

LESLIE POWELL, M.B., B.Ch.

Dr. Leslie Powell, consulting aural surgeon at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, died at his home at Woodley, near Reading, after a short illness on January 22. He was 76 years of age.

Born on November 19, 1883, Leslie Powell spent most of his early years in Reigate. He was educated at Rugby, King's College, Cambridge, and the London Hospital, qualifying in 1910. He held a number of house appointments at the London, and graduated M.B., B.Ch. in 1911. He came to practise in Reading in 1915 in partnership with Dr. Roberts and Dr. House. At that time, apart from his interest in otolaryngology, he was surgeon to the Reading War Hospital. After the first world war he gave up general practice and was appointed ear, nose, and throat surgeon to the Royal Berkshire Hospital. During the ensuing years he founded and built up the large E.N.T. department, from which he retired in 1948.

A keen member of the Sections of Otolaryngology and Laryngology at the Royal Society of Medicine, he served on the council of the Section of Otolaryngology from 1928 to 1930, and was secretary to the Section in 1930-1. At the Annual Meeting of the B.M.A. at Oxford in 1936 he was vice-president of the Section of Oto-rhino-laryngology.

Dr. Powell was fond of sport, being a member of the Vine and South Berks Hunts. In addition he was a first-class tennis player and at one time captained the Berkshire team. Golf was one of his favourite pastimes, and he was often to be seen on the Sonning golf course until his failing strength compelled him to confine his attention to the less strenuous activity of gardening. He is survived by his widow, two sons, and a daughter.

G. W. DRYLAND, M.B., B.Ch.

Dr. G. W. Dryland, who practised in Kington, Herefordshire, died suddenly on February 2 while driving home after work. He was 78 years of age.

Gilbert Winter Dryland was born at Kettering on December 29, 1881, the son of Dr. J. W. Dryland (and the younger brother of Dr. L. W. Dryland, who also practised in Kettering). He was educated at Uppingham, Caius College, Cambridge, and Guy's Hospital. After qualifying in 1907 he was house-surgeon to the late Sir William Arbuthnot Lane. Shortly after he left Guy's he entered practice in Kington, in 1909, and remained in the same practice for the rest of his life.

Appointed to the staff of the Kington Cottage Hospital, he administered many thousands of anaesthetics there. He was also medical officer to the infirmary and held many public offices. He was commissioned in the R.A.M.C. in 1915, but was invalided out eighteen months later and returned to his practice, also looking after a Red Cross hospital. He graduated M.B., Ch.B. at Cambridge in 1916. In the second world war he served with the Home Guard, and trained his ambulance squads to a high state of efficiency.

He represented the Hereford Division of the B.M.A. and the local medical committee at many important conferences, and was chairman of the Herefordshire Division of the B.M.A. in 1923 and president of the Hereford and Worcester Branch the following year. Later he was a member of the Herefordshire executive council. After he retired from active practice, he worked for the Ministry of Health as a regional medical officer: this gave him great satisfaction, as he was able to keep in touch with other practitioners and patients.

While at Cambridge he started the University hockey league and later played for Guy's and the United Hospitals teams. He was a keen tennis-player until a coronary attack five years ago forced him to stop. From his student days he always looked forward to his annual holiday sailing on the Norfolk Broads. When he first went to Kington he

started the first troop of Boy Scouts there, and was scoutmaster for some years.

He took a great interest in all the activities of the little town in which he lived. He will be long remembered, and greatly missed by the people of Kington, who have for many years regarded him as a friend and counsellor as well as doctor. His very human and kindly attitude endeared him to everyone.

Dr. Dryland is survived by a widow and a daughter.

K. WALLER TODD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M.

Dr. K. Waller Todd died suddenly on February 5, on his way from work to his home in Clapham. He was 59.

Kenneth Waller Todd qualified from the London Hospital in 1923, took the Diploma in Tropical Medicine in Brussels in 1926, and went with the Baptist Missionary Society to the Belgian Congo. From then until 1939 his work was in West Africa, with periods of service as college medical officer at Achimota, with the Methodist Mission in Sierra Leone, and with leper hospitals and the Church Missionary Society in Nigeria. He wrote a manual on first-aid in illness which has been published in French, Hausa, and Swahili. A pioneer in recognizing the hunger in Africa for books, he made it his continuing interest to see that it was met.

During the second world war he served in the R.A.M.C. from 1940 to 1946, and three and a half years of this was as a prisoner of war in Singapore, where he supported the health and morale of the other prisoners with fortitude and inspiration. In 1947 he returned to West Africa to carry out a survey for the National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis. Later he went to Papua with the Kwato Mission. His last medical post was as assistant-director of public health (medical training), Papua and New Guinea.

Kenneth Todd had a gift of conversation and made warm and lasting friendships. In what were to prove his last few days he had spent time with his old "chief," the first principal of Achimota College, also an evening in the company of African leaders of many races from Kenya, Ghana, and South Africa. He was happiest to use his training to bring people of widely separated backgrounds together. Kenneth and his wife, who survives him, had ever a warm welcome in their home for their many overseas friends. He often expressed his gratitude for meeting the Oxford Group in 1933: he had a compelling faith, and the "Moral Re-Armament" of the nations was his main-spring.—L. C. M.

G. H. LUCAS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dr. G. H. Lucas, who practised for many years in the Isle of Ely, died at his home in Wisbech on February 6, at the age of 85.

George Humphrey Lucas was born at Uckfield, Sussex, on June 8, 1874, the eldest son of Dr. George Lucas, who was himself the son of a doctor. He was educated at Bedford Grammar School and the Middlesex Hospital medical school, qualifying in 1897. He began practice in Wisbech in 1903, at first in partnership with the late Dr. H. C. Meacock and afterwards on his own, and he was on the medical staff of the North Cambridgeshire Hospital for 45 years. He did not retire until September, 1957, when he was 83 years of age and had been in practice for 54 years.

Dr. Lucas gave long service not only to his patients but also to his fellow-doctors. He was chairman of the Isle of Ely local medical committee for 28 years, and still held that office at the time of his death; he was also chairman of the Isle of Ely executive council (and its predecessor the insurance committee) for a total of 18 years; and he held appointments at one time or another on very many other committees. He was held in high esteem by his professional colleagues, as was shown in tangible form by a presentation