application of the drug and irrigation is in practice so short as to render irrigation useless.

About the late effects of severe mustard gas injury when severe and of which I have seen a few cases, they can only be described as disastrous and almost beyond effective treatment.

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

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OBITUARY

G. HARVEY GOLDSMITH, M.A., M.D.

We regret to announce the death on May 19, 1940, of George Harvey Goldsmith, the well known ophthalmic surgeon of Bedford.

Born in 1868 he was the son of Dr. G. P. Goldsmith, of Bedford, who came of an old Suffolk family. Goldsmith was educated at Bedford School (1878-1886) and at Cambridge University, whence he took his B.A. in the Natural Sciences Tripos in 1889. He joined the medical School of St. George's Hospital, qualified at "the Colleges" in 1892, and proceeded M.B. Cantab. in 1893. His M.D. dated from 1902.

At St. George's he was house surgeon, house physician and ophthalmic assistant. His ophthalmological training was continued at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital where he was house surgeon and, later, clinical assistant.

Goldsmith joined his brother in practice in Bedford and was for a time M.O. to one of the houses of his old school, but his ophthalmological reputation increased so rapidly that he soon confined himself entirely to it. For many years he had an extensive practice in Bedford and its surroundings. At the time of his death he held the post of consulting ophthalmic surgeon to the Bedford County Hospital. His work was marked by extreme care and conscientiousness; no trouble was too much for him to help his patients, rich and poor alike, and many life-long friendships were made in this way. He joined the Ophthalmological Society in 1899 and retired only last year. To its Transactions he was an occasional contributor, mainly of case reports. Apart from his professional work Goldsmith was an ex-president of the Bedford Historical Society. He was widely read both in archaeology and in general literature and was a good Greek scholar. Later in life he took up the study of Hebrew to enable him to read the Bible in the original. A deeply religious man, he was for many years churchwarden of St. Paul's, Bedford. He never married and died at his sister's house at Aldeburgh.