature of his subject...
and his contributions though comparatively few were essentially practical.

Outside his professional work he had many interests. In his earlier life he was a keen amateur actor, and a great walker, both in England and on the Continent. He was a reader and student of history; his conversation was always stimulating, revealing the wide range of his knowledge.

In 1898 he married Fanny Mein, daughter of Dr. Charles Steele of Clifton and had three daughters, for whom great sympathy will be felt in their bereavement. To his wife's support and devotion he freely acknowledged much of his success and from her death in 1935 he was never quite the same man again.

His personality attracted a wide circle of life-long friendships and his loss will be deplored by many.

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L. de BLASKOVICS

With the death of Ladislas de Blaskovics medical science, the Hungarian nation, our University and suffering humanity in general have sustained an immense loss.

Born in 1869, he took his M.D. degree in 1893. For a period of ten years he was assistant at the University Eye Clinic of Budapest and for twenty years Director of the Royal Hungarian State Eye Hospital. In 1928 he was appointed Professor of Ophthalmology and Director of the second University Eye Hospital in Budapest. Since my own retirement in June, 1936, he was my successor in the oldest chair in ordinary of the world, and Director of the two united University Eye Hospitals of Budapest.

He was a surgeon born. As early as 1892, in his student days, he drew attention to himself by his technical skill in the operations he performed on animals. On my proposal he joined the staff of the University Eye Clinic, where the extensive material at his disposal gave him ample opportunity to develop his surgical gifts. Later the State Eye Hospital with its 170 beds opened the way to independent work. His career followed in all things the lines laid down by Sir William Osler as desirable for a University Professor: first study, then research work, then instruction, and finally a well-timed retirement.

His scientific work covered the entire domain of Ophthalmology and was characterised by extreme and conscientious thoroughness. He achieved lasting results in many and various fields; thus it was he who proposed a new unit for the measurement of the vision: "oxyoptry," which replaces the one-minute test for the angle of vision by that of one degree.