

Obituary Notices

J. A. L. VAUGHAN JONES, C.B.E., M.B., CH.B., J.P.

Dr. J. A. L. Vaughan Jones, a Vice-President of the Association, died in St. James's Hospital, Leeds, on 26 February. He was 64.

John Arthur Llewelyn Vaughan Jones was born in 1901. He qualified M.B., Ch.B. from Glasgow University in 1924, and after house appointments at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, he set up in general practice in Leeds. Here he was to remain in practice for more than 30 years until his retirement last year.



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For over a quarter of a century he played a most important part in B.M.A. affairs in Yorkshire and in London. He represented the Leeds Division in the

Representative Body from 1937 to 1962. He was a member of Council for 20 years (1942-62). Both in Council and in the Representative Body he was a clear, vigorous, and fearless speaker, respected for his integrity and his dogged advocacy of the causes that were so convincingly right to him.

He was a man of wide interests, but those that he made particularly his own in the counsels of the Association were occupational health and prison conditions. He was a Justice of the Peace, and had been a deputy medical officer at Leeds Prison. He led the movement to establish a separate standing committee in the B.M.A. to deal with health in industry, and when in 1946 an Occupational Health Committee was set up he became its first chairman, which office he held for the next ten years. He was regional medical adviser to the Ministry of Labour in the East and West Ridings; a member of the Industrial Health Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Labour; and a member, too, of the Ministry of Health Committee on the Health and Welfare of Handicapped Persons. He was a member—and later chairman—of the World Medical Association Committee on Occupational Health. His work on this committee took him to Geneva and led to valuable liaison between the W.M.A. and the I.L.O.

In 1959 the College of General Practitioners selected him to be the James Mackenzie Lecturer for that year, an honour which he greatly prized. He chose as his subject "Industrial Health and the General Practitioner," and pleaded for a better understanding by the medical student in his undergraduate years of the influences of occupational environment on health, and for a greater participation by the general practitioner in the care for the health and safety of men at work. At Southampton, in the following year, he gave the Mackenzie Industrial Health Lecture for the B.M.A. and the Association of Industrial Medical Officers,

entitled "Rehabilitation—Theory and Practice." Rehabilitation after illness or accident was a subject of abiding interest to him. He served on the Committee on Rehabilitation of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board, and as a member of the Joint Committee of the B.M.A. and the T.U.C. he was able to make many practical representations on this subject to the trade union leaders.

In his own county he was one of the most respected and the most influential members of the B.M.A. He was Honorary Secretary of the Leeds Division from 1941 to 1948, Chairman of the Division from 1953 to 1954, and President of the Yorkshire Branch from 1956 to 1957. At Headquarters, besides his indefatigable service in Council and on the Occupational Health Committee, he was always included on the many committees that were concerned with future planning in the health services and took an active part in them. Thus he was in turn a member of the Medical Planning Commission from 1940 to 1942, of the Negotiating Committee from 1944 to 1949, and of the General Practice Review Committee from 1950 to 1952. In 1958, in recognition of his distinguished services to the Association, he was made a Vice-President.

At the Representative Meeting at Torquay in 1960, when on a technical objection the election for Deputy Chairmanship of the Representative Body was invalidated, Vaughan Jones allowed his name to go forward as a candidate for this office—for one year only. He was elected, and during his single year of office served the Representative Body with ability and impartiality. There is little doubt that, had he so chosen, he would have been confirmed in office and later have proceeded to the Chairmanship of the Representative Body, but he had no ambition to do so and refused to consider any extension of his term of office.

In 1955 he had been created a C.B.E. in recognition of his services to the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

His distinguished participation in so many civic and medico-political duties did not prevent his giving great clinical skill to his practice and continuing ever to be a very worthy family doctor, whose influence and example among his general-practitioner colleagues was and will always be of enduring value.

He married a fellow medical graduate of Glasgow University, Marian Thom. To Minnie, as she is known to all her B.M.A. friends, and to their son Ronald (now a consultant pathologist) will go in their sad loss the deepest sympathy of the very many who valued their friendship with, and will treasure their memories of V. J.—A. T. R.

