

Obituary Notices

R. C. ALEXANDER, C.B.E., M.A., LL.D., M.B., CH.B., F.R.C.S.ED.

Professor R. C. Alexander, emeritus professor of surgery in the University of St. Andrews and consultant surgeon emeritus to Dundee Royal Infirmary and Perthshire Hospitals, died on 14 February. He was 83.

Richard Charles Alexander was born on 18 September 1884, and was educated at George Watson's College, at the University of Edinburgh, and in Paris. He graduated M.A. in 1904, having been awarded a Sibbald bursary at the entrance examination and the medal in the summer course of mathematics in 1902. In 1903 he began to study medicine, gaining the Thomson bursary and subsequently the Vans Dunlop scholarship, which is awarded to the candidate obtaining the highest marks in the preliminary examination. During the medical course he won medals or prizes in anatomy, materia medica, midwifery, and surgery, and passed the second professional examination with distinction. He graduated M.B., Ch.B., with second-class honours, in 1908. He then continued his studies in Paris, attending the clinics of several surgeons and working in the department of pathology in the University of Paris.



On his return to Edinburgh Alexander was appointed house-surgeon at the Royal Infirmary and then became house-surgeon at the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital. Later he held the post of resident surgical officer at Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh, and in 1911, while still holding the appointment, took the F.R.C.S.Ed. In October of the same year he became an assistant in the department of surgery under the late Professor H. Alexis Thomson, a post he held until 1921, when he was appointed visiting surgeon to Dundee Royal Infirmary. At the same time he became lecturer in clinical surgery in the University of St. Andrews. In 1912 he was appointed tutor in clinical surgery at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, a position he held for the full period of five years, although it was interrupted by nearly three years' service in the first world war, when he served in France as surgical specialist to various casualty clearing stations, holding the rank of major and being twice mentioned in dispatches. On demobilization he resumed his surgical practice in Edinburgh, and became assistant surgeon to Chalmers Hospital. From 1913 to 1921 he was visiting surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, Lanark.

In 1913 he was the joint holder of the Crichton research scholarship, and he investigated the pathological histology of the gall-bladder, making a communication on the sub-

ject to the Edinburgh Pathological Club. He was a fellow and former president of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh, a member of the Edinburgh Medico-Chirurgical Society and of the Forfarshire Medical Association, of which he was president in 1957-8, and a fellow of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland. He took an active part in the meetings of these bodies and in the clinical meetings of the British Medical Association. He was president of the Dundee Branch of the B.M.A. from 1944 to 1946, and chairman of the Dundee Division in 1944-5. He was also a member of the Scottish Consultants and Specialists Group Committee from 1936 to 1946. He was appointed C.B.E. in 1944. In 1927 Alexander was appointed examiner in operative surgery and surgical pathology for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, this being the first time an examinership in these subjects had been offered to a fellow resident outside Edinburgh. He was appointed professor of surgery in the University of St. Andrews in 1936 and occupied the chair until 1951, when the title of emeritus professor was conferred on him. During the second world war he was surgical director of the Emergency Medical Service for the Eastern Region of Scotland. He was area surgical adviser to the Department of Health for Scotland, consulting surgeon to Perth Royal Infirmary, and surgeon to Dundee Royal Infirmary. In 1950 he was elected to the council of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and was a vice-president of the College from 1954 to 1957. In July 1952 the University of St. Andrews conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.D.

Alexander was a man of great energy and keenness, and a good teacher. He married in 1917 Marjorie Linda, daughter of the late Mr. W. A. Morgan, of Cardiff, and they had two sons and one daughter, all of whom are members of the medical profession.

J. G. writes: Professor Alexander was deeply interested in people, and gave unstintingly of his great ability to his medical school and hospital. This was nowhere better shown than in his relationship with students and patients; his memory for faces linked to the correct names was legendary and lifelong. As a bedside teacher he excelled. It was no accident that many points in teaching were illustrated by reference to golf, which was his main recreation. In everything his approach was direct and at times disconcerting, but those of us who knew him as teacher, colleague, and friend realized that a kindly heart beat beneath this incisive exterior. Alexander went out of his way to be fair, and was a man who set himself the highest standards, expecting the same of others. His period of office as a vice-president of the Edinburgh College of Surgeons was a great joy to him, and during it the College benefited by his zeal and wise guidance. His family life was most happy, marred only by Mrs. Alexander's prolonged

illness. Both his sons and his daughter qualified in medicine, and this delighted him.

