

OBITUARY NOTICES

J. L. FRANKLIN
M.D., F.R.C.P.

Dr. J. L. Franklin, consulting dermatologist to the Westminster Hospital, died at Brighton on 19 May. He was 68.

John Lewis Franklin was born on 13 February 1904 and educated at Epsom College and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he acquired a blue for fencing. Qualifying from St. George's Hospital with the Conjoint diploma in 1927, he graduated M.B., B.Chir. in 1929. In 1931 he took the M.R.C.S. and in 1933 proceeded M.D. He was appointed



[Drawing by Bernard Brooke]

registrar to the dermatological department at the Westminster Hospital in 1930 and four years later became dermatologist on the retirement of Dr. S. E. Dore, with whom he was joint author of a textbook *Diseases of the Skin*. He also wrote numerous papers on his specialty. Outside his everyday work Dr. Franklin built up a considerable reputation as an expert witness in the courts. He was a popular teacher, creating in his students a lively interest in a difficult branch of medicine, and his cheerful sense of humour ensured their attendance at his outpatient clinics. In his younger days fencing was his recreation, and in later years he was fond of fishing.

F.D.H. writes: Dr. John Franklin was a great personality, always cheerful and lively. He was an excellent dermatologist and a most interesting and human person. He enjoyed life and the good things of it. Always honest in his opinion of people and of things professional, one always knew exactly where one was with him. Latterly, in spite of ill-health he remained invariably cheerful and optimistic. He had a host of friends and his vivacious personality will be sadly missed by all of them and by a large number of grateful patients and colleagues. Positive people are relatively hard to find: John Franklin was an effective and very positive person.

A. A. McCONNELL
M.Ch., F.R.C.S.I., F.R.C.S.

Professor A. A. McConnell, who was regius professor of surgery at Dublin University from 1946 to 1961, died in Dublin on 5 April. He was 87.

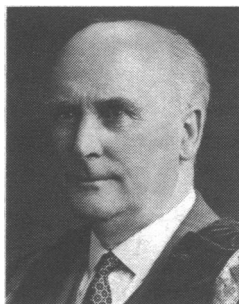
Adams Andrew McConnell was born in Belfast on 2 June 1884 and educated at the

Royal Academical Institution and Dublin University, where he graduated M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. in 1909. He then worked for two years at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital before joining the staff of the Richmond Hospital as an assistant surgeon. In 1914 he was

appointed to the senior staff. This allowed him to develop the growing specialty of neurosurgery and his name soon began to be linked with those of surgeons throughout the world who were interested in brain surgery. The Society of British Neurological Surgeons was founded in 1926 and Professor McConnell was one of its original members and its president from 1936 to 1938. President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland from 1935 to 1937, he was appointed professor of surgery at Dublin University in 1946. He held this post for 10 years, and on retiring was made an honorary Fellow of Trinity College. He was president of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland from 1946 to 1947 and a member of the Dublin Biological Club since 1916.

In 1912 he paid his first visit to the clinics of North America and brought back with him a Hudson brace. He performed his first brain operation at the Richmond Hospital in September that year. It was a posterior fossa craniotomy, and though the tumour was not removed the operation relieved the patient's papilloedema, resulting in a comfortable survival for several years. Ventriculography, described by Walter Dandy of Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1918, was practised the following year by Adams McConnell, who reported his results in 1921. The following years saw his establishment as a neurosurgeon of international repute. He was immensely proud of his association with the Society of British Neurological Surgeons, which in its early days was one of his clubs in the best sense of the word. Its meetings were very personal affairs, small enough to be accommodated in the local hospital, where the host surgeon performed operations and initiated discussions. In this atmosphere he was relaxed and happy and his frequent contributions by reading papers and by entering into discussions made him a great ambassador for his country. As a lecturer and after-dinner speaker he was much sought after, and his citations on occasions of the conferring of an honorary Fellowship at the Royal College of Surgeons were literary masterpieces. McConnell was a good teacher and his clinics at the Richmond Hospital were always well attended.

During his association with the Richmond



[Lafayette]

Hospital McConnell was chairman of the board of governors for many years, and when the new board of governors of St. Laurence's Hospital was set up in 1943 he remained on as its chairman until 1958. The following year he received the honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. During the last few months of his life he was delighted that extensions to the neurosurgical department he had founded were about to begin. A man of integrity, disliking pompousness, he was at all times most understanding and sympathetic to his assistants. He is survived by his second wife.—J.P.L.