W. S. M. writes: John Arthur Llewelyn was the long name borne on the broad shoulders of "Vaughan" or "V. J." as he was known to his intimates in so many spheres of ceaseless activity. From the periphery to the centre his influence per-

meated or exploded during some 40 years of a strenuous professional life in Glasgow, Yorkshire, and London. His unvarying guiding theme seemed to be non-rest—complete, uninterrupted, and prolonged—but at all times he was exercising his trained sense of judicial balance alongside his innate dynamic enthusiasm in the search for truth. Underneath he had a deep source of refreshing emotional strength which clearly evoked sincere responses within his wide circle of friends. He was equally at home in both official circles and in the homely surroundings of his many well-loved patients.

Keen sportsmanship was in his Celtic blood, and in his time he was no mean exponent of the science and art of football and cricket. It was perhaps fitting that the large gathering at his memorial service at St. Michael's—bearing witness to the high esteem in which he was held in civic, academic, departmental, professional, administrative, and social circles—should find themselves within earshot of the Headingley Cricket Ground where he had critically enjoyed and suffered so many Test matches.

His capacity for camaraderie was further aided by his skill as a pianist in developing the vocal powers of his pals, both in ribaldry and solemnity. During strenuous periods of wrestling—or shadow-boxing—with various authorities he found special solace in his horticultural pursuits, displaying his ability to coax sheer enchantment from a begonia or gloxinia.

During the war and post-war periods his labours increased both locally and centrally to the benefit of countless absentee practitioners, governmental officers, and Tavistock Square colleagues. His mastery of detail was as amazing to his friends as it was disconcerting to his opponents. "He who has mingled in the fray of duty that the brave endure must have made foes."

His home life was a constant comfort to him, and it is more than doubtful if his aims could ever have been achieved without the unflinching steadfastness of his life's partner in health and in sickness. From her so much of his inspiration was derived and maintained and one can but hope that to her, to their son Ronald, and to his family the well-deserved rich spoils of memory will ever be forthcoming.

Colonel H. W. DAUKES, M.R.C.S.
L.R.C.P.

Colonel H. W. Daukes (late R.A.M.C.) died suddenly at his home on 23 January at the age of 61.

Herbert Whitfield Daukes was born on 21 March 1903 and received his education at Norwich School. He studied medicine at St. Thomas's Hospital, where he qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1928. Soon afterwards he joined the R.A.M.C. During his

service he became interested in pathology, and on retirement from the active list in 1949 he was appointed assistant pathologist at Bethnal Green and St. Leonard's Hospitals in London. He remained in his post until his death.

J. C. N. writes: I only knew Colonel Daukes after he retired from the Army. When he came to us he immediately identified himself with the interests of the hospitals to which he had been appointed in the grade of S.H.M.O., taking a full part in troublesome and often unpopular administrative obligations such as attendance at numerous committee meetings. He was also a regular and popular guest at hospital social functions and took a good deal of trouble in taking his part in the many hospital activities which are not always regularly attended by the visiting staff of small hospitals:

He made no pretensions to being an outstanding expert in his specialty, but his diffidence often misled other people into underestimating his capabilities, and when he was in doubt about problems which he occasionally encountered in his work he never hesitated to enlist the help of more experienced workers.

He was methodical and accurate in his methods of working and had a considerable degree of manual dexterity and neatness in what he did, which made him especially good at post-mortem work and the various manipulations with apparatus entailed in laboratory work. This manual dexterity and neatness of hand led him to take up conjuring as a hobby, and as time went on he became more and more fascinated by this recreation. He was, I believe, a prominent member of the society called the Magic Circle and nearly always had some little gadget or trick about his person, which he would promptly demonstrate to anyone he met in the hospital corridors or elsewhere. He was always willing to perform at children's parties or residents' dinners, and he was well versed in the appropriate patter in addition to having an excellent pair of hands.

The crowd of friends and colleagues who attended his funeral at Bethnal Green bore eloquent testimony to his popularity and good nature, and his friends will sympathize with his wife and family in their sudden and unexpected loss.

