OBITUARY

RUPERT STRATHMORE SCOTT, 1887–1963

Rupert Strathmore Scott, Consulting Eye Surgeon to St. Bartholomew’s Hospital and Consulting Surgeon to Moorfields Eye Hospital, died suddenly on September 28 at the age of 76 whilst convalescing from an accident, in St. Bartholomew’s Hospital. His many friends had a deep, enduring, and genuine affection for him. He will always be remembered for his quiet manner, pleasing dignity, his constant consideration for the feelings of others, his perfection in dress, and his cultured way of life. He was in the fullest sense a gentleman; and was moreover one of those rare men who have held positions of considerable responsibility and made no enemy.

He was born in Australia and went to school there. In 1906 he entered Caius College, Cambridge, for which he always had a deep affection. He qualified in 1913 and after serving in the first world war returned to Barts as eye house-surgeon, later became Chief Assistant to the Eye Department, and was appointed Assistant Eye Surgeon to the hospital in 1924. On the retirement of Foster Moore in 1937 he became surgeon in charge of the department. He was curator and pathologist at Moorfields Eye Hospital, where he became Assistant Surgeon in 1928 and full surgeon in 1933.

His old house-surgeons and students were enriched by the example of his constant kindness, his immense care, and the human interest he took in every patient in his charge. He was a careful and sound operator who kept to the techniques which his generation had found good. Genuine modesty was so characteristic of him.

He had a lively sense of humour and a capacity for enjoying the gayer side of living. His courage in a Field Ambulance in the first world war, and whilst living in Barts throughout the bombing of London in the second world war was admirable.

Rupert accepted with characteristic patience, cheerfulness, and stoicism the physical adversities which affected him in the later years of his life.

He was a man of absolute integrity with a strong simple faith in Christianity and the Church. All who knew Rupert had for him a deep affection which endured. Our sympathy is extended to his widow, to whom he was devoted throughout their long and happy married life.

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E. V. SRINIVASAN, 1883–1963

Dr. E. V. Srinivasan died suddenly on September 13, 1963. A pupil of Colonel Smith he was one of the earliest to practise the technique of intracapsular extraction, and earned for himself a considerable reputation as an ophthalmologist in India. Even at the age of 80 he was doing active hospital work and, indeed, became ill at his clinic and died the same evening. As a tribute to his long career of professional work, he was presented with a gold medal given by the All-India Ophthalmological Society at the recent International Congress in New Delhi.