Professor Alexander's death marks the end of an epoch which began with the high-speed surgery of a casualty clearing station in France, and in which private practice was the only way in which a surgeon could earn a living, and ended with the teething troubles of the National Health Service, and the post-war development of the St. Andrews University clinical school. It was a measure of the greatness of the man that he excelled in all the phases of this epoch. We mourn and salute a wise counsellor, a trusted colleague, and a staunch friend.

F. H. H. FINLAISON, M.A., M.B.
F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.

Dr. F. H. H. Finlaison, consulting obstetrician and gynaecologist to the Windsor group of hospitals, died suddenly in his sleep on 10 February. He was 62.

Francis Harry Hume Finlaison was born on 1 January 1906, and was educated at Charterhouse, Clare College, Cambridge, and St. Thomas's Hospital, qualifying with the Conjoint diploma in 1930. After several resident appointments he became chief assistant to the obstetrical department at St. Thomas's Hospital. He took the F.R.C.S. in 1933, and two years later graduated M.B. In 1936 he became a member of the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. During the second world war he was in charge of St. Thomas's Hospital obstetrical unit at Ashwood, Woking, and worked in the emergency medical service at Botley's Park War Hospital and at Old Windsor E.M.S. Hospital. He was appointed consultant to King Edward VII Hospital at Windsor in 1946, and since the beginning of the National Health Service worked mainly there and at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, in the Windsor group. He was elected F.R.C.O.G. in 1951.

G. A. M. writes: Coming to Windsor at a time when there were shortages of everything, Finlaison played a great part in developing an obstetrical service there. He strove quietly and persistently to increase the number of hospital beds and to improve the available accommodation. His leadership helped to create a group of people who could work happily together. Numberless patients owe him a debt of gratitude for his professional aid, and a long series of obstetrical residents remember his teaching with pleasure and benefit.

"Tim" was a large man with a large heart and a large grin. Always punctual, his greeting displayed his innate good humour. The personification of courtesy, he was unfailingly polite to everyone, and his presence ensured an atmosphere of genial calm and an absence of petty bickering. He was at his best in the operating-theatre, where his confident bearing made his associates feel that they were doing well, and his outstanding

skill denied the existence of surgical difficulties. Apart from his professional activities his interests were centred in his family and home. In his earlier years he was a keen golfer and snooker player. A generous host, he delighted in filling his house with guests but could only with difficulty be persuaded to return their visits. One of his greater pleasures was a game of bridge with his family and friends.

In 1928 he married Audrey Warren, and they had a son and a daughter. To them we proffer our sympathy.

L. J. M. LAURENT, M.D., M.R.C.P.

Dr. L. J. M. Laurent, formerly senior consultant physician at Hither Green Hospital, London, died at St. Anthony's Hospital, North Cheam, on 12 February, at the age of 73.

Louis Jacques Maurice Laurent, of French parentage, was born in Mauritius on 23 August 1894. In 1913 he came to England after winning a science scholarship. He received his medical education at University College Hospital, London, qualifying with the Conjoint diploma in 1918. He joined the Royal Flying Corps, and it was during this service that he became interested in infectious diseases. After a number of house appointments he became assistant medical officer at the Western Hospital, Fulham, and then at the Eastern Hospital, Homerton. He graduated M.B., B.S. in 1930, proceeded M.D. in 1935, and took the M.R.C.P. in 1937.