D. J. HARRIES, M.D., D.SC., F.R.C.S.

Mr. D. J. Harries, honorary consulting surgeon to the United Cardiff Hospitals and the Welsh Regional Hospital Board, died at his home in Cardiff on 25 February at the age of 80.

David John Harries was born in Carmarthenshire, near Llanybyther, in 1884. After attending the County School at Llandyssul he received his medical education at the medical school in Cardiff and at University College Hospital, London, graduating M.B., B.S. in 1909.

After holding house appointments at University College Hospital he returned to Wales and worked at the City Lodge Hospital (now St. David's), an association which he kept up all through his career as a surgeon. During this time in Cardiff he also devoted himself considerably to physiology and

became lecturer in physiology at the medical school and examiner in that subject.

With the coming of the first world war he joined the R.A.M.C. and became attached to the Welsh Hospital at Netley. He passed the F.R.C.S.Eng. in 1915. In 1916 he went to India as surgeon to that hospital when it was transferred to Deolali. Within two years his surgical skill was acknowledged by his appointment as consulting surgeon for a large part of India.

During his time in India he did much research work and submitted a thesis on bone surgery for the D.Sc. which included his observations on bone grafting and bone restoration. While in Deolali he also designed and supervised the construction of a golf course there, and in India he was a scratch golfer.

On his return to this country in 1919 his health had suffered severely, but he soon recovered to full health and vigour and began his career as a surgeon in Cardiff. He was appointed to the honorary staff of Cardiff Royal Infirmary in 1922 and was surgeon to St. David's and Llandough Hospitals, and to other hospitals in South Wales, including Mountain Ash, Treherbert, Treorchy, and Pontypridd Hospitals. He continued these appointments under the United Cardiff Hospitals and the Welsh Regional Hospital Board until his retirement from the active staff in 1950, having given very distinguished service as a surgeon and a teacher.

He was an excellent teacher, and his knowledge of physiology and liking for research added much to the interest of his work and of his teaching. He was actively interested in surgical societies and published many papers, relating mostly to abdominal surgery. He had a large circle of friends and earned the esteem of his colleagues with his sincerity and devotion to his work.

His hobbies included reading, golf, and gardening. He was a voracious reader and always kept himself up to date by reading surgical journals as well as journals on physiology, and indeed was well read in most medical affairs.

Always a keen Welshman, born on the banks of the Teivy, he was proud of the achievements of his country and himself did a great deal to uplift and maintain the standard of surgery in Wales. He was of a retiring disposition, but always had a ready sense of humour in addition to a full appreciation of the serious side of life. He was a delightful companion, interesting in conversation, and from him there was always something one could learn, or some new point of view which he would put forward. He took an active interest in the affairs of the B.M.A. and was vice-president of the Section of Surgery at the Annual Meeting in Cardiff in 1953.

In recent years he had been obliged to take increasing care of his health, which necessitated his leading a quiet and reserved life. During this time the interest which he had always taken in gardening was a source of much pleasure to him. In the end death came suddenly and he was spared suffering.

D.J.—as he was usually called—had many friends and no enemies. His life had been a devotion to service, and his passing has left many of us sad at the loss of a very dear friend, an esteemed colleague, and a man of great ability. He leaves a widow who has been untiring in her devotion to his welfare,

and a son who is a dental surgeon in Cardiff. To them we offer our deepest sympathy.—
T. T.

HILDA HINDSON, M.B., B.S.

Dr. Hilda Hindson, of Durham, died on 9 January 1965 in Dryburn Hospital at the age of 67 years, after a long illness which she bore courageously and without complaint.

Hilda Hindson was educated at Durham High School and was their first pupil to qualify in medicine. In 1921 she graduated M.B., B.S. from Durham University, and after her marriage in 1922 she devoted herself to her home and family for 20 years.

Although Dr. Hindson had little time for social work she managed during this period to serve as chairman of the Ryhope Branch of the British Legion for several years and was a hard-working member of the N.S.P.C.C. in the Sunderland area. She took an active interest in the district nursing service and was a loyal supporter of the church.