Colonel E. B. ALLNUTT

C.B.E., M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
D.P.H., R.A.M.C.(Ret.)

Colonel E. B. Allnutt, who was commandant of the Army School of Hygiene from 1939 to 1945, died on 10 April. He was 82.

Edward Bruce Allnutt was born on 16 September 1889 and studied medicine at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He qualified in 1909 and after a house appointment at the Westminster Hospital joined the R.A.M.C. in 1911. Serving with the Indian Expeditionary Force from 1914 to 1918, he was awarded the Military Cross in 1915. He took part in the capture of Fao Fort and the capture of Barra after a 20-mile night march, and was wounded and evacuated just before the battle of Kut. After the first world war he took the D.P.H. in 1923 and saw service in Bermuda and Gibraltar. Keenly interested in Army health, he was commandant of the Army School of Hygiene from 1939 to 1945. He was appointed C.B.E. in 1944 and in 1947 retired on retired pay because of a disability.

Colonel Allnutt had a most retentive memory and could recall service and other incidents in detail up to the year before his death. As a student he was a distinguished member of Leander Club and rowed at Henley Royal Regatta from 1907 to 1912. He was also vice-captain of London Rowing Club in 1909. Swimming and rugby football were his other great interests, and he was a keen member of the Calpé Hunt. Colonel Allnutt's death marks the loss of a most popular, likeable member of the Army Medical Services. His wife died in 1964 and he is survived by a son and two daughters.—W.D.H.

URSULA S. JAMES-CASTOR

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

Dr. Ursula James-Castor, consultant psychiatrist to the Cotswold Chine School for Maladjusted Children, died on 14 March after a car accident. She was 42.

Ursula Schroeder James was born in

Birmingham on 14 July 1929. A decision to devote herself to veterinary surgery was eventually abandoned, and after a period in teaching and a spell at farm work she did her medical training at Cardiff and at the West London Hospital. During this time she married and her course was interrupted by three years of life in Jamaica, where she worked in the medical field. In 1960 she qualified and her interest in child guidance was aroused. She became intrigued by the problems of slow development and children with special learning disabilities. Returning to Jamaica the following year, she took part in the founding of a child guidance clinic. In 1964 she went to Birmingham to begin play therapy at the Sunfield Children's Homes, and later became assistant child psychiatrist at the Dudley Child Guidance Centre. Eventually she moved south and there took an active part in the work of the Cotswold Chine School for maladjusted girls and boys.

In her prime, with a family to bring up, Ursula gave a great deal of her time and skill to her child patients. Her passing is a loss to child psychiatry.—D.T.M.

F. J. CAUCHI

M.D., D.P.H.

Dr. F. J. Cauchi, formerly deputy medical officer of health at Rochdale, Lancashire, died on 28 April. He was 64.

Francis Joseph Cauchi was born and educated in Malta, where he qualified M.D. in 1931. Soon afterwards he went to England and gained experience in several hospitals. He then joined the Colonial Medical Service. After serving in the West Indies and West Africa he went to Nigeria and became a senior medical officer. Retiring from that post in 1955 he returned to England and took the D.P.H. the following year. In 1957 he was appointed assistant M.O.H. at Rochdale and promoted deputy M.O.H. in 1959, being in charge of the school health service. He retired last year.

Dr. Cauchi's clinical ability was of the highest order, and his opinion and judgement were greatly valued. He did much for the children of the county borough, especially for those suffering from physical or mental handicap. Steadfast and of absolute integrity, he was highly respected by his colleagues in general practice and in the hospitals and by the local authority. A truly religious man, he derived much strength from his faith, but could also appreciate and enjoy the lighter side of life. His last long illness was borne with great courage.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son.—R.G.M.

W. CHADWICK

M.B., CH.B.

Dr. W. Chadwick, who was in general practice in Manchester, died on 17 February. He was 76.

William Chadwick was born on 7 June 1895 and educated at Manchester University, where he graduated in 1924. He was in general practice in north Manchester from 1925 and was also involved in public work

and hospital service for many years. From 1934 he was a member of the city council, first as a councillor and then as an alderman, and from 1964 to 1965 he was Lord Mayor of Manchester.

Dr. Chadwick served on the board of governors of the United Manchester Hospitals and from 1948 to 1970 as a member of the North Manchester Hospital Management Committee. For a time during this period he was chairman of the Manchester Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital. A member of the Manchester Executive Council from 1947 to 1964, he also became its chairman.