H. J. P. writes: I was privileged to know Laurent throughout much of his professional career. He showed an early interest in infectious diseases, including the impact of new developments in bacteriology and immunology. He was for a time assistant bacteriologist at Belmont Laboratories, Sutton, an experience which made him critical and discerning in his approach to clinical medicine. In the late 1920s Laurent became interested in my current research on immunization against diphtheria, a disease which was causing great concern in fever hospitals. We soon developed a lasting friendship. In 1940, when he became associated with Dr. Stanley Banks at the Park (now the Hither Green) Hospital, I relied increasingly on his advice and sound clinical judgement. He was an excellent and conscientious physician, who was prevented only by deafness from taking an important place in medical societies and conferences. This handicap partly explained his quiet, retiring manner and diffidence, although he could on occasion emerge and express himself forcefully. His zest for clinical accuracy was only matched by his love of teaching; countless doctors will recall their pre- and post-graduate days at the bedside of his patients. He was a friendly, deeply religious man, popular with all his staff and patients, and universally respected. He will also be remembered as an able administrator at his hospital. He retired in August 1959 after 39 years in the hospital service.

Laurent was not a prolific writer, but he contributed authoritative articles in the *Modern Practice of Infectious Fevers* and the *British Encyclopaedia of Medical Practice*.

At different times immunization against scarlet fever, cerebrospinal fever, whooping-cough, and tetanus were major topics for his research. He collaborated with me in devising a method for increasing the safety of administration of heterologous serum to sensitive subjects; it was incorporated in a widely used wall chart for the prevention of tetanus. In his retirement he translated numerous medical publications to determine the best materials for surgical dressings. It was typical of his search for knowledge that he had undertaken fresh work with foreign medical abstracts only days before his final illness.

Maurice Laurent suffered a grievous loss in the death of his wife under tragic circumstances in a motoring accident in November 1962. He leaves a son, who is a member of the medical profession, and a daughter, to both of whom and their families we extend the deepest sympathy on their loss.

W. K. WILLS, O.B.E., M.A., M.B., B.CH.

Dr. W. K. Wills, formerly honorary consulting dermatologist to Bristol Royal Hospital, died on 6 January. He was 95.

Walter Kenneth Wills was born in Bristol on 9 December 1872, and was educated at Clifton College and St. John's College, Cambridge. He went to Guy's Hospital for his clinical training, and qualified with the Conjoint diploma in 1898, graduating M.B., B.Ch. a year later. He undertook post-graduate training at the medical school of Vienna University before taking up house appointments at Guy's Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. He returned to Bristol to become clinical lecturer in diseases of the skin at Bristol University, and in 1903 he was appointed skiagraphist and assistant in the electrical department at Bristol General Hospital (now Bristol Royal Hospital). A year later he became honorary physician to the skin department at the General Hospital, a post he held for many years. A member of the R.N.V.R., he served with the Royal Navy during the first world war, and was appointed O.B.E. After demobilization with the rank of surgeon-captain he resumed his work at Bristol, and in 1930 was elected president of the British Association of Dermatology and Syphilology. In 1932 he became sheriff of Bristol, and five years later was appointed a justice of the peace. In 1940 he joined the board of directors of the *Bristol Evening Post*, retiring from it in 1956.

Dr. Wills is survived by a daughter and a son who is also a member of the medical profession.

ELIZABETH WHATLEY, B.SC. M.B., B.S.

Dr. Elizabeth Whatley (Mrs. Tannert), late consulting psychiatrist to Chailey Heritage Schools and to the Spastics Society, died on 1 December after a long illness. She was 59.

Elizabeth Whatley was born on 6 October 1908, and was educated at Bedford College, graduating B.Sc. in physiology with honours in 1930. She worked for a time as research assistant to Professor (later Sir) Edward Mellanby in Sheffield before taking up a

similar appointment in the bacteriology department of the Wellcome Research Laboratories at Beckenham, Kent, where she remained for five years. Her work at Beckenham aroused an interest in medicine, and she entered the London School of Medicine for Women (now the Royal Free Hospital), graduating M.B., B.S. in 1940 and taking the Conjoint diploma the same year. After early hospital appointments she began to specialize in work among children, and from 1943 to 1954 was medical director of the Canterbury Child Guidance Clinic, and for a number of years was medical director of Walthamstow Clinic and psychiatrist to the Battersea Clinic. From 1952 to 1956 she was consultant psychiatrist to the child guidance clinic at Brighton, and from 1957 to 1960 to the West Ham Public Health Department and West Ham Child Guidance Clinic. She was consultant psychiatrist to Dr. Barnardo's Homes from 1957 to 1964, when she became consultant psychiatrist to the Spastics Society. Appointed consultant psychiatrist to the Chailey Heritage Schools in 1952, she was forced to retire in 1967 on account of ill-health.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. John Tannert.