When family responsibilities eased she became engaged in maternity and child welfare work under Durham County Council and continued in this sphere of medicine until 1964, even after her official retirement. She will be particularly remembered by the staff of Esh Winning and Sherburn Hill clinics and by the many mothers and children she looked after there.

Dr. Hindson possessed a keen clinical insight into all her problems, and this was coupled with an innate understanding of the many emotional difficulties which her patients freely discussed with her. This brought her into a close relationship with people from every walk of life. A much-loved character with a warm, many-sided, lively personality, she will be greatly missed by her many patients and friends. Her example of service to the community established a tradition in her own family. She is survived by two sons who are both doctors, Dr. George Lodge Hindson, a family doctor in Whitley Bay, and Captain T. Colin Hindson, R.A.M.C., a dermatologist in B.A.O.R.

Dr. Hindson was particularly distressed about the unhappy contemporary medical situation in general practice in Great Britain; her last wish to her sons was that they should endeavour to serve the British people in the established traditions of British medicine, unfettered by the chains of bureaucracy.

We extend our sympathy to her husband, Mr. George Hindson, J.P., a well-known north-eastern mining engineer, and her two sons.—J. L.

L. G. STOCKWELL

O.B.E., M.B., CH.B., B.A.O., M.R.C.P.ED.

Dr. L. G. Stockwell died on 26 February after a long illness borne with fortitude and courage. She was 48 years old.

Lillian Gertrude Stockwell, or "Trudy" as she was known with affection to her wide circle of friends, was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bullock. She was born in Northern Ireland in 1917 and received her early education in Portadown College before entering Queen's University,

Belfast, to study medicine, from which she graduated M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. with honours in 1941. After completing her house appointments at the Royal Victoria and Royal Belfast Hospitals she entered the medical branch of the Royal Air Force with a volunteer commission to work in Fighter Command, which then was in its most active phase. She was mentioned in dispatches in 1944.

Gertrude Stockwell had the distinction of being among the first women medical officers to be appointed to a short-service commission and subsequently to a permanent commission in the medical branch of the Royal Air Force. She relinquished this commission in September 1955 following her marriage to Group Captain (now Air Commodore) E. A. Stockwell. During her medical career in the Royal Air Force she was outstanding, not only for her intellect and her understanding of human problems, but for her great personal charm and her immense industry. She obtained membership of the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh) in 1951 and was awarded the O.B.E. in 1955. When she retired after her marriage in 1955 she held the rank of wing commander in the appointment of medical specialist and officer-in-charge of the medical division of the R.A.F. Hospital, Changi, Singapore. Following the birth of her two children, Christopher in 1956 and Robert in 1958, she resumed the practice of clinical medicine as assistant county medical officer in Hampshire, an appointment which she held until her illness in 1964. She will be remembered by her very wide circle of friends within the Royal Air Force and outside it for her keen understanding of human medical problems, for her wisdom as a physician, for her charm, and for the tremendous energy she showed in all that she undertook.—C. A. R.

R. STEEN, M.D., I.M.S.(RET.)

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Steen, who died quite suddenly on 22 January only a few days before his 91st birthday while on a visit to Northern Ireland, was one of the last remaining links with the mid-Victorian era.

Robert Steen was born in the same year as Winston Churchill, 1874, at Coleraine, Co. Londonderry. He studied medicine at Queen's College, Belfast, and graduated M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. in 1899. He proceeded M.D. from the Royal University of Ireland in 1907. Commissioned in the Indian Medical Service in 1900, he was a member of the famous Sir Francis Younghusband Expedition to Tibet in 1904-5. He remained there for a year with the first trade commissioner, Sir Frederick O'Connor, at Gyantse, and when the Tashi Lama visited India in 1905 Colonel Steen was appointed his medical adviser.

He married in 1911 Miss Ethel Mary Currie, of Ballymena, and he and his wife attended the Delhi Durbar for King George V in 1912. During the 1914-18 war he was on active service and returned to the United Kingdom as medical officer in an Indian troopship, the H.M.S. *Goorkah*. He was at the landing and evacuation of Gallipoli and was subsequently in charge of a hospital ship which took thousands of wounded men from the western front back from Calais to Southampton.