He was greatly respected and held in esteem and affection by his patients. A man of high integrity, infinitely patient with those suffering and in need, he will be missed by all who knew him during his long career in the city.—H.P.

R. L. CRABB

M.D.

Dr. R. L. Crabb, formerly in general practice at Claygate, Surrey, died on 22 February. He was 87.

Robert Lawson Crabb was born on 28 December 1884 and studied medicine at University College Hospital, where he graduated M.B., B.S. in 1910 and proceeded M.D. in 1912. After a period in partnership at Esher he served in the R.A.M.C. for the duration of the first world war, returning to practise at Claygate until he retired in 1963.

A capable, kindly practitioner, keenly interested in all aspects of his patients' well-being, he was also a helpful and courteous colleague, a pillar of strength and support to any younger doctor who sought his advice. After his retirement his greatest interest in life was visiting his old patients and keeping in touch with their news and welfare. He was a knowledgeable collector of clocks and an avid reader. A connoisseur of music, food, and wine, he was also a keen gardener and a recognized authority on the iris family. He loved and knew intimately the Scottish Highlands and was well versed in the history of the clans. Few have better deserved the title of "whole man."—G.M.T.

Sir Francis Walshe writes: I cannot let the passing of one of my oldest friends go without a tribute of affection and respect. Robert Lawson Crabb and I both entered University College, London, in 1910 as students and graduated M.D. in 1912, and during these years cemented a friendship to be ended only by his recent death. He was a man of the happiest disposition, witty and even-tempered, professionally wise and capable, to his patients kindness itself, and to his colleagues of every order courteous and frank. In all these traits his wife, who predeceased him only briefly, was his fitting companion. Himself the son of a general practitioner of Scottish birth and upbringing, Lawson Crabb was a devoted Scot who sought his native Highlands for his vacations until his health failed him in his last few years, but during his lengthy years of active life he remained gay and youthful in spirit and keen in wit. I sometimes think that those of us who have lived and worked

as consultants do not always realize what we owe to our general practitioner brethren colleagues in wisdom and insight in our professional lives; it can be more than we imagine.

G. A. SINCLAIR

M.B., CH.B.

Dr. G. A. Sinclair, who was formerly in general practice at Warrington, Lancashire, died in Edinburgh on 6 March. He was 80.

George Alexander Sinclair was born in Edinburgh on 4 January 1892 and educated at Watson's Academy. Having decided that he had a call to the Presbyterian ministry he took an arts degree at Edinburgh University, but by then he had found his true vocation in medicine. His passage through medical school was interrupted by the first world war and soon he found himself in the Royal Navy as a surgeon probationer. His service was cut short in 1917 when a small boat in which he was sailing capsized in a storm in Bantry Bay. Having narrowly escaped drowning, he was invalided out of the service and returned to medical school at Edinburgh. On graduating in 1920 he elected for general practice, his early years being divided between Clydach in South Wales, Sheffield, and Wigan. In 1925 he went to Warrington and spent the rest of his active years there. The going was hard at first and many of his early patients relate how he visited them on an ancient bicycle. It is a measure of the affection in which they held him that so many still claim to have been the first he visited. When the N.H.S. came along he took a partner and proved himself kind, considerate, generous, and helpful and a good friend. With his patients he was firm, but he was well loved by all. For many years he was an honorary physician at Warrington Infirmary.

A loyal member of the B.M.A., he rose to office as chairman of the Warrington Division. He served on the Local Medical and Panel Committee and was its honorary secretary for 27 years, and for many years he was also a member of the Panel Committee and its successor the Executive Council. In 1959 he was admitted to the Roll of Fellows of the B.M.A. He finally retired from practice in 1963 and went back to his native city.

Dr. Sinclair was an elder of his kirk and a patron of the Caledonian Society. An active member of the Warrington Literary and Philosophical Society and of the Philomatic Society, in both of these he attained the office of president. He was an ardent Freemason and became Worshipful Master of St. Oswald's Lodge. His simple pleasures were walking, cycling, golf, and exploring more and more of his native land, to whose "green hills and Highland hills" he was ever drawn. He is survived by his wife and a son and daughter.—P.O.B.

D. G. PATERSON

M.B., CH.B.

Dr. D. G. Paterson, who was in general practice at Accrington, Lancashire, until his retirement four years ago, died at home on 28 March. He was 72.

