Intraocular Implant Club

President: C. D. Binkhorst (Holland)

Paris, June 1, 1974

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1, 1974, in the same building as the International Congress of Ophthalmology, which precedes it. An Information/Registration Desk will be manned throughout the Congress week in the main registration area. Further details may be obtained in advance from the Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Choyce, F.R.C.S., 45 Wimpole Street, London, W1M 7DG.

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

37th Annual Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta, June 23 to 26, 1974

The topic of this meeting, to be held at the Chateau Lacombe, will be “Ocular Therapeutics”. Research session on June 23, scientific meetings on June 24 to 26, Canadian Orthoptic Society and Contact Lens Association on June 25. The guest of honour will be Dr. P. Ellis of the University of Colorado.

For further information write to Dr. G. A. Thompson, Secretary, 1849 Yonge St., Suite 401, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Obituary

Alastair Alexander Douglas, 1901–1973

Mr. A. A. Douglas, formerly senior ophthalmic surgeon to Dundee Royal Infirmary, died at home on September 3, 1973, after a short illness. He was born on December 20, 1901, and educated at Madras College, St. Andrews, where his father was head English master. After winning the Malcolm medical bursary he obtained a place at St. Andrews University and took the B.Sc. in 1922 and the M.B., Ch.B. three years later. In 1926 he obtained the diploma in public health and the following year read an M.D. thesis on maternal mortality with reference to puerperal sepsis. He became F.R.C.S.Ed. in ophthalmology in 1939 and in 1950 was awarded honours for a Ch.M. thesis on the treatment of squint by operation and other methods. After an initial period in the school eye service at Ealing he spent some years in general practice, with honorary clinical assistantships at Dundee Eye Institution and Royal Infirmary. In 1946, after an appointment as resident surgical registrar at the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, he became honorary assistant surgeon there and also at the Children’s Hospital, Birmingham, with clinical lectureships in ophthalmology and child health at Birmingham university. It was at this time that he developed his interest in paediatric ophthalmology, and in particular the practice of orthoptic treatment, becoming director of the orthoptic department at the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital. In 1949 he was awarded the Middlemore prize of the B.M.A. for his essay on the value of orthoptic methods in the treatment of squint, and in 1952 his original account of the ocular manifestations of the Lignac-Fanconi syndrome was published.

Although fully occupied with ophthalmic practice in the Midlands, both he and his family had a strong desire to return to Scotland, and in 1951 he became consultant ophthalmologist to the Perth area. In 1953 he was appointed senior consultant ophthalmologist to Dundee Royal Infirmary, the post from which he retired in 1967. After his retirement from hospital service he carried on in
private practice until this year. During his ophthalmic career Douglas held office on the Council of the Ophthalmic Society of the United Kingdom from 1964 to 1966 and as president of the Scottish Ophthalmic Club from 1964 to 1965. For many years he was an active member of the General Optical Council and chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Ross Foundation for the Prevention of Blindness; and he was on the board of examiners for the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Alastair Douglas was a man of great charm, culture, and eloquence, which, combined with his gift of clear insight, allowed him to analyse rapidly any situation, clinical or otherwise, and pronounce his opinion in concise terms. He was a keen trout and salmon fisher and loved his Scottish rivers and countryside. Golf, shooting, and walking were also recreational pursuits, and indoors he had a great fondness for reading, among his favourite books being the translations of Sigrid Undset. He was held in high regard by his colleagues as an outstanding person, who fulfilled himself not only in his profession but also through the affection he inspired in all who knew him well. He is survived by his wife Jean and by his daughter and son, who is an ophthalmic surgeon.

James Joseph Healy, 1891—1973

Dr. J. J. Healy, Honorary Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon at Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, died suddenly on October 2, 1973.

He graduated in medicine from Edinburgh University in 1914 and saw active service in Mesopotamia and Egypt during the first world war. His working life was spent in Llanelli where he was ophthalmic surgeon from 1919. In 1956 he was honoured by the Presidency of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom. He was a man of wide interests in sport and in medical politics. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son.

Hyla Bristow Stallard, 1901—1973