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He taught me a great deal not only what to do but what not to do. He was very helpful and only gave his valuable opinion after a careful weighing up of the data and evidence. I have always proved his opinion to be absolutely sound and it was of very great help to me in my earlier days in ophthalmology. His operative work was very good and he left a very fine collection of intra-ocular foreign bodies which he had removed during his working years. His end was unfortunately a hard one. For months he suffered a great deal of pain, but he proved an excellent patient. So passeth a man who was at all times a gentleman to the highest ethical code, sound, patient, kind, charitable, always ready to help with a kind word of advice."

I first met Coulter at the Oxford Congress in 1910, and commenced a friendship which lasted till his death. He was one of a circle of ophthalmic friends, many now no longer with us; Cridland, Russ Wood, Sydney Stephenson, and many others. Coulter was very diffident and unconscious of his own powers, but those who knew him appreciated his real worth. He did not write very much, but he contributed a sound article on "Injuries to the Eye," in Greer's Industrial Diseases and Accidents.

Coulter gave The Montgomery Lecture in 1928. He examined in ophthalmology for the National University of Ireland. He gained the Oxford Diploma in Ophthalmology in 1911. Coulter took a leading part in the activities of the British Medical Association in South Wales, being Treasurer and Ex-President of the South Wales and Monmouth Branch. He was a Member of the Société française d'ophtalmologie. In 1923 Coulter and I attended the course on the slit-lamp given at Zürich by Professor Vogt, and he had previously studied at Vienna. Coulter leaves a wife, a daughter and a son.

The world is poorer by the loss of Coulter, and his friends are conscious that they have lost a real friend.

SANFORD R. GIFFORD

We regret to announce the death from pneumonia of Sanford R. Gifford, at the early age of 52 years. He served as a first-lieutenant in the last war in France, and then returned to Omaha where he joined his father in practice. In 1929 he became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at Northwestern University Medical School, which post he held with distinction until the time of his death.

Gifford was a prolific writer and was associate editor of the Archives of Ophthalmology. His best known work in this country is probably his "Handbook of Ocular Therapeutics," an authoritative treatise on the treatment of eye disease, and full of useful information. One of his principal interests was the rôle of fungi
and higher bacteria in the production of eye disease, and he, together with Dr. J. M. Patton, eludicated the probable cause of a hitherto unknown disease, agricultural conjunctivitis. In addition to his professional work, Gifford found time to write short stories. He leaves a widow and two sons, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

NOTES

Death

The death is announced of Carl Koller of cocaine fame in ophthalmology. Koller went to the United States from Vienna. His work on cocaine as a local anaesthetic was done exactly sixty years ago. He was 86 years of age, and died in New York on March 21, 1944.

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The National Health Council, New York

Mrs. E. Brown Merrill, executive director of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, is the new President of the National Health Council.

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The Leslie Dana Gold Medal

The Leslie Dana Gold Medal for 1943 has been awarded to Dr. Walter B. Lancaster, of Boston.

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Special Notice

We are asked by the Ministry of Information to state that the fact that goods made of raw materials in short supply owing to war conditions are advertised in this journal should not be taken as an indication that they are necessarily available for export.