

## OBITUARY NOTICES

## G. M. J. SLOT

M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Dr. G. M. J. Slot, consulting physician to the Royal Waterloo Hospital and well known in medicopolitical circles, died suddenly at Famagusta, Cyprus, on 6 April where he was to attend the Annual Clinical Meeting of the B.M.A. He was 73.

Gerald Maurice Joseph Slot was born at Johannesburg on 29 June 1898 and educated at St. Paul's School, London; St. John's College, Oxford, where he was an exhibitor; and at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he graduated with honours in medicine in 1920. The following year he proceeded M.D. and was awarded the University of London gold medal. In 1923 he took the D.P.H. In 1928 he was Harmsworth Research Fellow and senior house physician to the medical unit of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and became medical tutor at the Charing Cross and London hospitals. During the second world war he served as medical specialist in the R.A.M.C., attaining the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Consulting physician to the Royal Waterloo Hospital, he was also emeritus consulting physician to the London County Council, St. Alfege's Hospital, Teddington Hospital, and Hampton Hospital, and emeritus consulting paediatrician to the Brook Hospital, Woolwich. He had been physician in charge of the Rheumatism Supervisory Centre of the L.C.C., and consulting physician to the Royal Hospital, Richmond; the National Association of Local Government Officers; the National Union of Teachers; and the National Federation of Professional Workers.

Dr. Slot was an active member of the B.M.A. and had been a representative at Annual Meetings on many occasions since 1950. He was president of the Surrey Branch in 1953-4, chairman of the Richmond Division in 1949-50 and again in 1953-4, president of the Metropolitan Counties Branch in 1967-8, and honorary secretary of the Surrey Branch from 1966 to 1969. In 1967 he was admitted to the Roll of Fellows of the B.M.A.

Dr. Slot was editor of the *Medico-Legal Journal* for 21 years. He wrote much. Rheumatism and heart disease in childhood, calcium therapy, deaths under anaesthesia, obesity, and the treatment of rheumatism with gold were among the subjects on which he wrote professionally. As medical correspondent to the *Daily Telegraph* he also contributed many articles for lay reading. He was a member of the Inner Temple and a prominent Freemason. His hobbies were tennis, motoring, sailing, and music.

D.M. writes: Dr. Gerald Slot was one of the old school of general physicians who also practised paediatrics. I met him originally at the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Women and Children. In those days rheumatic heart disease was a much greater

problem than it is today, but his special work with the then L.C.C. enabled him to teach us a great deal more than we would, I think, otherwise have learned. When the Waterloo Hospital closed he worked at St. Nicholas's Hospital, Plumstead, and as a close colleague in the paediatric department at the Brook Hospital. He had a rich and wide experience and knowledge of many aspects of children and their illnesses, and his wide interests made the management of the children under his care all the richer. Dr. Slot had many interests, and one was never surprised to see his name appearing in unexpected places, such as in book reviews and articles of a very varied kind. He represented a school of clinicians who in our contemporary highly specialized medical society are rarely found and will be missed by all who knew him.

H.D. writes: Gerald Slot was one of the outstanding physicians of 1930-72. Trained at Cambridge and Barts, he had an intellect above the average. An avid reader, he had an unusually retentive memory. He was assiduous in attending medical meetings both in London and across the world. India, Russia, South America were known to him, and he rapidly became a first-class consulting physician. So highly regarded was he that year after year he did over 800 domiciliary visits, although payment was made only for the first 400. Since the late 1920s he carried his portable electrocardiogram. He became an authority on cardiac and rheumatic conditions, but he was what I like to call the flower of our profession—an all-round physician. Over-arching his professional and academic distinction and skill was his genuine kindness. It was from the heart, not a façade, so that with his passing hundreds of prayers in grateful memory will be breathed. He died of the condition which he had specially studied, cardiac lesions, although I think he was worn out from his magnificent labours. So our profession has been enriched for 50 years by an above-average physician, reader, debater, and writer. He is survived by his wife, a distinguished journalist, who supported him with the same warm, selfless service.

## W. H. MILLIGAN

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

Dr. W. H. Milligan, formerly consultant radiologist to the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital, died on 11 February at the age of 79.

