

OBITUARY

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An obituary notice of Dr. Harry Vanderbilt Würdemann, from the pen of Edward Jackson, appeared in the *American Journal of Ophthalmology* for June, 1938, and we should not omit to refer to Dr. Jackson's memoir in this brief abstract.

Würdemann was born in 1865 and died on January 30, 1938. He took his M.D. in 1880, but before taking up medicine he had spent four years in an architect's office and as a topographer with the U.S. Geological Survey. After post-graduate study in London and on the Continent he started practice in Milwaukee. He was Professor of Ophthalmology in the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College and was for a time Editor of the *Annals of Ophthalmology*. In 1909 he moved to Seattle. Würdemann is best known in this country for his admirable transilluminator. He brought out a book on "Injuries of the Eye" in 1912 and this ran to a greatly enlarged second edition in 1932, which became a recognised textbook on its subject. It was very largely a record of his own cases.

Würdemann was a keen sportsman and was interested in aviation. He was a Colonel in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

A. B. CLUCKIE

We regret to record the death of Alexander Beck Cluckie of Bath on June 30, 1938. Born in 1886 he was the son of N. Beck Cluckie, the Glasgow ophthalmic surgeon. Cluckie took the M.B., Ch.B.(Glas.) in 1908 and was house surgeon for three years at the Moorfields Eye Hospital before settling in Greenock where he was assistant ophthalmic surgeon to the Greenock Eye Infirmary. He took the D.O.(Oxon.) in 1912; served in the Great War where he was wounded while rescuing an officer, for which he received the Croix-de-Guerre, and was later ophthalmic surgeon to the 3rd and 4th Armies. After the War he settled in Bath and was appointed ophthalmic surgeon to the Bath Eye Infirmary and Bath Educational Authority. He was well known in the West of England, not only professionally but as an exponent of Rugby football, in which he represented Bath and the county of Somerset.