After the first world war he took up private practice in London as a specialist in tropical

medicine. He retired in 1953 at the age of 79. He lost his wife soon afterwards and for a number of years until a few months before his death lived in Bickley, near Bromley, Kent, to be near his daughter.

J. P. JONES, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dr. J. P. Jones died in South Yarra, Melbourne, Australia, on 4 December 1964 at the age of 82.

James Phillips Jones was a Guy's man. He played rugby there and for England and Wales in international games. He qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1915 and then worked at Lambeth Hospital under Dr. John Stebbing. In the 1914-18 war he served with the Rifle Brigade as medical officer, earning the Military Cross and bar. He practised in New Zealand for two years and in Port Fairy, Victoria, for eight years, then at Sassafras outside Melbourne for 20 years.

He retired ten years ago. He leaves a wife, one son, E. J. P. Jones, and a daughter, Mrs. R. P. Dalziel.—L. P. J.

J. SHEA, M.B., B.CH., B.A.O.

Dr. J. Shea died in Sheffield on 21 January at the age of 48.

John Shea was born in 1916 in County Kerry, the son of a farmer, and graduated in the National University of Ireland with honours in 1941. He had shown great promise as a student of anatomy and was offered a junior post in the department. However, he decided against this and entered general practice as an assistant in Gloucester. Thereafter he held hospital appointments in Wales and at the Barnsley Beckett Hospital. He first came to Sheffield in the mid-40's, where he joined the late Dr. Grinling in general practice. He soon built up a solid practice of devoted patients. Throughout his years in general practice he had always been deeply interested in the subject of pathology. In 1956, when the illness which was finally to prove fatal began to limit his physical activities, he retired from general practice and was appointed registrar in the department of pathology at the City General Hospital, Sheffield. He continued in this post until his death.

When he was in general practice he was known to his colleagues as a perfectionist, absolutely dedicated to the care of his patients. As a pathologist he gave a very sound opinion and was a competent morbid anatomist. He was an indefatigable reader, and his knowledge of English literature was vast. If towards the end he appeared to become something of a recluse it was mainly to restrict his physical activities and conserve his energy as much as possible for his work. To the few people very close to him his friendship was a potent and unselfish force.

We will miss a charming and helpful colleague with his quiet sense of humour. His wife Marjorie showed the greatest devotion under circumstances of considerable strain. Our sympathy goes out to her and to their five children.—F. J. P. O'G.

J. W. GIBSON, M.B., B.S.

Dr. J. W. Gibson, who had been in general practice in Newcastle upon Tyne for more than 30 years, died on 27 January.

James William Gibson was born in Newcastle in 1907. He was educated at Rutherford School and at the Newcastle Medical School of Durham University, graduating M.B., B.S. in 1931. It had been his intention, after hospital appointments, to enter the family practice in Walker upon Tyne and presently to succeed his father, but the latter's sudden death compelled him to take on the responsibility of single-handed general practice almost immediately after qualification. Such circumstances only tended to bring out in greater relief the qualities of level-headedness, determination, and all-round ability that Bill Gibson demonstrated throughout his life.

A beloved physician, he had a particularly happy way with children, and he loved to tell them stories with an air of great veracity. To all his patients he brought a sympathetic ear and an able clinical mind; to the gravely ill he gave hope and courage, to the miserable a new heart; and though scrimshankers learned to expect the sharp edge of his tongue there was never any venom in it. To those who had the good fortune to serve their apprenticeship in general practice under his able aegis he was at once a capable teacher and a true friend—indeed, if he had a fault in this context it was that he was far too ready, in the goodness of his heart, to get out of his own bed and do the work for which he was paying an assistant.

He was a man of many skills, and hands that ably wielded a pair of obstetric forceps were equally at home stripping an engine, driving a tractor, or building a drystone wall. There were few tasks he would not undertake, and it was always certain that those he started would be completed with a craftsmanlike finish.

