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October, 1963

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ELMORE BREWERTON, 1867–1962

Elmore Brewerton who died in the latter part of 1962 at the great age of 95 was one of the distinguished and esteemed ophthalmic surgeons whose period of service covered a remarkable development in ophthalmic medicine and surgery. He said he was the first of the staff of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital to take off his jacket and roll up his sleeves to operate.

He entered St. Bartholomew’s Hospital in 1890, qualified in 1895, and obtained his F.R.C.S. in 1900. He was on the honorary staff of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital till he retired at the age of 60 on June 18, 1927, which by a happy coincidence was the opening day of the new buildings of the Hospital.

After his retirement he continued with a large private practice till failure of vision from macular retinal degeneration compelled him to give up in 1945.

During the 1914–1918 war he had been on the staff of the Fourth London General Hospital and for a number of years was chief assistant in the Eye department of St. Bartholomew’s Hospital where he was perhaps unlucky not to be elected to the honorary staff. He was a good operator and his interest in this branch of ophthalmology led to his collaboration with Harold Grimsdale in the production of a “Text-Book of Ophthalmic Operations”—a book which at the time filled a gap in English text-books and which went into several editions.

He became a member of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom in 1899, served as Member of Council 1909–1910 and 1914–1917, was Secretary 1910–1913, and Vice-President 1925–8. He was also President of the Ophthalmological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine.

He had the reputation of being a kindly and sympathetic doctor in his relations to patients, and he was most considerate and encouraging to the younger generation of eye surgeons. The writer well remembers a consultation he had with him over a patient and appreciated greatly the kindness and courtesy he showed to a much younger and less experienced colleague.

In his non-professional life he included a number of athletic and open-air pursuits, ranging widely from turning out with the harriers to motor car and cycle trials, and fishing.

His wife survives him, and he has left two sons and three daughters; to them we extend our sympathy and express our admiration of Elmore Brewerton’s full and useful life.