William Hubert Milligan, the son of a general practitioner, was born at Huddersfield in 1892 and educated at Epsom College and St. Thomas's Hospital, where he qualified in 1915. Immediately commissioned into the R.A.M.C., he served with the

Highland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, mainly in the Middle East. He was mentioned in dispatches and for his work in the typhus epidemic in the Dakhla oasis was decorated with the Order of the Nile. After the first world war he joined his father in practice at Lytham St. Annes. In 1929 he took the D.M.R.E. and combined radiology with general practice until his appointment as assistant radiologist to the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital and to the Keppleston and Armstrong nursing homes at Aberdeen. He was radiologist in charge at the Sick Children's Hospital until the second world war, when he again volunteered and was appointed radiological specialist to the 15th Scottish General Hospital with the rank of major. Most of his service was once more in the Middle East. After the war he returned to his previous appointment at the Sick Children's Hospital and was also appointed radiologist to St. John's Nursing Home. He retired from the N.H.S. in 1958 but continued to practise at the nursing home until 1963.

Milligan was a true gentleman of the old school, always courteous and considerate, devoted to his work and family. Deeply religious, he was a lay reader in the Episcopal Church of Scotland for 20 years. He had a wonderful sense of humour and his smile and kindly advice will long be remembered by colleagues, friends, and patients. The last few years of his life were interrupted by a series of illnesses which he bore with great fortitude and patience, sustained by his profound faith. He is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.—A.M.S.

## W. W. WOODS

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

Dr. W. W. Woods, formerly assistant director of the Bernhard Baron Institute of Pathology, the London Hospital, died on 10 March at the age of 87.

William Wilson Woods was born on 10 May 1884 and educated at the Royal School, Dungannon, and the London Hospital, where he qualified in 1913. His long career was entirely spent in the Institute of Pathology, where he became assistant director in 1920. He served in this capacity until his retirement. In 1934 he was appointed consultant pathologist (histopathology) to the Royal Navy and held the post for 20 years.

Generally known as Billy Woods in hospital circles, he was the soul of tact and kindness, and an outstanding teacher both of undergraduate students and of postgraduates specializing in pathology. He became an astute diagnostician, and his opinion was sought by a wide range of colleagues both in Britain and abroad. Completely devoid of personal ambition, he sought no higher qualifications and obdurately refused to engage in the publication of papers. He never

resented the interruption of his work by the incursions of colleagues, and the gales of laughter that often emanated from his room bespoke his sense of humour and camaraderie. His popularity was enhanced by his keen interest in Rugby Union: in his youth he was a brilliant player of the game. In retrospect one thing is sure: the hospital and the interests of pathology were never better nor less selfishly served.—D.S.R.

### J. C. M. MATHESON

C.B.E., D.S.O., M.B., CH.B.

Dr. J. C. M. Matheson, a former principal medical officer in the Prison Medical Service, died at his home in Cheshire on 22 February. He was 79.

John Campbell McIntyre Matheson was born on 2 October 1892 and educated at Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow. He



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entered Glasgow University to study medicine, but on the outbreak of the first world war joined the Army as a combatant officer and served in the Cameron Highlanders until 1918. Awarded the D.S.O., he was also mentioned in dispatches on four occasions, and he retired with the rank of major after having been severely wounded. Returning to his medical studies at Glasgow, he graduated in 1922 and worked for a year at Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital, Cartnavel, before going into general practice at Laureekirk, Kincardineshire. In 1924 he was elected to the town council and in 1929 gave up his practice when he was appointed medical officer in the Prison Medical Service. Serving first at Wormwood Scrubs and then at Maidstone Prison, in 1935 he was appointed governor class I and medical officer to Holloway Prison. He remained in this post during the difficult war years and in 1945 transferred to Camp Hill Prison, Isle of Wight, and then to Parkhurst Prison as governor class I. Appointed senior medical officer to Brixton Prison in 1947, he was promoted principal medical officer in 1954 and remained there until he retired. It was at Brixton that he made his impact on forensic psychiatry, becoming a legend not only in the service but at the Central Criminal Court and Assizes. He was elected president of the Medico-Legal Society for 1953-4 and in 1958 was appointed C.B.E., retiring shortly afterwards.

Dr. Matheson made light of his severe physical disabilities and during his many arduous years at Brixton carried on his work cheerfully and completely. A man of great charm and dignity, his professional expertise and dignity were widely acknowledged by those fortunate to work with him. Soldier and general practitioner, town councillor and prison governor, medical officer and forensic psychiatrist, he filled all these roles with authority and distinction. A truly remarkable man, he was honoured by his country in both peace and war.

He is survived by his wife, daughter, and two sons, who are both doctors.—I.A.A.

### E. H. MOORE

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

Dr. E. H. Moore, medical officer of health to Warrington County Borough, died on 20 March. He was 59.