It had long been Bill's hope to spend his retirement upon his beloved farm, but the illness that was to deny him this could not lower his spirits; only the day before his death, after a prostrating attack of prolonged pain, he could say with as ready a grin as ever, "I really thought I'd lost the battle that time."

Bill never lost that battle; it is impossible to conceive of death having dominion over that mettlesome man. He leaves a wife and two sons, and to them our hearts go out in sympathy. Only those who had the privilege to be counted among Bill Gibson's friends know how great is their loss.—D. V. C.

R. G. McD. LADELL, M.B., CH.B.

Dr. R. G. McD. Ladell died at Scarborough on 25 January at the age of 83.

Robert George MacDonald Ladell was born in 1881. He graduated M.B., Ch.B. at Yorkshire College in 1902 at just about the time when it became Leeds University. Afterwards he went into general practice. He served in the 1914-18 war as a medical officer in the Royal Norfolks, and was one of the few of the 1st Battalion who survived Gallipoli. He was wounded in the thigh, and this cost him his leg nearly 40 years later when malignant changes took place in a discharging sinus that had never healed.

He became interested in psychotherapy before the first world war and visited Vienna to study under Freud for a short time. Towards the end of the war and immediately afterwards he worked at a Ministry of Pensions hospital in Wylde Green, Birmingham, specializing in "shell shock" cases. Psychotherapy became more and more his main interest, and although he returned to general practice he began to build up in Birmingham an extensive private practice in psychotherapy. He gave up private practice entirely at the outbreak of the second world war, but continued his consultant practice in psychology. For a short time also he did duty as a factory medical officer. He carried on his psychological work after the war, and even after retirement to Scarborough in 1950 he continued to see a few patients privately in his own home.

Dr. Ladell was in general a reformer and a pacifist, but he realized that in certain circumstances war was inevitable and welcomed any efforts to make it more humane. He was a tireless worker in "Toc H" and got the Scarborough branch on its feet when he went there in 1950. He was also an active supporter of various cultural activities, such as the theatre in the round and the poetry-reading circle.

He came of a medical family. Both his father and an uncle were medically qualified, also one brother and a cousin and two of his nephews. He is survived by his widow and two children.—W. S. S. L.

ANN FERGUSON, M.B., CH.B., D.C.H.

Dr. Ann Ferguson (Mrs. J. C. Guignard) died at Brompton Hospital, Frimley, on 29 January at the early age of 41 after a long and painful illness.

Ann Ferguson was born in South Africa in 1923. After studying medicine at Cape-town University, where her father was professor, she graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1946 and came to England in 1950. She then held hospital posts in the Midlands as medical and paediatric registrar. Following these appointments she spent a period in general practice, and in 1960 joined the staff of Pinewood Hospital as medical registrar. Here she stayed until 1964. She was then asked to act as deputy superintendent of Brompton Hospital, Frimley, and she occupied this post for the last few months of her life.

Dr. Ferguson's medical practice was always of the highest standard, her hours of work were unlimited, and she would always stay until the job was completed. She had an admirable knowledge of medicine and a clear analytical mind which she brought to bear on clinical problems. She always treated her patients as individuals and took a keen interest in every aspect of their lives. No detail was too trivial and no problem insoluble. It is no wonder that she was loved by her patients, and she also earned the respect and affection of her medical and nursing colleagues wherever she worked. Many compliments were paid to her when she left Pinewood Hospital, and these have frequently been reiterated in the last few months. While medicine was clearly her main interest, she had a wide knowledge and appreciation of music and the arts.

During her short life she suffered from many serious illnesses, all of which she bore bravely. When the final blow came last summer and she was told of the diagnosis and its inevitable outcome, she bore this news with equal fortitude. In spite of continued and severe pain she maintained a composed outlook which was the admiration of all who saw her.

To her husband, John, who supported her throughout her illness, and to her mother, we express our deep sympathy in their tragic loss.—A. J. M. and A. F. F.-C.

