

Obituary Notices

W. L. TEMPLETON, M.D., F.F.HOM.

Dr. W. L. Templeton, honorary consultant physician at the Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital, died on 28 January after a protracted illness which caused his retirement in 1959.

William Lees Templeton was born on 18 November 1896 in Glasgow, educated at Allen Glen's School, and entered the medical faculty at Glasgow University. Two years later, in common with many of his friends, he joined the Lanarkshire Yeomanry and served on the Western front, happily surviving the many hazards of trench warfare. He returned to Glasgow on demobilization and graduated M.B., Ch.B. with commendation in 1921. After house appointments in the Glasgow Victoria Infirmary, the London Homoeopathic Hospital, and the City of London Mental Hospital at Dartford



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he went to Vienna to study at the Wenkebach and von Pirquet Clinics. It was while there that he became interested in the aetiology of schizophrenia, on which he wrote his M.D. thesis in 1924. A brief stay in Bristol, followed by a short experience of general practice in London, preceded his joining the staff of the Homoeopathic Hospital in 1927, and becoming consultant with special interest in neurology in 1935. All through the second world war he worked ceaselessly, treating his many patients with little regard for his own safety, and during the night vigils he often kept his colleagues amused with his doggerel rhymes.

After the war he took a leading part in formulating the Act of Parliament which established the Faculty of Homoeopathy, of which he was a president. He had always been keen on teaching, and under his influence as dean the postgraduate school of the Faculty became widely known throughout Britain and the Continent, where he was already well known as vice-president of the International Homoeopathic League. As medical tutor to the nursing staff he kept them and himself abreast of the many advances then taking place in medicine. As a result of his experiences in the first world

war he had always been interested in the after effects of war gases, and in collaboration with the late Dr. John Paterson and other volunteers he carried out a small series of trials on these.

In 1949 Dr. Templeton became chairman of the hospital's medical advisory committee, an office he held for eight years, and, with Sir John Weir, established the Homoeopathic Hospital as an integral part of the National Health Service but preserving its individual character. He took an active part in arranging the centenary celebrations at which the hospital was granted the title "royal."

It was during this post-war period that I was privileged to know him. I found him an enthusiastic and progressive chief, always available and willing to help with any difficult case. His patients held him in high esteem, and many owe their lives to his efforts.

The loss of his wife, to whom he was devoted, was a sad blow, and he endured a trying illness with remarkable courage. Beneath his brusque manner lay a highly sensitive nature, and he will be remembered as an enthusiastic, modest, and talented doctor who devoted his life to his patients and homoeopathy.

He is survived by three sons.—C. O. K.

J. C. PRESTWICH, M.A., B.M., B.CH., M.R.C.P.

Dr. J. C. Prestwich, senior consultant physician to the Portsmouth Group of Hospitals, died at his home on 10 January. He was 61.

James Clifford Prestwich was born near Blackpool on 21 August 1907, educated at Arnold's School, and started his undergraduate training as a theological student at Keble College, Oxford. He was an unorthodox student, for his first move on seeing his rooms was to call for a firm of interior decorators. This was perhaps the beginning of a schism between him and his theological tutor which lasted the best part of a year, and culminated in the acquisition by the college of one of its most successful medical



students. He became a Bachelor of Arts in 1929, and Master of Arts in 1931. He continued his medical education at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he graduated B.M., B.Ch. in 1937, and went to the Hammett Postgraduate Medical School, where he was assistant to the late Professor Sharpey-Schafer. Other appointments followed, then in 1941 he was made assistant physician at

St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. He was the second full-time physician to be appointed to Portsmouth, and was physician and physician-in-charge of children at St. Mary's Hospital and later physician to the Royal Hospital. He took the M.R.C.P. in 1944. At the inception of the Health Service he became physician to the Portsmouth Group of Hospitals and consultant physician to St. James's Hospital. His particular ability in dealing with children resulted in his being appointed adviser in child health to the medical officer of health.

Prestwich was an enthusiastic medical administrator, being one of the original members of the Portsmouth Hospital Management Committee, where his experience and tact were invaluable. He was also chairman of the medical advisory committee and of the consultants and specialists association, and a member of the medical advisory committee of the South-west Metropolitan Board. Despite his seniority the junior staff were always able to approach him with a problem, with every confidence that any justifiable complaint would be corrected whatever the opposition. To his wise advice many of his past registrars and house-physicians owe their present positions.