Douglas Gordon Paterson, the son of a minister, was born in Edinburgh on 4 August 1899 and educated at George Heriot's School. After a break for war service in the Royal Flying Corps he studied medicine at Edinburgh University, graduating in 1923 and going straight into general practice at Morpeth, Northumberland. In 1925 he went into partnership with his sister and brother-in-law at Accrington. General practice was combined with work in his local hospital as anaesthetist and surgeon. From 1926 to 1948 he was honorary surgeon to Accrington Victoria Hospital, undertaking major emergency surgery. He entered many spheres of the town's life, being past president of the Rotary Club and president of Accrington Medical Society, and taking an active part in his church and in the cricket club and golf club. In 1958 he was appointed borough magistrate and served on the local bench until his retirement last year.

A quiet, modest, but positive man, Gordon Paterson faced his work and his own illness with great courage and humanity, loved and respected by all his patients and colleagues. He is survived by his wife and two married daughters.—K.L.P.

I. P. G. HOWELLS

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

Dr. I. P. G. Howells, who was formerly in general practice at Gorseinon, near Swansea, died suddenly on 3 February. He was 68.

Ivor Philip Gwyn Howells was educated at Pengam School; the Welsh National School of Medicine; and St. Mary's Hospital, where he qualified in 1929. After house appointments at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, he entered general practice at Anstey, near Leicester, but after three months returned to South Wales. In 1933 he married and went into partnership in a general practice at Gorseinon, remaining there until a serious illness necessitated his retirement in 1964. He was on the staff of the local hospital, devoting himself to midwifery. During the second world war he served as a captain in the R.A.M.C. An examining officer for the Welsh Board of Health, he continued in that office after his retirement, and indeed did two boards on the day before he died. In 1956-7 he was chairman of the Swansea Division of the B.M.A.

Dr. Howells's practice was large and the demands great, but he was always cheerful and his patients were extremely fond of him. His colleagues and the nursing staff at various centres held him in high esteem and great affection. He was a keen member of the Pennard Golf Club, a staunch churchman, and a genial host.

His married life was most happy and he is survived by his wife and three children, one of whom is a doctor.—T.J.H.

R. A. LAMBOURNE

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

Dr. R. A. Lambourne, who was Lecturer in pastoral studies at the University of Birmingham and a psychiatrist at Rubery

Hill Hospital, died on 3 April at the age of 54.

Robert Alfred Lambourne was born on 5 June 1917 and educated at Dean Close School and Birmingham University, where he graduated in medicine in 1941. From 1942 to 1946 he served in the R.A.M.C. and was mentioned in dispatches for his service in Italy. He then worked in general practice with his wife until 1961. During this time he served as honorary secretary to the Smethwick Local Medical Committee and as chairman to Smethwick Executive Council and to the West Bromwich and Smethwick Division of the B.M.A. In 1961 he obtained his degree in divinity and took a post at Rubery Hill Hospital for 18 months in order to take the D.P.M., which he did in 1963. Appointed lecturer in pastoral studies by Birmingham University the same year, he undertook the task of initiating and developing a diploma course in pastoral studies. With this course established, he helped to organize a post-experience course in health, beliefs, and human values and a refresher course for doctors and nurses engaged in overseas work under the joint auspices of the University department of theology and the Selly Oak Colleges.

His book *Community, Church and Healing* was published in 1963, and since then he produced in papers and lectures a constant stream of ideas and insights of great value to those, of whatever religion or profession, who try to build bridges between the various professions concerned with human wellbeing. He was consulted particularly by those agencies of the World Council of Churches which are concerned with the health problems of underdeveloped countries, and undertook lecture tours in Europe, the United States, and the Far East. He was a member of the executive committee of the Institute of Religion and Medicine from its inception in 1964, and gave generously of his time and energy to conferences and meetings all over Britain.

Bob Lambourne was an inspiration to all who knew him. Although he never sought ordination, he was truly a pastor. His acquaintance with theology, general medicine, and psychiatry gave him a viewpoint which was transdisciplinary rather than interdisciplinary; he had a vision of wholeness in diversity which stimulated and challenged both theologians and those in the caring professions. His life was dedicated to the loving care of people.

He is survived by his wife and five children.—J.R.M.

H. M. MOIR

M.D.

Dr. H. Maitland Moir, who was a family doctor at Currie, Midlothian, for 50 years, died on 7 March three months after retiring. He was 84.

Henry Maitland Moir was born on 10 October 1887 and educated at Edinburgh University, where he graduated in 1913. After war service in Italy and proceeding M.D. with honours in 1921 he began to practise in a rural community which remained unchanged until the 1950s, when the villages expanded rapidly to become a suburban residential area. In 1950-1 he was chairman of the Lothians Division of the B.M.A.

