

OBITUARY

H V DICKS

MA, MD, FRCP, FRCPSYCH

Dr H V Dicks, honorary consultant psychiatrist to the Tavistock Clinic, London, died on 12 July. He was 77.

Henry Victor Dicks was born on 27 April 1900 at Pernau, then in Russia, his father being a British vice-consul in that town. He was educated at Petrograd; St John's College, Cambridge; and St Bartholomew's Hospital. During the first world war he served in the second battalion of the Artists' Rifles. Speaking English, German, Russian, and French, he became an interpreter with Military Intelligence. He saw service with the British Expeditionary Force in North Russia in 1918-19 and with the British military mission to General Denikin in South Russia and the Caucasus. At Barts it was even rumoured that he had been a colonel in the Cossacks.

He qualified in medicine in 1926, proceeded MD in 1930, and was elected FRCP in 1947. He was a foundation fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. After house appointments at Barts and Bethlem Royal Hospital he was a clinical assistant at the Tavistock Clinic and then became chief assistant to Sir Thomas Horder's firm at Barts. From 1928 till 1946 he was physician at the Tavistock Clinic, and from 1934 assistant medical director. At the outbreak of the second world war he was also psychiatric specialist, Emergency Medical Service, at Stanborough, Hertfordshire. From 1941 to 1946 he was command psychiatrist, London District, with the rank of major, RAMC. One of his special duties in 1941 was the medical care of Rudolf Hess. For two years he was with Military Intelligence to do research and advise on German morale. He held the rank of lieutenant-colonel. In 1944-5 he was with the psychological warfare division of SHAEF. In 1945-6 he was with the Control Commission for Germany to advise among other things on the de-Nazification of German personnel. When the war had ended he became full-time professor in the new department of psychiatry at Leeds University, but resigned the following year because he could not see himself settling down to the city. He was consultant psychiatrist to Leeds General Infirmary and the West Riding Mental Hospitals Board. In 1948 he was reappointed consultant psychiatrist to the adult department of the Tavistock Clinic and held the post until 1965, when he became honorary consultant. From 1966 to 1970 he was senior research officer at the Columbus Centre for research in collective psychopathology at the University of Sussex.

Dr Dicks held office in many professional societies. He was a member of council of the British Psychological Society and of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. In 1954 he was principal speaker at the annual conference of the National Association for Mental Health and presented its evidence to the Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce.

He was chairman of the training committee on marital dynamics of the Family Planning Association. He was active in the World Federation for Mental Health and as a member of the co-operating committee for WHO in Britain. Among his many publications, *Marital Tensions*, published in 1967, is still widely read. In 1972 his *Licensed Mass Murder* appeared, a sociopsychological study of some Nazi killers, also published in French, Italian, and Spanish. In his leisure he was fond of travel. He studied architecture and Eastern religions. But his greatest interest was in music: he was an accomplished violinist and played in several chamber groups and orchestras, including the London Medical Orchestra. Dr Dicks is survived by his wife Maud and by two daughters and two sons.

J S MacVINE

MB, BS, FRCSED, FRCOG

Mr J S MacVine, honorary consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist to the Central Middlesex and Acton hospitals, died on 3 July. He was 71.

John Sinclair MacVine was born on 4 April 1906 at Palmer's Green, London, where his



father was in general practice. He followed family tradition and entered St Bartholomew's Hospital, where he had a distinguished undergraduate career, winning the Mathews Duncan prize in midwifery in 1929. He qualified with the Conjoint diploma in 1930 and took the MB, BS in 1932. He held posts in the professorial surgical unit and in the department of obstetrics at Barts. After other resident appointments and a period as a ship's surgeon, Jack, or Mac as he was affectionately known, decided to dedicate himself to the specialty for which he had shown a flair at Barts. He became an assistant medical officer at the Central Middlesex Hospital in the newly developing department of obstetrics and gynaecology. He took the MRCOG in 1936 and the FRCSEd in 1940. That year he was appointed senior consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at the hospital.

He brought considerable skill to those committed to his care. His courtly manner and the warmth and charm of his personality, full of kindly good will, made him extremely popular with his staff, colleagues, and patients. He was a teacher of students from the Middlesex Hospital and for many years an examiner for the Central Midwives Board and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

In 1959 he was elected FRCOG. He married Daphne Vieusseux, a childhood friend, in 1942. Her devotion and encouragement played a great part in his professional success. Together they indulged their hobby of travelling, visiting many countries where they were welcomed by a host of his former pupils. He was a devoted husband and father, and delighted in the achievements of his three children. His latter years were clouded by an insidious illness that led to his premature retirement, but he bore his trials with his usual fortitude and good humour. Jack MacVine was beloved and respected by all who knew him, and his passing will be mourned by countless friends and patients.—TGIJ.