Eric Hollson Moore was born on 22 February 1913 and educated at King's School, Chester, and Liverpool University, where he obtained an honours science degree in physiology in 1934 and graduated in medicine in 1937. In 1939 he took the D.P.H. and became resident medical officer at Monsall Hospital, Manchester, and then at Baguley Sanatorium. During the second world war he served in North-west Europe with the rank of major, R.A.M.C., and was mentioned in dispatches. After leaving the Army in 1946 he was appointed deputy M.O.H. at Accrington and Warrington, and then divisional M.O.H. for Sale and Lymm in Cheshire. In 1949 he returned to Warrington as M.O.H. He served on the Warrington and the Winwick and Newchurch hospital management committees; on the Warrington Executive Council of the N.H.S.; and on the Warrington and District Council of Social Service. He had been an examiner for the Queen's Institute of District Nursing and was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Health. From 1965 to 1967 he was chairman of the Warrington Division of the B.M.A.

When Eric Moore came to Warrington as deputy M.O.H. he quickly showed that his considerable physical height was more than matched by his ability. We were delighted when he returned as M.O.H. after a brief absence, and many associations, organizations, and committees were quick to enlist him as a member. His kindly good-humoured advice, robust common sense, and ability to see to the root of a problem soon earned him an attentive audience. Many of the projects he fostered and organized were especially helpful to general practitioners and their patients: the rapid change-over from the Poor Law type of accommodation in Whitecross Homes to the four modern well-equipped hostels for the elderly, the health centres, and the other medical, nursing, social, and welfare activities initiated or developed by him. He was a real family man, devoted to his wife, who died six years ago, his father, who survives him, and to his two daughters. During his long and disturbing illness he was sustained by their affection and that of Dr. Angela Manning to whom he had hoped to be married.—W.E.B., P.O'B.

J.H.H. writes: I first met Eric Moore shortly after his appointment as medical officer of health for the County Borough of Warrington in 1949 and the bond of friendship forged in the early years of our association has amply stood the test of time. He enjoyed our friendly rivalry and was a staunch ally in time of need, having outstanding personal qualities of kindness, modesty, and loyalty. The people of Warrington have much to thank him for. He achieved a great deal and did it with a rare humanity, overcoming obstacles which might have daunted a lesser man. He was a

sound administrator and a shrewd committee man. The warmth of his family life was evident to all who knew him, and the untimely death of his wife some years ago caused anguish from which he was slow to recover. He bore his terminal illness with fortitude and good humour.

### A. G. LESLIE-SMITH

M.B., B.S.

Dr. A. G. Leslie-Smith, who was in general practice at Skegness, Lincolnshire, died suddenly at his home on 27 February. He was 47.

Andrew Gilbert Leslie-Smith was born at Brighton on 30 December 1924 and educated at Brighton College and St. Mary's Hospital, where he graduated in 1951. After serving in the Royal Air Force he entered general practice at Reading. Eight years ago he moved to Skegness and became popular with patients and colleagues because of his kindly, conscientious, and humorous nature. With a leaning to forensic medicine, he became deputy police surgeon to the Skegness Division.

Dr. Leslie-Smith's great outside interest was light opera, and his brilliance showed itself first at St. Mary's, where he became musical director of its operatic society. He was an accomplished performer and took leading parts in the local operatic society, specializing in Gilbert and Sullivan.

He is survived by his wife and two small children, a daughter and a son.—J.S.J.

### P. W. L. KELLY

M.B., B.S.

Dr. P. W. L. Kelly, who was in general practice in London, died on 20 February at the age of 46.

Peter Wallis Lyle Kelly was born on 22 October 1925 and educated at Blundell's School and St. Mary's Hospital, where he qualified with the Conjoint diploma in 1949 and graduated the following year. During his student days. St. Mary's rugby star was at its zenith, and he was a keen member of the team. After house appointments at St. Mary's and clinical assistantships in the E.N.T. departments of Hammersmith and the Royal National Ear, Nose and Throat hospitals he started in general practice at Earl's Court in 1951, soon building up a large N.H.S. and private practice. He then resigned from the N.H.S. and moved to the West End to do only private practice and insurance work. Medicine was his great interest, but he also had a flair for business and in 1967 formed a company to build and help equip hospitals in underdeveloped countries. This part of his work necessitated a good deal of travelling, which he enjoyed, and during his frequent visits to the Middle East he built up a large circle of patients and friends.

Peter was a man of gaiety and charm, and his personality endeared him to both patients and friends. A first-class doctor, he instinctively recognized when a patient needed more than just medical help, and made sure that he got the very best treatment. Loyal to his colleagues, he gave them all his assistance when it was needed. His premature death is a sad loss to us all. He is survived by his wife and three children.—P.W.