R. C. M. writes: Dr. Whatley started her professional life as a physiologist and though she went on to be a children's psychiatrist, physiology always influenced her thinking and her approach to problems. This underlying interest was of great benefit in her work with handicapped children at Chailey Heritage and later when she was appointed adviser in child psychiatry to the headquarters of the Spastics Society. With the willing support of J. A. Loring, then assistant director and now director, she brought into the widespread workings of the Society a deeper understanding of the help psychiatric insight could bring to handicapped children and their parents and to those who work with them. Her appointment proved to be the right person at the right moment, and she achieved a notable success.

In her illness she had an operation, on recovering from which she found she had a hemiplegia. Although she was still in the throes of recovering from a major operation, she realized that with her physiological and neuropsychiatric knowledge she could make useful observations. With remarkable determination, and the support of her devoted husband, she recorded what she was able to do and what she felt about "being a spastic." The remaining months of her life were devoted to making observations on her own condition for the use of others. She is remembered with affection.

E. P. Q. writes: Dr. Elizabeth Whatley was the first psychiatrist at Chailey Heritage, having been appointed in early 1952. It was at the time unusual to have a psychiatrist on the staff of a long-term children's hospital, but clearly there were emotional problems which called for specialist advice, and Dr. Whatley with her quiet friendly approach soon gained the child's confidence. She had a warmth and ease of manner, combined with a lack of formality, which suited the needs admirably. As the pattern of admissions changed, with the fall in surgical tuberculosis and later with the control of poliomyelitis, congenital deformities became a rapidly in-

creasing proportion of the work. This brought the parental emotional difficulties to the fore. Here Elizabeth Whatley's contribution bore valuable fruit and especially when the teratogenic effect of thalidomide became apparent.

Dr. Whatley had a special gift for making friends, and a number of former patients continued to correspond with her for many years after leaving the Heritage. Her helpful advice to different sections of the staff has been deeply missed during the last year of her illness. Her death has left a gap in the team and a sense of real loss to her colleagues, patients, and their families. Perhaps the common sense and honesty of her professional work were the most impressive features. She finally retired on health grounds in October 1967 after fifteen and a half years at Chailey Heritage. Our deep sympathy goes to her husband John Tannert.

J. MORRISON, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., M.A. M.D., D.P.H.

Dr. J. Morrison, a former group medical superintendent of the Aberdeen Special Hospitals, died suddenly at his home in Shrewsbury on 8 February. He was 73.

John Morrison was born in Aberdeen on 20 September 1894, and was educated at Robert Gordon's College and Aberdeen University, graduating M.A. in 1914 and M.B., Ch.B. in 1918. He served in the R.A.M.C. in the first world war in north Russia, and was awarded the Military Cross while medical officer of the 2nd/10th Royal Scots. After demobilization he took the D.P.H. in 1921, and held public health appointments in Ayrshire, Bristol, and Hull. He proceeded M.D. in 1932. When the Territorial Army was expanded in 1938 he was chosen as commanding officer of the 150th Field Ambulance of 50th Infantry Division, and during the second world war served in France, Egypt, Cyprus, and Libya. He became assistant director of medical services of the 50th Division in 1942, and later commanded the 64th General Hospital at Alexandria and in Italy. He was appointed O.B.E. in 1942 and awarded the Territorial Decoration in 1945. He completed his military career by commanding the 67th General Hospital in Naples and Ghent, and returned to Hull on demobilization in 1945. When the National Health Service came into being he was appointed group medical superintendent of the Aberdeen Special Hospitals, a post he held until his retirement in 1960.

He leaves a wife, a daughter, and a son who is a consultant thoracic surgeon in Liverpool.

D. B. writes: Dr. Morrison was appointed as medical superintendent to the Board of Management of the Aberdeen Special Hospitals (maternity, children's, and city fever hospital group) at the beginning of the Health Service. In addition to the day-to-day administration of these hospitals he was responsible to the regional hospital board for the organization of the regional services in obstetrics and gynaecology. Much of the success of these services in the early years was due to Dr. Morrison's wide administrative experience, his tact, and unflinching good humour.

