

OBITUARY NOTICES

W. CALDER

M.B., CH.B., D.P.M.

Dr. W. Calder, principal medical officer at Brixton Prison, died unexpectedly on 6 March. He was 61.

William Calder, the son of a Scottish Highland farmer, was born on 7 August 1910 and educated at Golspie Secondary School and Edinburgh University, where, after having worked for three months as a preregistration clinical assistant at Fife District Asylum, he graduated in 1933. Assistantships in general practice at Leeds, Whitehaven, and Midcalder were followed in 1935 by an appointment to the staff of Inverness Mental Hospital. As a captain in the R.A.M.C. during the second world war he served in a number of military hospitals, the last three being psychiatric. After the war he returned briefly to general practice, but in 1948 joined the Prison Medical Service at Brixton Prison. Within a year he took the D.P.M. and went to serve in a circuit of five major prisons. While at Lincoln in 1956 he had to have his right eye removed because of a melanoma, but the implications of this did not stop him returning to work as rapidly as possible. In 1964 he was appointed principal medical officer to Brixton Prison. Forensic psychiatry was his whole life, and he used his knowledge in the training of other service doctors and as a visiting lecturer to the Institute of Psychiatry. He was a member of the Medico-Legal Society, and from 1968 to 1971 represented the Prison Medical Service at Annual Representative Meetings of the B.M.A.

Dr. Calder was a most happily married man, rather shy and unassuming but a warm and lively friend to those who knew him. His opinions were firm and definite, and his knowledge and experience of his subject vast. It is regrettable that he did not live to learn of his award of a foundation Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. As a medical witness he was constructive, fair, and always sympathetic to those about whom he was giving evidence. Whenever possible he visited his Highland homeland, engaging in his hobbies of astronomy and birdwatching. He is sadly missed by the Prison Service and by his friends and relatives. His wife survives him.—D.O.T.

J. B. REID

L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S.

Dr. J. B. Reid, formerly in general practice at Galgate, near Lancaster, died at Doon, Ayrshire, on 10 February. He was 70.

James Baird Reid was born at Stevenson, Ayrshire on 30 December 1901 and educated at Stevenson Higher Grade, Ardrossan Academy and Glasgow University, where he qualified in 1929. In 1931 he entered general practice at Wyke, near Bradford, and came to Galgate in 1938, where he re-

mained, apart from war service in the R.A.M.C., until he retired in 1966.

Dr. Reid was by nature cut out for country practice and took a lively interest in the many facets of rural life. His straightforward approach, obvious sincerity, and real concern for his patients soon earned him their trust, respect, and affection. Behind a quiet, unassuming manner lay shrewd judgement, an infectious sense of humour, and an extremely generous nature. A keen cricketer, gardener, beekeeper, and golfer, he was also an active member of the Morecambe Car Club and an enthusiastic and successful rally driver. A collector of old violins, he was himself no mean performer.

Like many Scots he maintained a deep affection for the land of his birth and was an ardent supporter of the Morecambe and Heysham Caledonian Society, of which he became president. When, to the great regret of his patients, failing health prompted his retirement in 1966, it was no surprise that he returned to Ayrshire to take up residence at Doonfoot, where he happily spent his remaining years.

He is survived by his wife and his two sons, one of whom is in general practice.—W.H.

J. HENRY

M.B., B.S.

Dr. J. Henry, who was in general practice at Bradford, Yorkshire, for many years, died suddenly on 3 February at the age of 65.

Joseph Henry was born on 14 December 1906 and educated at Leeds University, where he qualified with the Conjoint diploma in 1930, graduating M.B., B.S. in 1940. During the second world war he served in the Western Desert and was a prisoner of war from 1943 to 1945. After the war he resumed his medical practice and was still actively engaged at the time of his death. He was a Treasury medical officer, an examiner of young entrants to industry, and an appointed factory doctor until that office was changed. Other appointments in industrial medicine were to Remploy and Baird Television at Bradford. He was medical officer to a local psychogeriatric hospital and served on the hospital board at Highroyds Hospital, Menston, as well as being a member of Bradford Local Medical Committee and the Panel Committee before that. An active member of the B.M.A., for a long period he was on the executive committee of the Bradford Division and also served as a representative on the Yorkshire Branch council. In 1967-8 he was chairman of the Bradford Division. His wide experience enabled him to contribute extensively to most matters before these committees and his opinion and advice were greatly appreciated by his colleagues.

Those of us who knew him well will always gratefully remember Dr. Henry's

cheerful and friendly manner and his quiet, unassuming ways. He will be sadly missed by a wide circle of friends both in and outside the profession. His wife and two sons survive him. One of his sons is a medical student.—F.B.C.

W. H. BLAKEMORE

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

Dr. W. H. Blakemore, who was formerly in general practice at Southport, Lancashire, died on 2 March at the age of 83.

William Herbert Blakemore was born at Tyldesley, Lancashire, on 14 January 1889 and educated at Denstone College and Owens College, University of Manchester, where he qualified in 1914. During the first world war he served in the R.A.M.C. and was mentioned in dispatches for gallantry in the field in 1918. The following year he joined his father in general practice at Ingle-side Tyldesley and was medical officer of health there until he left the area in 1936. He continued in general practice in Cheshire and later in Southport until 1942, then working with the Ministry of Pensions, Manchester, until his retirement in 1954.

His wife died in 1945 and there were no children.—A.B.M.

I. CAMPBELL

L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S.

Dr. I. Campbell, who was a general practitioner in Oban for many years, died on 5 March at the age of 74.

Ivor Campbell, the son of a doctor, was born on 14 October 1897 and educated at Oban High School. He began his medical studies at Edinburgh University in 1915 but these were interrupted by war service in the Gas Brigade R.E., during which he was twice wounded and mentioned in dispatches. After several interludes, including one spent as a member of the Scottish Spitzbergen Expedition of 1924, he qualified in 1929. Returning to Oban, Dr. Campbell took over his late father's practice, where he remained until he retired in 1967. He was also medical superintendent of Dallintart Hospital, Oban, and visiting physician to the McKelvie Hospital and Argyll Sanatorium, Oban. Dr. Campbell relinquished these posts in 1948 with the advent of the N.H.S.

Ivor Campbell, a fluent Gaelic speaker, was a town councillor for several years, a Rotarian, and an authority on Oban and its past. A member of the B.M.A. since 1929, at one period he took an active interest in the local division. He was a keen yachtsman in his younger days and also played shinty for Edinburgh University. During the last two years he suffered from ill health and was finally admitted to the hospital he had served so devotedly, and there he died.

His wife died in 1961 and he is survived by a son and two daughters.