

OBITUARY NOTICES

A. JORDAN

M.B., B.S., DÈS SCI., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.PATH., F.R.I.C.

Dr. Arthur Jordan, consultant chemical pathologist emeritus to the United Sheffield Hospitals, died on 2 September, aged 67. He had retired a few years prematurely because of ill health.

Born at Winton, Lancashire, on 20 April 1908, Arthur Jordan spent much of his early life studying and being employed in the field of chemistry on the Continent. He became Ingénieur-chimiste de l'Ecole Supérieure de Chimie at Mulhouse in 1927 and Docteur de l'Université de Strasbourg (mention in sciences) in 1931. After holding



posts in chemistry at Mulhouse and as works chemist at Pfastatt-le-Château, Haut Rhin, he returned to England to study medicine at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, qualifying with the Conjoint diploma in 1937 and graduating M.B.,

B.S. the following year. After occupying general medical posts at Barts and at the Eastern Dispensary and having been demonstrator of chemical pathology at Barts from 1939 to 1942, he was assistant pathologist E.M.S. at Hill End Hospital, St. Albans.

Arthur Jordan's service in the R.A.M.C. between 1942 and 1946 took him to Algiers, Rome, and Singapore. He served with quiet distinction as major, lieutenant-colonel, and colonel, becoming deputy director of pathology, South-east Asia Command, Singapore, in 1946. Later that year he was appointed the first consultant chemical pathologist at Sheffield. Subsequently and in rapid succession he became honorary lecturer in clinical biochemistry in Sheffield University; honorary consultant, Sheffield Regional Hospital Board; adviser in chemical pathology to the Derby group of hospitals; and honorary director and professor associate in Sheffield University. Arthur Jordan effectively founded the university department of chemical pathology. He served on advisory committees to the Ministry of Health and later the D.H.S.S., and had many other national, international, and local commitments, often as chairman. In 1964-5 he was president of the Association of Clinical Pathologists. He was elected M.R.C.P. in 1942, F.R.C.P. in 1960, and F.R.I.C. in 1961. In 1964 he was a founder fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists.

With his unique expertise at the bedside and in the laboratory, Arthur Jordan was an ideal chemical pathologist. Universally respected by patients and colleagues alike, he

will be remembered for his kind and friendly personality. His outstanding ability as a combined physician and pathologist and as a teacher and supporter of research will also be remembered by members of the Sheffield Medical School. He is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.—E.K.B.

R. M. S. McCONAGHEY

O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.G.P.

Dr. R. M. S. McConaghey, a family doctor at Dartmouth and for many years editor of the *Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners*, died on 21 August after a long illness. He was 68.

Richard Maurice Sotherton McConaghey was born on 15 September 1906 and graduated in medicine from Edinburgh University in 1931, proceeding M.D. in 1947. A family

doctor of the old school, he was greatly loved and respected in his home town. He played an active part in the life of his community and founded several associations such as the Dartmouth League of Friends and the Dartmouth Rotary Club, and was president of the swimming

and pensioners' clubs. Numerous medical organizations benefited from his quiet advice, including the Devon Local Medical Committee, the Devon and Exeter Executive Council, and the Torquay and District Medical Society, of which he was a former president. He served as representative and chairman of the Torquay Division of the B.M.A., and was a former president of its South-western Branch. A founder member of the South-west England Faculty Board of the College of General Practitioners, he was its first vice-chairman and later its provost for two years. He was a member of the council of the Medical Defence Union until his final illness.

Mac, as he was known, was a staunch supporter of general practice throughout his life and in 1952 was invited to serve on the foundation council of the College of General Practitioners, the only general practitioner from the whole of the south-west region. Right from the start he plunged into the life of the new college and quickly emerged as a hard worker and influential thinker. At some time or other he worked with almost every standing committee and in his time was chairman of the awards committee, the library committee, the publication committee, and the editorial board. From the research committee and its early newsletter he reached the role of editor, his natural



[Photo J.R.C.G.P.]

niche. Slowly and carefully during his 17 years at the helm he gradually converted an unknown private newsletter into an international scientific journal. Ably assisted by the business manager, Miss Irene Scawn, he transformed the method of publication and built up an overseas subscription list which led to the *Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners* being read all over the world. It has been said that in the early years McConaghey had to rewrite many of the manuscripts himself and add the references from his own library. When he retired his journal's presentation matched that of the professionals and its articles were quoted wherever general practice was seriously studied. McConaghey brought to general practice an entirely new form of communication, the first academic medium through which general practitioners everywhere could talk to and teach one another.