He was popular with consultants and members of his board, and his advice was always given clearly and with authority and was the result of much painstaking investigation and preparation.

He was practical and imaginative in making the best use of old buildings by schemes of modernization. Scottish hospitals have benefited greatly from the system of medical superintendents. John Morrison was in the best traditions a doctor who understood the needs of professional clinical staff and could interpret them to the lay administrator.

H. F. WATTSFORD, M.B., B.S.

Dr. H. F. Wattford, a general practitioner in Newcastle upon Tyne and a former member of Council of the B.M.A., died in hospital on 22 January. He was 67.

Henry Francis Wattford, the son of a manager at the Consett Iron Works, was born at Blackhill, Co. Durham, on 22 May 1900. He was educated at Leamington Spa



and at Durham School, where he showed his ability in rowing and running. He entered the Armstrong College, University of Durham, and met his future wife—also a medical graduate—on almost his first day at college. At the end of his first year he volunteered for

the Royal Flying Corps, and so his medical education was interrupted for six months before the end of the first world war. On his return to undergraduate life he again proved his worth as a miler and three-miler; he was also secretary of the college athletic club. He graduated M.B., B.S. in 1923. He entered general practice at once as assistant to Drs. Metcalfe and Bates, later becoming a partner. Early in the 30s Frank Wattford went into general practice on his own, being joined in 1948 by Dr. K. Kumar and in 1954 by his elder son, Richard, who now carries on the practice. Frank was interested in the Territorial Army, and joined the 149th Field Ambulance, 50th Division, in the 1930s. He was called up before the outbreak of the second world war and served in France; he escaped via Dunkirk and was mentioned in dispatches. He served throughout the remainder of the war with the rank of major. He received the Territorial Decoration. It was during his service in the Field Ambulance that his love of horses was born; this interest remained with him for the rest of his life, and he became a regular attender at the major horse shows. Later in life he also devoted much of his spare time to his garden.

After demobilization he again built up his practice, and was especially interested in obstetrics, frequently commenting that he had also brought the mother of a newly born child into the world. He served on two National Service medical boards, acting as chairman to one of these. In spite of failing

health he continued in practice until his retirement in September 1966.

Early in his career Frank Wattford took a keen interest in medical politics, and was secretary of the Newcastle Division of the British Medical Association from 1932 until 1946. He was a member of the North of England Branch Council up to the time of his death, and from 1938 to 1940 was a member of the central Council of the B.M.A. He was president of the section of general practice at the Annual Meeting of the Association in 1957, and he also served on the executive committee of the Newcastle upon Tyne Division. He was a member of the Newcastle Local Panel Committee and West End Medical Service before the second world war. With the introduction of the National Health Service in 1948 Frank was elected the first chairman of the Newcastle upon Tyne Local Medical Committee, and he held this senior office for 15 years until he resigned it in 1963, when he continued on the committee as an ordinary member. He also served on the National Health Service Executive Council for Newcastle, along with many of its subcommittees, during this period.

Frank will be greatly missed by his friends, colleagues, and patients. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Gladys, his sons—Richard in general practice, and George practising as a solicitor in Australia—and to his married daughter, Rosemary.—F. J. R.

C. B. BAMFORD, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M.

Dr. C. B. Bamford, formerly physician superintendent of St. Mary's Hospital, Stannington, Northumberland, died on 21 January after a long illness. He was 73.

Charles Barry Bamford was born at St. Helens, Lancashire, on 28 April 1894, and was educated at Cowley Grammar School and University College, Southampton, where he qualified as a teacher. However he determined to take up medicine as a career, and in 1919 entered the University of Liverpool. He graduated M.B., Ch.B. with honours in 1924. After holding early resident appointments at Sefton General Hospital at Liverpool, and St. James's Hospital, Leeds, he decided to make his career in psychiatry, and in 1926 became an assistant medical officer at Rainhill Hospital, near Liverpool, where he stayed until 1935. He proceeded M.D. in 1928 and took the D.P.M. a year later. In 1934 he took the M.R.C.P., and the following year was appointed physician superintendent at St. Mary's Hospital, Stannington, at that time the psychiatric hospital under the control of Gateshead Corporation. He remained in this senior post up to the time of his retirement. He saw St. Mary's Hospital change from custodial care to a modern psychiatric unit, with extensive new buildings and multiplying outpatient clinics at Gateshead and Hexham. At the same time he was appointed assistant physician to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, where he worked in the psychiatric department in conjunction with the late Professor Kennedy until his retirement in 1954.