Adjustment to change came remarkably readily to Dr. Moir: throughout his long life he retained a freshness of approach and a lively interest in people and medical problems. An abrupt manner hid a very warm heart. Some may have thought him impatient, but he gave his time selflessly where the need was real. His integrity, directness, wit, lack of side, and boundless energy endeared him to everyone, and he was generous to many charities, particularly for the young. After medicine his enthusiasms were directed to the church and community, the garden, wood turning, and fishing. His patients and colleagues will recall with pleasure his numerous acts of kindness and interest in their welfare.—B.J.B.

W. H. KING

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

Dr. W. H. King, who was formerly in general practice at Fowey, Cornwall, died on 24 March. He was 88.

William Herbert King was born at Barnet, Hertfordshire, on 20 December 1883 and educated at University College, London, and University College Hospital, where he qualified in 1906. Subsequently he joined the Royal Navy and in 1916 was sent to Russia as medical officer to Special Service Squadron A. He traversed White Russia from Archangel to Odessa and experienced the unpleasant happenings of the early days of the revolution and the withdrawal of the Russian armies. In 1919 he left the Royal Navy and joined a practice at Fowey. There he soon endeared himself to the Cornish community by his quiet, unassuming, and compassionate manner. Until 1948 he was medical officer to Fowey Borough. He also served as Fowey port medical officer and divisional surgeon to the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and on both the Cornwall Insurance Committee and the local medical committee. In 1958 he retired from active practice.

A devoted churchman, he was a member of Fowey Parish Church choir, and his exceptionally good singing voice made him sought after for amateur opera and other local activities. In his life and activities he personified the best qualities of a country doctor. After his retirement and in spite of illness he enjoyed many trips abroad to visit relatives even when he was in his eighties. He is survived by a son and two daughters.—J.L.B.

MARGARET C. BRUCE

M.B., CH.B.

Dr. Margaret C. Bruce, who was formerly in general practice in West London, died on 15 April. She was 74.

Margaret Cruickshanks Bruce graduated in medicine at Edinburgh University in 1924. She set up in practice in Shepherds Bush in the mid-thirties, and remained there until her retirement in 1960. Throughout that time hers was one of three practices which covered each other informally long before such ideas gained fashionable endorsement. In those days a lady principal was still unusual, and she had difficulty in persuading Civil Defence authorities to issue

her with a tin hat, and to accept her venturing out during the Blitz. Those who practised civil and military medicine alternately by day and by night grow fewer in number while reminiscences become less stirring in these tumultuous times. Her closest colleagues have gone before her; the population for whom she cared has diminished or moved away; but all who knew her remember the gracious compassion she brought to her practice, and will share her family's sorrow.—J.L.K.

R. L. GIBSON

M.B., CH.B.

Dr. R. L. Gibson, who was in general practice at Hovingham, Yorkshire, died suddenly on 11 March. He was 51.

Robert Leadley Gibson was born on 4 August 1920 and educated at Ashville College, Harrogate, and the University of Leeds. Just before his finals in 1944 he suffered a serious illness and did not graduate until late the following year. After a house appointment at Halifax General Hospital and a period in partnership in Lincolnshire he went into practice at the village of Hovingham and remained there for the next 16 years. Taking a lively interest in all aspects of rural life, he was captain of the Hovingham Bowling Club and a past-chairman of Hovingham Parish Council. His easy manner and obvious sincerity won him a lasting place in the affection of his patients and friends. To all he gave of his best and never more so than during the last few months of his life when he was fully aware of the gravity of his condition.

A dedicated and conscientious family doctor, his untimely death leaves a painful void and much sadness. Many will have happy memories of R.L.G. and a deep sense of gratitude for having enjoyed the privilege of his friendship.—J.McK.

E. H. SEARS

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

Dr. E. H. Sears, who was formerly in general practice at Lyndhurst, Hampshire, died suddenly on 29 April. He was 69.

Ernest Hammond Sears was born at Blackheath on 13 April 1903 and educated at Marlborough College. In 1921 he entered Guy's Hospital as a dental student, but three years later abandoned dentistry and took the medical course, qualifying in 1928. After house appointments at Guy's he joined a practice at Lyndhurst and remained there until 1953, when ill health compelled him to retire from a life of dedication to his patients, who were devoted to him. Until his retirement he was honorary physician to the Fenwick Hospital at Lyndhurst.