Scholar, doctor, historian, editor, he was honoured in many ways. He delivered the 1964 Gale memorial lecture and the 1965 James Mackenzie lecture, and in 1965 was appointed O.B.E. He was elected F.R.C.G.P. in 1967 and received in 1970 the first George Abercrombie award for his services to the literature of general practice and for his work on his journal. He symbolized the generation to which he belonged by working on this almost singlehanded and in having the journal office in his home. It is in the finest tradition of the college that he helped to found and loved so much that all this should have been achieved from an ordinary general practice at Dartmouth by a quiet, dignified, and determined family doctor. Dr McConaghey is survived by his wife and two daughters and by his mother.

G. STEWART SMITH

O.B.E., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.PATH.

Dr. G. Stewart Smith, consultant pathologist emeritus at Exeter, died on 24 August after a short illness. He was 72.

George Stewart Smith was born on 30 October 1902. A foundation scholar at Manchester Grammar School, he graduated in medicine from Manchester University in

1924, proceeding M.D. with gold medal in 1931. In 1937 he was appointed director of pathology services for the Manchester municipal hospitals and Home Office pathologist to the North-west Forensic Science Laboratory. During the second world war he accepted responsibility for much of the pathology service in the Manchester area. Despite



this arduous work he found time in 1941 to obtain an M.A. in administration at Manchester University. The subject of his thesis, the organization of a national health service, showed his particular interest in medical administration. During this period two other interests, forensic pathology and criminal law, also came to full fruition. In 1949 he left Manchester to become consultant pathologist to the Exeter clinical area. During the next 25 years he pioneered the development of the pathology services at Exeter and in Devon, playing a major part in the planning of the new department of pathology and public health laboratory at Exeter. He became a key figure in medical administration during his 15 years as a member of the South-western Regional Hospital Board. His service upon local committees in Devon and Exeter was vast and invaluable. He was President of the Association of Clinical Pathologists, 1961-2, and a founder fellow and member of the original council of the Royal College of Pathologists. After his retirement in 1967 he became chairman of the Exeter and Mid-Devon Hospital Management Committee, remaining in that post until the reorganization of the N.H.S. in 1974. From the time of its inception in 1963 he played a major part in the development of the Post-graduate Medical Institute of Exeter University, and he was also chairman of the trustees of the Northcott Devon Medical Foundation. He was appointed O.B.E. in 1974.

Dr. Stewart Smith was a particularly good teacher. Many will remember the twinkle in the eyes over the half-rim spectacles that accompanied an apparently innocuous but heavily loaded question. He will be remembered not only for his great ability as a general and forensic pathologist and medical administrator but also as a very wise and approachable man. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.—F.S.W.B.

I.B.S. writes: Dr. Stewart Smith's influence on the hospital services in the South-western Region was profound, and not only the pathology services but most other aspects of the Service benefited from his far-sightedness and leadership. The development of locally organized clinical research in the region owed much to his enthusiasm, and his keen personal interest in the younger members of the profession was shown in his chairmanship of the Joint Registrars Committee. Countless applicants for registrar posts will have reason to remember his kindly welcome and helpful advice. He was an ideal committee chairman, warm, shrewd, humorous, with a firm underlying purpose and a remarkable ability to make progress in discussion and to arrive at difficult decisions without hurting feelings. Very many people in all walks of life will feel that in his passing they have lost a much loved friend and helper.

F.H. writes: Dr. Stewart Smith had a great affection for the Association of Clinical Pathologists and was a well-loved figure at its meetings for many years. In the spring of this year he took an active part in the organization of the association's meeting in his own city, and many of his friends rejoiced to see him again on that occasion and to find him so little changed by the years. He could always be relied upon to bring a discussion to life, whether it was concerned with histology, in which field he was a master, or with some wider aspect of the

specialty to whose interests he was so devoted. He carried his learning easily and his habitual lightness of touch and whimsical manner could deceive those who did not know him into missing the underlying seriousness that was always there. He will be sadly missed, for men with his gifts are all too rare.

H. LORD

M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.ED.

Mr. H. Lord, surgeon at Colwyn Bay and West Denbighshire Hospital from 1929 to 1966, died on 13 August. He was 74.

