Hine was a first-class operator and a shrewd and accurate diagnostician; as a teacher he was so lucid and interesting that he attracted a very large following from the post-graduates at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmonic Hospital and the students at Charing Cross Hospital. His past pupils will perhaps remember him best sitting at his desk in out-patients with his finger on the notes at the relevant portions and an occasional questioning “Er?” as he read them through, and then after a careful examination of the case expounding it in the clearest language. His accurate and painstaking assessment of a case and his diagnostic skill made him much sought after as a second opinion, whether for private or hospital patients or at clinical meetings at the Royal Society of Medicine. By his patients he was much loved; they realized that besides the kindness and tact he showed towards them they were in the safest of hands.

To his widow, son, and daughter his many friends extend their sincerest sympathy.

PETER VERE RYCroFT, 1928–1968

Peter Rycroft died after a motor accident on January 6, 1968, at the early age of 39. He studied medicine at Trinity College, Cambridge, and carried out his clinical studies at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, graduating M.B., B.Ch. in 1955. He held an appointment of house-surgeon at St. Bartholomew’s and subsequently served in the R.A.M.C. before deciding to specialize in ophthalmology. He was appointed house-surgeon to Moorfields Eye Hospital and later became senior resident officer there. He gained the D.O. in 1959 and his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1963. From Moorfields he went to Guy’s Hospital as ophthalmic registrar and as clinical assistant at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead. He was universally popular and had a natural gentleness of character which won him many friends. His organizing ability and zest for hard work were displayed to the full in the work involved in the 2nd World Corneo-Plastic Conference held in July, 1967—work which devolved upon him because of the sudden death of his father.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Peter Rycroft’s widow, his mother, his three sons, and his brother.

RUDOLF THIEL, 1894–1967

Rudolf Thiel, one of the greatest figures in German ophthalmology, died on September 7, 1967, not long after his retirement from the Chair of Ophthalmology at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University at Frankfurt-am-Main. Born in Berlin, he studied medicine in Freiburg, Tübingen, and Jena; in the last university he served as assistant in the Pathological Institute as well as in the Eye Clinic (1921–25). Thereafter he went to Berlin to work in Krückmann’s clinic, being nominated a Professor in 1929; and finally, in 1935, he accepted the appointment of Director of the University Eye Clinic and the professorship at Frankfurt. Thiel was an able administrator, an excellent ophthalmologist, and an original thinker; his most important contributions lay in the field of glaucoma, for which he received the Graefe Medal in 1957 while President of the German Ophthalmological Society at its centennial meeting at Heidelberg. He also took a prominent part in the international interests of ophthalmology, having been a member of the International Council, Vice-President of the 20th International Congress at Münich in 1966, and a member of the Council of the European Ophthalmological Society.