Dr. Bamford was very widely read, not only in his own specialty but also in the classics, from which he could quote exten-

sively and relevantly when discussing any subject. Off duty his chief interests were the theatre, classical music, and an occasional game of golf. He retired with his wife to Trearddur Bay, Anglesey, where in their early marriage they had previously spent many happy holidays.

He is survived by his wife, Molly, and his only child, Robert, who is also a member of the medical profession. To them we offer the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.—A. P.

R. A. MACNAB, M.B., CH.B.

Dr. R. A. MacNab, late medical superintendent of the Central Mental Hospital at Tanjong Rambutan, Malaya, and a former deputy medical superintendent of Moss Side Hospital, Maghull, Liverpool, died at Bexhill-on-Sea on 31 October 1967. He was 73.

Robert Allan MacNab was born on 27 September 1894, and received his early education at Kingussie, Inverness-shire. Deciding to take up medicine, he entered Edinburgh University, but his studies were interrupted by the outbreak of the first world war, throughout which he served as a combatant officer on the Western Front and was wounded three times. After demobilization he returned to the university, and graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1922. His interests took him into psychiatry, and he worked as assistant medical officer at Holloway Sanatorium (mental hospital), Virginia Water, Surrey, from 1922 to 1928. He took the certificate of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1929, and the same year joined the Malayan Medical Service. After medical, surgical, and administrative experience in Malaya he turned again to psychiatry when he was appointed to the Central Mental Hospital, Tanjong Rambutan, Malaya, becoming acting medical superintendent in 1938. This hospital of 3,000 beds at that time served the whole of the Federation of Malaya, excluding Singapore, and his work included giving evidence in court in many bizarre forensic cases. Despite the Japanese advance MacNab stayed at his post, was captured and interned, spending a period in the notorious Changi gaol. After the war he returned to repair the ravages at his hospital, and was appointed medical superintendent in 1946.

On reaching retiring age in 1950 he returned to England, went to Moss Side Hospital, Maghull, Liverpool, as locum senior hospital medical officer, and was appointed deputy medical superintendent in January 1951. He continued in this capacity until he retired in December 1960.

He is survived by his wife and daughter.

J. McD. writes: I knew Dr. MacNab from 1953 to 1960 and found him a congenial colleague. He was a tall, handsome, vigorous man with a charm and courtesy that endeared him to patients and staff alike, a difficult feat in the unusual circumstances of a special hospital. He never complained of his time as a prisoner of the Japanese, and his charitable outlook was carried over into his work and social life. He took a great interest in the sporting activities of the patients, and was an active committee member of the sports sections of the hospital staff recreation club.

In his work he was quick and efficient, and had an equable temperament appreciated by all the medical staff.

H. B. AUSTIN, M.B., CH.B.

Dr. H. B. Austin, a well-known general medical practitioner in Stockport, died suddenly at his home on 16 January. He was 52.

