OBITUARY

ERNEST WILLIAM O'GORMAN KIRWAN
(1887–1965)

Lieutenant-Colonel Kirwan died on October 17. He was an Irishman who, one year after graduating in medicine in Dublin, joined the Indian Medical Service in 1910. After serving in France, Mesopotamia, and the North-West Frontier of India during the First World War, he took up the specialty of ophthalmology and occupied the chair in that subject in Calcutta until his retirement from the Indian Service in 1944; thereafter he came to London and became lecturer in ophthalmology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and ophthalmic surgeon at the Tropical Diseases Hospital. After some ten years he retired altogether and spent the last decade of his life happily in California, the home of his beautiful and delightful American wife. Kirwan raised the standard of teaching and investigation in ophthalmology in Calcutta to a level it had not reached before, and was accepted as a world authority on tropical ophthalmic diseases, particularly leprosy, of which he made a special study. A gentle, lovable, and hospitable Irishman of great piety, he occupied a unique position in India and was much loved by all who knew him.

NOTES

TREACHER COLLINS PRIZE ESSAY

Under the above title, the Council of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom has instituted a prize of £100, awarded triennially, for the best essay submitted upon a subject selected by the Council. The prize shall be open to qualified medical practitioners of any nationality. The essay shall be written in the English language. The subject for the next award of the prize is: "Glaucoma in its Sociological Aspect". The winning essay may be published in the Transactions of the Ophthalmological Society, if the Council so desires.

The closing date for sending in essays for this award is December 31, 1967. Essays should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, from whom any further particulars can be obtained. No name should be written on any essay, but a distinguishing pseudonym or quotation, which should be written on a sealed envelope containing the candidate's name and address, should accompany the essay.

TURKISH OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The VIth Congress of the Turkish Ophthalmological Society will be held in Ankara from October 5 to 8, 1966. The main subject of the congress will be "Retinal Detachment".

All inquiries should be made to the following address: Prof. C. Örgen, Mamak Caddesi, Vehbi Koç Göz Bankası, Ankara, Turkey.

POLISH OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Ophthalmological Department of the Medical Academy in Wrocław and the Division in Wrocław of the Polish Ophthalmological Society will organize a Symposium on Treatment with Unspecific (Protein) Shock in Ocular Diseases from October 13 to 17, 1967.

For detailed information write to: the Scientific Secretary of the Symposium, Dr. E. Ogielska, Klinika Oczna, ul. Chalubińskiego 2a, Wrocław, Poland.

IRISH OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Irish Ophthalmological Society will hold its meeting in Dublin on April 28, 29, and 30, 1966. The Montgomery Lecture will be given by Dr. Frank Newell, Chicago, in Trinity College, Dublin, on April 28.