E. J. ALLAN, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.ED. L.R.F.P.S.GLASG.

Dr. E. J. Allan died in hospital at Worthing on 29 January at the age of 71.

Edward James Allan was born in 1894 and educated at George Watson's College, Edinburgh. His medical education was at Edinburgh University, where he qualified L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S. in 1922.

He started in general practice as an assistant in Glossop, Derbyshire, subsequently becoming a principal, and remained in practice in Glossop until his retirement. He was intensely interested in medical administration and medical politics. As well as being an active member and secretary of the Glossop Division of the B.M.A. for many years, he represented the Division at the Annual Meeting for 10 years. He is particularly remembered as chairman of the Derbyshire Local Medical Committee, and represented the committee on the local hospital management committee.

He was a keen sportsman, and played rugby in his younger days. Later he turned to golf, but he was still a keen supporter of football.

Dr. Allan retired in 1955 because of failing health following a major operation. He and his wife removed to Worthing, but their retirement was marred by ill-health. His wife, who had been Mayoress of Glossop, died last year. He leaves a married daughter. To her we extend our deepest sympathy.—J. B. T.

R. G. BOYD, M.B., CH.B., D.L.O.

Dr. R. G. Boyd died peacefully at his London home on 7 February. He was 48 years of age.

Robert Gordon Boyd studied medicine in Bristol, where he qualified M.B., Ch.B. in 1940. Soon after qualification he decided to specialize in ear, nose, and throat surgery and passed the D.L.O. in 1944. He served as specialist in otology in the R.A.M.C. and was afterwards appointed as an ear, nose, and throat consultant to Dorking General Hospital and several other hospitals in the same area. These appointments he held until his death.

D. S. writes: In Robert Boyd we knew we had a true friend and counsellor. He was kind and gentle, in fact everything that a doctor should set out to be. When asked for his help and opinion with regard to an

E.N.T. problem he would give it with assurance and wisdom. Patients always felt at ease with him and he was willing and able to give help with their problems sometimes far removed from his own particular line in surgery.

One of his most endearing characteristics was the friendship, confidence, and sympathetic understanding he would impart to his young patients. His name must be known in almost every home in Crawley, as he would probably have treated at least one member of the family. His out-patient clinics were vast. The confidence he inspired was not confined to his young patients, although he excelled with them, but to all ages, so much so that many grew to have a real affection for him.

His love of animals endeared him still further to my family, and we shall all miss him greatly. I am sure that his many friends and patients alike join me in recording their sadness at his sudden death and in sympathy for his wife and daughters.

G. Y. YARDUMIAN, M.B., CH.B.

Dr. G. Y. Yardumian died at his home in Liverpool on 24 February at the age of 84.

Garabed Yeghia Yardumian was born in 1880. He came to this country from Armenia as a young man to be with his brother, who was a Presbyterian minister in Edinburgh. He studied at Moray House, Edinburgh, graduating M.B., Ch.B. in 1907 from Glasgow University.

Garrie Yardumian was a well-known general practitioner in Liverpool, where he had a large practice for 50 years, being held in high esteem by his patients. He was for many years a member of the Liverpool Medical Institute, the B.M.A., and the West Derby Golf Club.

He leaves a wife, a daughter, Mrs. Alec Hollway, of Hightown, and a son, Dr. Derick Yardumian, who is carrying on the practice with his partner, Dr. William Melrose.—D. L. Y.

H. R. FREDERICK, O.B.E., M.B., CH.B.

N. W. writes: Further to the recent obituary notices of Dr. H. R. Frederick (6 February, p. 390), it should be added that he will also be remembered with affection for his long association with the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch of the Edinburgh Graduates' Association, which began at the inaugural meeting in 1930, when he was elected a member of its executive council.

On the resumption of activities in 1947, following the war years, he became chairman of council, a post which he held until 1956, guiding the affairs of the branch in his customary gentlemanly fashion.

In 1959 he was elected president, which appointment he graced until 1963, and during which time he gave as a personal gift the president's jewel.

He maintained his keen and active interest in the affairs of the branch until the end, and was a worthy son of his Alma Mater, which he never forgot.