Harold Bertram Austin was born in Northwich on 9 June 1915, and was educated at Northwich Grammar School before going to Ashville College, Harrogate. He studied medicine at Manchester University, qualifying with the Conjoint diploma in 1938 and graduating M.B., Ch.B. the same year. He became house-surgeon to the late Mr. Wilson Hey at Manchester Royal Infirmary, and there he met his future wife, who was theatre sister on the unit. His postgraduate studies were interrupted by the second world war, and he joined the R.A.M.C., serving in Egypt, India, and Germany. After demobilization with the rank of major he joined Drs. Berry and Crabtree in general practice in Stockport, and at the time of his death he was the senior partner in this expanding practice of five doctors. For the past 20 years he had been the industrial medical officer for the firm of Mirrlees National Limited. He was vice-chairman of the local medical committee, a member of the Stockport and Buxton Hospital Management Committee, the Stockport Executive Council, and the medical advisory committee. In 1967 he was appointed a justice of the peace. A member of the British Medical Association, he was chairman of the Stockport Division in 1961-2, and the following year was a representative at the Annual Meeting. To all these activities he brought a mature and balanced mind, and to this he added a youthful and restless enthusiasm, which, combined with his natural gift for organization, made him an outstanding and valuable member of all his many committees. His main aim was to serve the town and his profession in all matters where his energy and talents could be of use, but his untimely death prevented complete fulfilment. He was a man of great integrity and loyalty, and the medical profession has lost a distinguished and much loved member.

To his wife and son, who is in the legal profession, we extend our deepest sympathies.—H. P. F.

J. T. GUNN, M.B., CH.B., F.R.C.S.ED.

Dr. J. T. Gunn, for many years in general practice in Auchterarder, Perthshire, died on 20 January. He was 86.

James Turner Gunn was born in Caithness on 22 September 1881, and was educated at the Royal High School, Edinburgh, and Edinburgh University, graduating M.B., Ch.B. in 1905 and taking the F.R.C.S. Ed. three years later. He came to Auchterarder in 1910, and was in general practice there until his retirement in 1962, thereafter living with his son in Edinburgh. He served with the R.A.M.C. in France in the first world war, being attached to a Field Ambulance of the Lahore Division, and later with the Royal Field Artillery. He was demobilized with the rank of captain. In the second world war

he was a lieutenant-colonel in the local detachment of the Home Guard.

A man of many interests, Dr. Gunn was in his time a keen teacher of first aid and president of the local Unionist Association and of the local Branch of the British Legion. He was president of the Perth Branch of the British Medical Association in 1946-7, and he served on the public relations committee before the inception of the National Health Service, playing a prominent part in publicizing the attitude of the B.M.A. He enjoyed golf, tennis, and curling, and also grouse-shooting in the north on his annual holiday. He was a keen follower of international rugby. When he retired in 1962 he was made the first Freeman of the Royal Burgh of Auchterarder, his Burgess ticket being inscribed, "For devoted and diligent service to the town throughout a period of many years."

"The Gunner" was a legendary figure in the district, where, with his philosophy, pungent wit, and gentler humour, he became a byword in countless homes in which he was held in deep affection, trust, and esteem. He could be brusque, and even gruff at times, but the twinkle of mischief was never far beneath the surface.

There was much in this man to arouse respect and admiration both for himself and for his care and devotion to so many in the course of 52 years in a Perthshire country practice. It was fitting that he died in St. Margaret's Hospital, Auchterarder, which he had seen built and developed, in which he had worked for so long, and for which he felt a deep, personal attachment.—R. D.

B. D. USTIANOWSKI, M.D.

Dr. B. D. Ustianowski, a general practitioner in Coventry for 18 years, died in hospital on 1 January after an illness which he faced with great courage. He was 64.

Bogdan Deodatus Ustianowski was born in Poland on 18 February 1903, and studied medicine at Cracow University, where he graduated M.D. in 1930. He was already well established in hospital and general practice when he left Poland in 1945. He arrived in England in 1946, and after a period of hardship and uncertainty he went to Coventry in 1950 to take over the practice of the late Dr. L. Moiser. He became a naturalized British subject in 1956.

Dr. Ustianowski was an outstanding general practitioner, and was completely dedicated to his work. Through his diligence and kindly manner he soon built up a large practice and endeared himself to his patients, who regarded him as a personal friend. He loved children, and had a wonderful friendly approach towards them; in consequence the children loved him.

His favourite form of relaxation was to go fishing, but being an ideal family man he was happiest at home in the company of his charming and devoted wife. Soon after his arrival in Coventry he and his wife designed their new home themselves, and closely followed the building of it. It was natural, therefore, that he should derive such pleasure and happiness from his home and magnificent garden. To his great joy his only grandchild was born eight months ago.

He will be sadly missed. To his wife and son, who is also a doctor, we extend our deepest sympathy.—W. A. R.