"Presto," as he liked to be called, was ebullient and irrepressible, sometimes intransigent but always lovable, and the world seems smaller and duller without him. Life for him was sharing with his friends the things he enjoyed. His close friends will

remember most his generosity and hospitality—evenings at his dinner table perhaps, or a day at the races. In small gatherings he was at his splendid best, reminiscing about the past or exploding about the present, but always there was laughter and never rancour. Before illness enforced restrictions some years ago his energy was prodigious. His day started regularly at six o'clock with reading or gardening, and he could outlast the rest at night. He had a sharp mind, and, though he denied academic brilliance, he had a remarkable facility for seeing through the intricacies of a problem whether clinical or administrative.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, who helped him so much in his work, and to his two daughters, of whom he was very proud. One of them is now a medical student at his old teaching hospital.—G. S. G., I. M. McL., F. L. W., J. O. W.

C. F. MACDONALD, F.R.A.C.P., F.F.R. D.M.R.E.

Dr. C. F. Macdonald, formerly director of radiology at the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne, and a medical historian and orator of great renown in his own city, died suddenly in Melbourne on 11 January at the age of 73.

Colin Ferguson Macdonald was born in Toorak, Victoria, on 20 May 1895, of Scottish parents. He was educated at Scotch

College, Melbourne, and at Ormond College in the University of Melbourne, where he graduated M.B., B.S. in 1918. After graduation, and having served three years in house appointments, he entered general practice in Warracknabeal, a wheat town in North-western Victoria, 200 miles from the city. At that time it was possessed of no x-ray services. Keenly feeling the need for more precise methods of diagnosis, Macdonald proceeded to England for the post-graduate study of radiology. The only systematic instruction then was through the Cambridge Diploma of Medical Radiology and Electrolgy, which he duly acquired. He became assistant radiologist at King's College Hospital under Dr. Robert Knox, one of the British pioneers in radiology. Returning to Melbourne, he became partner in turn to Sir Stanley Argyle and to Dr. Herbert Hewlett—both pioneers in this specialty—Hewlett having commenced x-ray work in 1896. He was appointed honorary radiologist at the Children's Hospital in succession to Hewlett and was elected some years later to be president of the Paediatric Society of Victoria.

In 1927 Macdonald was appointed the first radiologist to the Women's Hospital—later to become director of radiology when this position was created. He contributed many articles on radiology to various journals and wrote the chapter on "Radiology in Obstetrics" in a *Text Book of Obstetrics* by Professor L. Townsend in 1964.

His other interests were education and Australian history. He was president of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria from 1959 to 1961. He was a founder of the section of medical history of the Victorian Branch of the B.M.A. under the original chairmanship of Professor F. Wood Jones, and later became its President. He will be long remembered in Melbourne as a distinguished exponent of the declining art of oratory and as a wide-ranging enthusiast who yet had a cultured taste and a keen discrimination.

He married in 1920 Margaret, daughter of John Mitchell. To her and to her two sons we extend our deepest sympathy. He had enjoyed a long and most happy married life.—R. L.

P. TYTLER, M.B., CH.B.

Dr. P. Tytler, a general practitioner in the most northerly part of the British Isles, died on 28 December at the New Gilbert Bain Hospital, Lerwick, after a long illness. He was 53.

Peter Tytler was born on 26 July 1915, and received his medical education at Aberdeen University, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1940. After a house appointment at Perth Royal Infirmary he joined the R.A.M.C., and served on the Burma front, where he was attached to an Indian Field Ambulance, and he survived the hardships of the Arakan "Box." On demobilization he took further house appointments before returning to Scotland as an assistant in general practice in Ardersier, and in 1954 he came to Lerwick to assist his brother-in-law. He was soon after appointed to the Island of Unst,

and for four years was the most northerly medical practitioner in the United Kingdom. He transferred in 1958 to the parish of Northmavine, Shetland, and remained there until his death.

Peter Tytler was a quiet and unassuming man whose first interest was the welfare of his patients, and in spite of failing health he continued to attend to their medical needs in the face of winter weather and tiring journeys by Land Rover. He was a loyal colleague, and will be missed at local medical meetings.

