Notes

International Symposium on Holography in Biomedical Sciences

New York, April 26 and 27, 1973

Prof. Dennis Gabor, the Nobel Laureate, will inaugurate this symposium. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Ruth Green, Department of Ophthalmology, New York Medical College, 1249 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10029, U.S.A.

Pan-Hellenic Ophthalmological Society

VII Congress, Thessaloniki, June 15 to 18, 1973

The seventh Pan-Hellenic Ophthalmological Congress will be held in Thessaloniki from June 15 to 18, 1973. The subject of the Congress is uveitis in general. There will be simultaneous translations in English and French. Further information may be obtained from the "Ophthalmological Society of North Greece", P.O. Box 497, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology

V Congress, Colombo, August 5 to 9, 1974

The Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology will hold its fifth congress in Colombo, Sri Lanka (Ceylon) from August 5 to 9, 1974. Symposia will be held on the surgery of complicated leukaemia, nutritional disorders, and macular disease. The guest speakers will include Dr. R. P. Dhanda, Dr. Ronald Lowe, Dr. P. SivaReddy, Prof. Herbert E. Kaufman, Mr. D. Ainslie, Dr. Robert C. K. Loh, Dr. G. Fenwick, and Dr. Venketsamy.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. E. Sivalingam or Dr. U. Athuraliya, Eye Hospital, Deans Road, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka (Ceylon).

Obituary

Mary Lowndes-Yates (née Maddox), 1897–1972

Mrs Mary Lowndes-Yates (née Maddox), who died on November 18, 1972, at the age of 75, was the first woman in Great Britain working in a medical auxiliary capacity to practise orthoptics, then usually described as “the treatment of squint by remedial exercises”. She was the daughter of Dr. Ernest Maddox who, working in Bournemouth, did so much to elucidate the problems of abnormalities of the ocular muscles and anomalies of binocular vision. In the treatment of these conditions she saw the possibilities of a new medical auxiliary profession and taught her daughter the principles of orthoptics. Mary Maddox therefore started her own private clinic and school of orthoptics in London in 1928, and in the following year a department under her direction was opened for this purpose at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital (now the High Holborn branch of Moorfields Eye Hospital); 175 patients were referred to it, totalling 2,988 attendances, in 1930. In 1931 she was joined by Miss Sylvia Jackson and from this small beginning the department continued to grow rapidly and is today one of the foremost centres in the world for the orthoptic care of patients and the training of orthoptists for what is now officially recognized as “a profession supplementary to medicine”.

Mary Maddox was a shy and retiring person much taken up with her family and in recent years, with the ill-health of her husband, her appearances outside Bournemouth were rare. But she always took a keen interest in the growth and prestige of the orthoptic profession and encouraged her own daughter, Elizabeth, to become an orthoptist. In this profession she was the pioneer and it is good that she saw during her life time the international reputation acquired by Great Britain, which was due in no small measure to her activities.