to be performed as perfectly as possible, and at the end of a long day his operations were carefully written up and filed. He was constantly reviewing and renewing his techniques so that his methods were never static; as an example he made some half dozen major changes in his cataract section during his career. He was the complete master and never more on his mettle than when faced with a difficult surgical problem. As a result of his great expertise many surgeons came to watch and learn, and there are many more who have had the privilege of working for him as house surgeons at Barts and at Moorfields and who have gained both knowledge and inspiration from him.

Painstaking in his operative and his clinical work, Stallard worked exceptionally long hours at hospital and private practice, but still had time to produce five editions of his “Eye Surgery” and write over a hundred articles. For a period he was Assistant Editor of this Journal.

For his surgical techniques, his literary achievements, and his original work on eye tumours, Hyla Stallard will be long remembered, but his personal qualities were even more exceptional. There was a natural reserve, a great humility combined with a high ideal of service, and a great compassion which made him an outstanding doctor. His courtesy to his patients and colleagues was a byword, and he had a remarkable memory for names and faces. His tastes were simple and throughout his life he was a model of physical fitness and self-discipline which went with a great capacity for work. Artistic, warm-hearted, perceptive, and with a genial and kindly humour, he leaves many close friends. His wife Gwynneth survives him, and to her we extend our most sincere sympathy.

Edward Bacon, 1903 to 1973

Dr. E. Bacon, who was Consulting Ophthalmologist to the Southampton Group of Hospitals died in Winchester on November 30, 1973, at the age of 70. He began his medical life as Assistant in General Practice to his father but ophthalmology always attracted him and he became a Clinical Assistant at Winchester Hospital Eye Department in 1934. After postgraduate training he was appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Southampton Group of Hospitals in 1939, and after a period of 6 years in the R.A.M.C. he returned to Southampton and took a great part in developing the present Eye Hospital. He retired in 1968. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Walter Morton Higgenbottom, 1916 to 1973

Dr. W. M. Higgenbottom, Consultant Surgeon in the Wakefield area of Yorkshire, died on November 15, 1973, at the age of 57. He began life as an optician and after the second world war he studied medicine at Edinburgh, qualifying in 1951. He was unfortunate in developing bilateral diabetic cataract so that he was unable to continue his surgical work in hospital. He bore this burden with great patience and was admired by his colleagues for his fortitude. He is survived by his wife and son.