He is survived by his wife, daughter, and three sons.—J. A. H.

J. C. A. RENSHAW, M.B., CH.B. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.OBST.R.C.O.G.

Dr. J. C. A. Renshaw, a general practitioner in Gainsborough, Lincs, died suddenly at his home on 7 January at the early age of 51.

John Clive Aspinall Renshaw, the son of a doctor, was born on 15 January 1917. He studied medicine at the University of Manchester and graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1939 and took the Conjoint diploma in the same year. After holding house appointments, including one under Sir Harry Platt, he joined the R.A.M.C. and served with the 8th Army in the Western Desert and in Italy, and was in France at the time of the Normandy landings. After demobilization with the rank of captain he obtained an obstetric appointment and took his D.Obst. R.C.O.G. in 1950. He then became obstetrician to the West Riding County Council at the Mexborough Hospital before going into general practice in Gainsborough, where he remained until his death.

John Renshaw was a man of the highest ethical standards and a strong sense of medical tradition. While obstetrics remained his first love and main interest, he devoted himself to all his patients, and the elderly in particular remember him for his kindness and patience. He never sought the limelight, but nevertheless he was much sought after for advice in professional matters, where his opinion was greatly valued. He will be sadly missed by friends, colleagues, and patients. Sympathy is extended to his wife, two sons who are in the medical profession, and a daughter who is a medical student.—C. W. P.

MARGARET SWETE, M.B., B.S. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dr. Margaret Swete died on 15 January, at the age of 69, after a long illness.

Margaret Swete, who was born in Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, on 5 August 1899, came from a medical family, her father and grandfather both being members of the profession. Educated at Christ's Hospital, Hertford, she then entered the London School of Medicine for Women, and qualified with the Conjoint diploma from the Royal Free Hospital in 1924 and graduated M.B., B.S. in the same year. After a short term of private practice in Cardiff, she joined the Lady Cromer Dispensary in Cairo, where she

became the senior medical officer. In 1943 she returned to Britain and to her native Pembrokeshire, where she again took up private practice in partnership with three colleagues. She remained in this thriving practice until 1962, when ill health enforced her retirement. A long period of illness followed, which she bore with a characteristic fortitude.

Her concern for and devotion to her professional calling will long be remembered.—D. L. W.

HELEN ELIZABETH WORSLEY M.B., CH.B., D.C.H.

Dr. Helen Elizabeth Worsley, who was in medical practice at Rochdale, died on 24 November 1968 at the early age of 39.

Helen Elizabeth Worsley was born at Darwen, Lancashire, on 7 May 1929, and graduated M.B., Ch.B. at Liverpool University in 1953. She held house posts in Manchester, Rochdale, and Blackburn, and in 1955, while at Withington Hospital, Manchester, she took the D.Obst.R.C.O.G. A year later she took the D.C.H. while working at the Duchess of York Hospital, Manchester. Registrar appointments followed until 1964, when she entered a general practice partnership in Rochdale, but did not entirely loose her ties with Hope Hospital, where she continued to work in the outpatient diabetic clinic.

Dr. Worsley was a conscientious and dedicated worker who invariably put the interest of the patient above self. During her four short years in Rochdale she became increasingly popular with her patients and colleagues alike. All who knew her will sadly mourn her untimely death.—W. T. G.

J. E. SCALES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dr. J. E. Scales, a general practitioner in Radstock, Somerset, from 1910 until his retirement through ill-health in 1938, died on 28 December in Beaconsfield, Bucks, at the age of 86.

John Edwin Scales was born on 2 October 1882, and was educated at Ruthin Grammar School and received his medical education at Guy's Hospital, London, qualifying with the Conjoint diploma in 1905. He immediately went into general practice and until 1910 was an assistant in several practices in the north of England. In 1910 he went into partnership in Radstock, Somerset.

He was a sincere and conscientious individual, who devoted his life to his patients, and without doubt it was this which brought about his early retirement. He was a medical officer of health for Norton and Radstock Urban District Council, and anaesthetist to Poulton Cottage Hospital. He was keenly interested in and gave much of his spare time to the Order of St. John, and in recognition he was made an honorary life member in 1923 and a serving brother in May 1938. During the war years he helped in various practices, and retired finally in 1946.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara.—J. T. S.