W N CHISHOLM

MBE, TD, MB, CHB, FRCSED, DOBSTRCOG

Mr W N Chisholm, formerly consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist to the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board, died on 16 June. He was 76.

William Noble Chisholm was born at Perth and educated at Perth Academy and Edinburgh University, graduating in medicine in 1924.

RHWJ and IWC write: With the passing of William Chisholm not only has medicine lost a fine representative of the profession but also those who knew him realise that they have lost a fine friend. After qualifying he undertook numerous house appointments in the south of England before returning to Edinburgh to take the FRCS in 1928. From the start his obvious interest was in obstetrics and gynaecology, but he had a superb flare for administration and was appointed medical superintendent to Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston, in 1935 and subsequently in a similar capacity at Park Hospital, Manchester. He joined the TA, and with the advent of war in 1939 Park Hospital became the headquarters of the 5th Western General Hospital RAMC, where William became captain and subsequently major registrar. He subsequently became a surgical specialist in 21 Army Group, serving in north-west Europe and doing war surgery in forward hospital areas under most difficult conditions. For his work he was appointed MBE.

After demobilisation in 1945 he was appointed consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist combined with medical superintendent at Whiston Hospital under the auspices of the Lancashire County Council. With the advent of the NHS in 1948 it was typical of William to have his plans organised for the take-over by the State. He was closely concerned in the formation of the medical advisory board of St Helens HMC and served as secretary for many years. His main love was clinical work, and his post as consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist gave him great pleasure. He made it his duty to be on the ward, away from his administrative office, by mid-morning

whenever this was possible, and it is as a consultant of the highest calibre that he is best remembered by the many mothers to whom he gave of his skills over the years.

On retirement he went to live at Shawford, near Winchester. He had a most beautiful garden, which became his absorbing interest, but he also took a wide interest in the cultural life of Winchester and acquired a large circle of friends. He maintained his contact with medicine through his membership of the Winchester Division of the BMA. A deeply religious man, he became sidesman of the parish church at Old Compton. He is survived by his devoted wife Ella and by his daughter.

W DONNELLY

MB, BCH, BAO

Dr William Donnelly, a Sheffield general practitioner, died on 10 June. He was 72.

William Donnelly, always known as Bill, was born at Mulranney on Achill Sound in the west of Ireland, the son of a schoolmaster. He followed an elder brother into medicine and graduated at the National University of Ireland in 1928. After house appointments at Mercer's Hospital he served for some time as an assistant at Thurnscoe, south Yorkshire, before moving to Sheffield in 1932. He retired from practice three years ago. An active member of the BMA, he was chairman of the Sheffield Division in 1966-7. For some time he represented the NUI on the court of Sheffield University.

Dr Donnelly was a kind and devoted doctor, much loved by his patients. It is a great privilege to have known his friendship and shared the hospitality of his home. He is survived by his wife, five sons, and two daughters, one of the latter being a dental surgeon.—FJPO'G.

W N HINE

MC, MRCS, LRCP

Dr W N Hine, who was in general practice at Pershore, Worcestershire, died on 21 May while undergoing a heart operation. He was 69.

William Neville Hine was born at Newark, the son of Dr Hugh Hine. He was educated at Epsom College and trained at the Middlesex Hospital, qualifying in 1932 and then joining his father's practice at Newark. In the second world war he served with a medical unit in the Eighth Army in the Western Desert as a surgical specialist. In March 1943 he was awarded the Military Cross, the citation stating that he operated calmly through a dive-bomb attack near Tripoli, carrying out an amputation and tending 28 other men in the open under a hail of bursting ammunition. When the war ended he entered general practice at Pershore, becoming the senior partner of an expanding practice in 1965. He remained active until his admission to hospital. He brought to his work great kindness, approachability, and willingness to help, which will be greatly missed by his patients and colleagues. His special interest was the Pershore Cottage Hospital, where he operated as a GP surgeon until he was 60. With his wife he was largely responsible for the revival of the very active Friends of the Hospital and for developments designed to keep it a viable unit. He was also

concerned in the planning of the Pershore Health Centre, which opened shortly before he died. Among many other medical interests he was medical officer for many years of the Worcester Red Cross Society and was LMC representative on the Worcester Development Project.