Herbert Lord was born on 11 April 1901 and educated at Giggleswick School and University College Hospital, qualifying in 1924. After resident appointments at U.C.H. and the Royal Northern and Royal Berkshire hospitals he took the F.R.C.S.Ed. in 1927. Illness of his father, a respected general practitioner at Colwyn Bay, led Herbert to return to the family practice in 1928 and a year later he was appointed surgeon to Colwyn Bay and West Denbighshire Hospital, a post he held with distinction until statutory retirement in 1966. Other appointments included medical officer to Rydal School and Rydal Preparatory School from 1928 to 1971 and to Penrhos College from 1945 to 1971. He was a loyal and active member of the B.M.A., the Colwyn Bay Medical Society, and the Medical Officers of Schools Association.

It cannot have been an easy thing for a young man to follow a greatly honoured father, but Herbert's brilliance was soon recognized and for more than 40 years he served the people of West Denbighshire in a unique way. His qualities of courage, insight, scrupulous care, and concern for people were rewarded with love and affection. No one who knew him could have wished for a better colleague or friend. He was loved and respected in his church, in Rotary, at the schools which he served with unforgettable devotion, and by his patients and medical colleagues. Through most of his time as doctor at Colwyn Bay he was wonderfully supported by his wife Helen. Their home was a centre of happy activity, and hospitality came naturally to them. Helen's death in 1967 was a sad blow to him and all the family. In 1970 he married again and an equally happy marriage united Eileen's family and his.—O.D.

A. G. HUCKER

B.SC., L.M.S.S.A., D.P.M., M.R.C.PSYCH., A.K.C.

Dr. A. G. Hucker, consultant psychiatrist and physician superintendent at Coldharbour Hospital, Sherborne, Dorset, died suddenly on 30 June. He was 58.

Albany George Hucker was born on 24 July 1916 and educated at Whitgift School, Croydon, receiving his medical training at Westminster Hospital. He went to Dorset in the early 1950's with an increasing reputation as a doctor interested in the active treatment of mental illness. At a time when effective treatment at last led to radical changes in mental hospitals, he played his part in developments at the Herrison Hospital, and his work there is still remembered with warmth and affection by senior members of

staff. Later, after an initial period at Coldharbour Hospital, he moved to Old Manor Hospital at Salisbury, where he continued to gain in experience and to absorb the lessons of the changing pattern of psychiatric care. In 1968 he returned to Coldharbour as physician superintendent.

Always a thorough man, Dr. Hucker aimed to develop a truly multidisciplinary approach in his work. The ideals of Coldharbour Hospital and its increasing recognition as one of the leaders of progressive care bear testimony to his achievement. In planning he was already shaping a future community service that would further unravel the knots of bleak custodial care. A thoughtful and kind colleague, he gave up much of his time to try to build a better health service. For his patients he was a champion, always at his fiercest when he thought their interests were threatened by thoughtlessness or unfairness. He is survived by his wife and his medical student son.—D.D.

A. J. E. ROWE

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., M.R.C.PSYCH., M.A.N.Z.C.P.

Dr. A. J. E. Rowe, consultant psychiatrist to the New South Wales Health Commission, has died at the age of 59.

Arthur John Edgcombe Rowe was born on 20 July 1915 and qualified at St. Mary's Hospital in 1943. After serving in the Royal Air Force he went to Canada and practised psychiatry in Saskatchewan and Vancouver. Returning to Britain, he took the D.P.M. in 1953 and worked for a while at the Maudsley and Park Prewett. He then worked as a psychiatrist in the pharmaceutical industry and travelled extensively. In 1968 he became consultant psychiatrist to the New South Wales Health Commission and to the Royal Australian Navy. His main interest was in alcohol and drug dependence.

John was very popular, a witty conversationalist and a patient listener. He died soon after returning to Britain and will be mourned by a wide circle of friends. He is survived by his wife, who is also a doctor, and by his son and daughter.—M.A.R.G.

A. MATHER

M.B.E., M.B., CH.B.

Dr. A. Mather, who was in general practice at Darlington, County Durham, died suddenly and unexpectedly on 17 August. He was 55.

Alexander Mather was born on 3 June 1920 and qualified at Edinburgh in 1945. He spent some time as a medical officer at Stockton and Thornaby Hospital, after which he served in the R.A.F. for two years. Part of this time was spent in Palestine, when he was appointed M.B.E. He joined the practice of his late uncle at Darlington in 1948 and practised in the area until he died. An enthusiastic member of the B.M.A., he was chairman of the Darlington Division in the middle 'sixties. He was a keen golfer and was vice-chairman of Dinsdale Spa Golf Club at the time of his death.

Dr. Mather was a fine general practitioner and will be greatly missed by his many friends and patients. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.—A.M.