subjects should send their names to the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible. Members are also invited to forward questions for debate in an Any Questions Session.

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OBITUARY
CHARLES LEONARD GIMBLETT

Mr. Charles Leonard Gimblett died in the Westminster Hospital on January 21, 1957, at the age of 66, after a relatively short illness, the culmination of two previous serious illnesses.

He was born on June 19, 1890, the only son of Robert Wheddon Gimblett of Somerset, and was educated at Clifton College, and at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he took the Natural Sciences Tripos. He obtained his clinical training at St. Thomas’s Hospital, qualifying in 1914. He graduated M.B., B.Ch., the following year and entered the Royal Navy, where he subsequently had charge of the eye departments of the Royal Naval Hospitals at Portland and Chatham. He graduated M.D. in 1918, and became M.R.C.P. in 1919, and F.R.C.S. in 1922. He returned to St. Thomas’s Hospital when the war ended and held an impressive series of house appointments including senior house surgeon in the Eye Department, where he came under the influence of Fisher and Hudson, whose sayings he often quoted. He was appointed honorary ophthalmic surgeon to the Royal Northern Hospital and honorary assistant surgeon at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital in 1923; 5 years later he was appointed full surgeon at the latter and gave up his appointment at the Royal Northern.

He became senior surgeon at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital in 1947 just before the amalgamation with Moorfields and the Central London Hospital.

He was also elected Vice-President of the Ophthalmic Section of the Royal Society of Medicine.

As in all things, having decided to specialize in ophthalmology early in his career, his preparation for the task ahead was very thorough.

In his earlier years he worked as chief clinical assistant at Moorfields where he came in contact with Claud Worth, whose teaching on squint impressed him deeply and led to a permanent interest in orthoptics and the treatment of squint. The outcome was the establishment of the Orthoptic Department at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital in 1930 with Miss Maddox as orthoptist and himself as surgeon-in-charge. A training school for orthoptists was started and Gimblett realized the necessity of placing the training on a sound footing. He was instrumental in obtaining recognition for orthoptists as Medical Auxiliaries, and became the first chairman of the British Orthoptic Board, which was formed in 1934 to control the standard of training, hold examinations, and grant diplomas.

Gimblett was a rather shy man and not given to extolling his own prowess, but he was lavish in his praise of others when he thought they deserved it. He was tremendously fond of children and had a ready fund of stories and conundrums with which to amuse his younger patients thus enabling him to start an examination in an atmosphere of confidence and friendship. He was inordinately kind to his patients by whom he was universally beloved and who will mourn his loss deeply. He was an excellent chairman in committee, and his charming sense of humour was always a joy to his friends and colleagues.

Apart from his professional work he was greatly interested in mediaeval art and antique furniture of which he was an excellent judge. His marriage to Audreen McNicol in 1935 proved a most happy union. He delighted in taking his family to the Mull of Kintyre where he could enjoy an out-door life and have a “sailing” holiday. To his widow and two sons, his many friends and colleagues will extend their deepest sympathy in their sad loss.