

## A Twenty-First Birthday

In January, 1947, by a private Act of Parliament, the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, and the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital were amalgamated and the last became immediately converted into the Institute of Ophthalmology for research and teaching. During the early months of 1948 a few people did research amid the noise and dust made by the carpenters, and on November 4, 1948, the Institute was officially opened by Sir John Herbert Parsons representing British ophthalmology, H. J. M. Weve representing European ophthalmology, and Alan Woods representing American ophthalmology. It was appropriate that in November, 1969, the Institute's 21st birthday should be celebrated.

The day was introduced by a special supplement in *The Times* pointing out the social value of ophthalmic research particularly from the economic point of view, comparing the many millions spent on the care of the blind with the mediocre amount expended on research to prevent it, and stressing the importance of the "Fight for Sight" Appeal, together with scientific articles about the work of the Institute which were thought to have a popular appeal. A lunch was given at the Institute for the twelve members of the staff who have been there since it was started. On the evening a dinner was held at the Apothecaries' Hall as a counterpart of that held at Claridges on the same date 21 years ago.

There followed three Open Days which were attended by many visitors, professional and lay; on display were the many aspects of research being done at the Institute in both clinical and experimental ophthalmology and illustrating its main function wherein anatomy, physiological optics, physiology, biochemistry, and pathology are married to the clinical work at Moorfields Eye Hospital. The celebrations ended with a Reception at B.M.A. House for everyone, professional, secretarial, and technical, who had been associated with the Institute since its inception: this was the most delightful event of the week.

## Obituary

### Bernard Gluck, 1902–1969

The death of Bernard Gluck at the age of 67 after a long illness in Cardiff is a loss to Welsh ophthalmology. He was a Lithuanian whose family migrated to South Africa, and from the University of Cape Town he gained an exhibition to Dublin, where he received his medical education at Trinity College, graduating in 1922. There he had a distinguished academic career. After a short period in general practice and holding several resident posts he became an ophthalmic house surgeon in Cardiff Royal Infirmary and thereafter at Moorfields Eye Hospital. Subsequently he returned to South Wales and held various appointments at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary to which he was appointed an honorary ophthalmic surgeon and clinical teacher in 1937. In the second world war he served in the campaigns in North Africa and Europe from 1942 to 1946; then returning to Wales he resumed his ophthalmic duties, becoming consulting ophthalmic surgeon to the United Cardiff Hospital and the Welsh Hospital Board. He acquired a most respected position and his skill as a surgeon was fully recognized. Reserved and shy he usually kept to the background but his kindly personality and his absolute integrity were fully appreciated. His interests outside his profession were equal to his attainments in it; he was an expert cabinet-maker and an equally adept metal-turner who was capable of building, fitting out, and sailing his own yacht, and his favourite relaxation was his yearly skiing holiday in Lapland. To his wife and two sons we extend our sympathy.