A keen philatelist, Dr Hine collected Red Cross stamps from all over the world and compiled a unique collection which he presented to the British Red Cross Society and which is now on permanent display in London. He played a large part in local activities, to all of which he brought great cheerfulness, drive, and practical help. He was a keen Freemason for most of his life, belonging to the Newark and Avon lodges and holding provincial office.

He is survived by his wife Mary and by his son and daughter.—JMW.

L FENTON

MB, BCH, BAO

Dr Leonard Fenton, who was in general practice at Accrington, Lancashire, died on 10 July soon after being taken ill on the golf course. He was 51.

Leonard Fenton was born in County Antrim and educated at Ballyclare High School before receiving his medical education at Queen's University, Belfast, where he graduated in 1951. In his youth he was a fine athlete and won many competitions on the sprint track. At university and after graduation he became an accomplished soccer player and played as an amateur in Irish League football. After a spell in general practice at Portadown he went to Accrington in 1953 to enter partnership. For 24 years until his untimely death he enjoyed the love and respect of his many patients, whom he most faithfully served.

Lennie always retained his eye for the ball, and when only 12 years ago he took up golf he rapidly became a very good player in that sport also. A few years ago he was honoured to be appointed captain of his golf club. Many will mourn his loss. He is survived by his wife Joyce, who so ably supported him in his practice, by seven children, and by his mother and sister in Ireland.—HHS.

N J HESSION

MB, BCH, BAO

Dr N J Hession, a former consultant in infectious diseases at York and adjacent areas, died on 4 July. He was 75.

Nicholas James Hession was born in Ireland in November 1901. His early education was at St Jarlath's College, Tuam, and after taking a medical degree at University College, Galway, he came to England and worked at hospitals at Ashton-upon-Lyne and Hull. He moved to York in 1935 as medical officer to the then City Infirmary and the Yearsley Bridge Hospital, later becoming physician to the newly opened City (General) Hospital. On the setting up of the NHS he was appointed consultant in infectious diseases in the York area and served as such until his retirement in November 1966. He was a quiet and self-effacing but completely committed physician; gentle, kindly, and devoted to patients' welfare but unremitting in his efforts to control as well as treat infectious disease. He won the

affection of medical and nursing staff, who respected his standards and helped to enforce them. He and his wife Isabel, also a doctor, were blessed by an exceedingly happy marriage. He loved Yorkshire and retired to the village of Huntington, near York, where he took much pleasure in his garden. He found his greatest joy in the company of his wife, daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren.—RSS, JAE.

A J BYRNE

MRCS, LRCP

Dr A J Byrne, who had been in general practice at Leyton, London, died on 14 July. He was 66.

Arthur John Byrne was educated at the Central Foundation School and went from there to the London Hospital as a State scholar. He had a distinguished career as a student, winning many prizes, including the double Dunn prizes—a unique achievement in the history of the medical college. After qualifying with the Conjoint diploma in 1932 he held resident house appointments at Lewisham General Hospital and then entered general practice in 1934. He was a busy, well-beloved GP, and because of his sound knowledge of medicine and his kind personality he had a large personal following. Despite years of suffering, culminating in radiotherapy and major surgery, he returned to full-time work. Before this he had been very active in social affairs and was a keen supporter of the Leyton Orient Football Club, of which he was chairman for some years. He was a regular attender at the Whipps Cross Hospital postgraduate meetings. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.—AP.

A V HILL

CH, OBE, MA, SCD, LLD, FRS

SLB writes from India: I was deeply grieved to learn of the death of Professor A V Hill (obituary, 2 July, p 51). He was a very dear friend and I had the good fortune of knowing him since my student days at Cambridge in 1910-13, when he was demonstrator in anatomy. When I was professor of physiology at Grant Medical College, Bombay, we kept in touch and he considered me as one of his family, happily giving me his advice whenever I approached him for it. He established his reputation as a mathematician who dealt with physiological problems very effectively, and he leaves an everlasting image in the scientific world.

M F LUCAS KEENE

DSC, MB, BS, FRCS

RJL writes from Malta: Mary Frances Lucas Keene (obituary, 28 May, p 1422) was an outstanding beauty. I well remember my old chief, Professor Wood Jones, speaking of this in about 1950. He recalled how she had visited him in Army uniform on her way to the first world war, saying, "She looked so damned pretty that I nearly kissed her." I told this to Mary Frances a few weeks later and her comment was, "Well, why didn't he?"