Bill, as he was known to his friends, was a man of sensitivity and charm, and he was

to display great courage and determination in his long retirement. Physically he was severely handicapped, but with indomitable spirit he learnt to paint in oils and watercolours. His work delighted many. Much of it was marine, and the Royal Life-boat Institution reproduced some of his paintings in their annual calendar. Eventually he exhibited at the Royal Academy. He also enjoyed writing. One of his stories was recorded on tape for the blind, and at the time of his death negotiations for its television presentation had begun. Of late failing sight and the development of asthma interfered with his work, but he did not complain. His warm and lovable personality won him many friends.

He is survived by his wife, daughter, and son, who is also a doctor.—K.M.R.

E. S. EVANS

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

Dr. E. S. Evans, formerly in general practice at Chelford, Cheshire, died in hospital on 28 April after a short illness. He was 75.

Ernest Sandford Evans was born at Bidston-on-the-Wirral, Cheshire, on 18 February 1897 and educated at Bilton Grange and Charterhouse. After leaving school he joined the Cheshire Regiment and in 1917 was severely wounded in the hip and left with a lifelong disability. He was so impressed by the attention he received from the R.A.M.C. that he determined to qualify in medicine. This he did in 1926 after training at Cambridge and St. Thomas's. After house appointments at Willesden General Hospital and the Royal Earlswood Institute he enjoyed a year as a ship's surgeon before entering general practice at Chelford at a time when the pony and trap, or even horseback visiting was not completely obsolete. In fact he continued to ride throughout his practice life and was a familiar and welcome figure round the Cheshire lanes. An astute and kindly physician, he entered wholeheartedly into the rural life and quickly established a wide circle of friends, winning the affection and trust of his patients and colleagues. He was Treasury medical officer and until the coming of the N.H.S. honorary assistant physician at Macclesfield Infirmary. Chairman of the local British Legion and vicar's warden at Chelford parish church for over 20 years, he eased the introduction to the parish of several grateful incumbents. He was a leading actor of talent and a dependable box office attraction in local amateur dramatics.

In January 1963 "Ben" Evans and Dorothy moved to Lurgashall in Sussex to enjoy a well-earned retirement. Unfortunately in February the same year their bliss was rudely shattered by the tragic death of their elder son Edmund in a road accident only a few months after he had qualified at his father's old hospital. Gradually Ben's spirit recovered from this blow and he

rapidly made an additional circle of local friends, but he never forgot Chelford and held a renowned open house for his old colleagues, patients, and friends, who continued to visit and stay with him until his final illness. This he faced with his usual cheerful optimism even up to the evening he died.

He is survived by his wife and second son.—S.D.P.

A. REID

M.B., CH.B.

Dr. A. Reid, who was formerly in general practice in the Ardwick area of Manchester, died suddenly at his home in Manchester on 2 May. He was 69.

Alexander Reid was born at Buckie, Banffshire, and educated at Aberdeen University, where he graduated in 1924. He went to Manchester in 1936. During the second world war he served at Dunkirk and in North Africa and Italy, and then returned to his practice. After a period of ill health he retired in 1966.

Dr. Reid's chief recreation was gardening, and he enjoyed a most happy family life. His quiet, kindly, and unobtrusive disposition won him the esteem of all his patients and colleagues. He is survived by his wife and daughter.—L.T.

B. HERBERT

M.B., B.CH., B.A.O.

Dr. B. Herbert, who retired in 1966 after more than 45 years in general practice at Edgbaston, Birmingham, died at his home at New Milton, Hampshire, on 3 May. He was 74.

Benjamin Herbert was born at Lurgan, Northern Ireland, on 25 September 1897 and educated at Queen's College, Belfast, where he graduated in 1919. He went to Birmingham in 1921 and took over an old-established practice at Edgbaston, remaining there for the rest of his professional life and retiring to live in the New Forest. During the second world war he was in charge of a first-aid station in the centre of Birmingham in an area subjected to much heavy bombing. He rendered yeoman service in difficult and dangerous conditions. Indeed on one occasion the station received a direct hit while he was working there. During this time he continued to run his practice and also looked after the many patients of neighbouring doctors away in the services. Typically he always refused to take any share of fees.

Ben Herbert was the perfect example of a family doctor, building up a large practice by his selfless devotion to his patients, who in turn were devoted to him. He is survived by his wife, who gave up her medical studies on marriage, and by a daughter and two sons, both of whom are doctors.—C.St.J.