devoted to service to the Presbyterian Church. He was an Elder of the Church for over 50 years, the superintendent of his local Sunday School, and a leader of its bible classes; a member of Scotch College (Melbourne) Council for 15 years and its chairman for 5 years, a member of Ormond College (Melbourne University) Council for 24 years, and a member of the Board of Management of St. Andrew's Hospital (Melbourne) for 18 years.

In recognition of his outstanding services in many fields he was awarded the C.B.E. in June, 1957.

Archie had a happy family life. With his wife Frances, he celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1968, but she was to die suddenly a few months later. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, fourteen grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.


Dr G. J. L. Blair, emeritus consultant ophthalmologist to the Royal Hospital, Richmond, and the Star and Garter Home, died on October 19, 1974. Born on June 21, 1893, and educated at Westminster School, he trained at Westminster School, he trained at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital where he qualified in 1917. He was a clinical assistant at Barts and at Moorfields, and also served in the Royal Navy as temporary Surgeon in the first world war. Blair’s father had started the Eye Department at the Royal Hospital and when he retired in 1928 Charles succeeded him. After the second world war, the writer was fortunate to be associated with him there in establishing an eye clinic of 24 beds, with separate operating theatre, S.H.M.Os, and nursing staff. There is also a well-equipped Out-patients Department, including an Orthoptic Clinic, an unusual facility in a general hospital in the metropolitan area. One ward is now known as the Blair ward.

Charles was a keen golfer and yachtsman, and kept his boat near Chichester. He retired in 1966. The loss of his wife Lilian left a void in later years. He will be greatly missed by his numerous patients and colleagues.