Obituaries

Arnold Steadman Aldis



Consultant surgeon Cardiff, 1939-75, and postgraduate dean, 1970-6 (b China 1910; q University College Hospital 1937; FRCS; CBE), d 13 October 1999. His ambition to return to China as a missionary like his parents was thwarted by the war. Instead he was sent in 1939 to help teach clinical students evacuated from UCH to Cardiff and stayed 60 years, becoming deputy director of the academic surgical unit. At the end of the war he was awarded a Hunterian professorship on the management of pancreatic injuries and was an examiner for his royal college. He had extraordinary fluency which allowed him to speak at length without notes. In 1970 he was appointed the first full time postgraduate dean in Wales and continued a limited surgical practice, but never relished the transfer from Cardiff Royal Infirmary to the University Hospital. He loved the architecture and friendliness of the CRI and wrote a history for its centenary in 1983. A committed Christian, he visited several European universities as a student to help establish Christian Unions, and became president of the Christian Medical Fellowship. He took a pastorial interest in students, especially those from overseas, and was much in demand as a speaker at national and international conferences. He excelled at his hobbies of gardening, photography, and do it yourself. He leaves a wife, Dorothy (also a doctor); two sons; and two daughters. [Leslie Hughes]

William Thomson Fullerton

Former consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, 1962-89 (*b* Hamilton 1925; *q* Glasgow 1947; FRCOG), *d* 27 November 1999. After training posts he was appointed to University College Hospital in Ibadan, Nigeria, where he made a large contribution to improving care. He developed exchange transfusion for the management of pregnant women with



profound anaemia and cardiac failure. He was recruited to Aberdeen by Sir Dugald Baird and was able to pursue his vision of a centralised gynaecological oncology service for Grampian, Orkney, and Shetland 20 years before it became national policy. Always a source of wise advice he could rebuke colleagues without making them feel humiliated. He served for many years as an assessor of maternal deaths, was a regional adviser for his college, and examined and lectured in Britain and abroad. He was a pioneer of the holistic approach, who understood the anxieties, aspirations, and sensitivities of his patients. A strong sense of moral principle and of what was truly important was offset by a wicked sense of humour and an understanding of human frailty. Bill always leaned to the left, and supported many causes, including antiapartheid, Amnesty International, and animal rights. He enjoyed his retirement, listening to music and extending his reading of contemporary thought. He leaves a wife, Fay; three daughters and a son; and two daughters from a previous marriage. [MARION HALL, VIJAY JANDIAL]

Thomas Cecil De Courcy Hallinen



General practitioner Frome Sugar Estate, Jamaica, 1947-72 (b London 1911; q Cambridge/Charing Cross 1936), died in his sleep on 18 November 1999. A keen rower at school, Tommy graduated to club events and represented his county in the 1928 Olympics. He volunteered for the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1938 and was seconded to the Grenadier Guards, seeing action at Dunkirk and D Day. Despite active service during the entire war he escaped unscathed apart from a nick out of his ear lobe caused by a sniper's bullet. He left the army with the rank of major and moved to Jamaica where his father was director of medical services. Tommy was largely instrumental in the eradication of malaria from the island. He retired to west Sussex, enjoying his garden. Predeceased by his wife, Ruth, he leaves a son; two daughters; and three grandchildren. [NICK INGRAM]

Lionel Brent Harris



Former general practitioner Penistone (b Dublin 1906; q Trinity College Dublin 1929), d 25 November 1999. He was a pioneer in general practice and when he moved to England in the 1930s he applied for a vacancy in Yorkshire and found a hard environment not far removed from the descriptions of A J Cronin, complete with clubs and sixpence a week collection. He slowly tried to change things and there is now a magnificent health centre manned by 10 doctors. When he was 90 he received the honour of the First Citizen of Penistone. He was a caring doctor to all his patients and a devout Christian throughout his life. Predeceased by his wife, Isobel, he leaves four children (two of whom are doctors); nine grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. [P HARRIS, J HARRIS]

Ahmad Nejad Kazem

Consultant in occupational medicine Scunthorpe (b 1934; q Teheran 1957; DPH, MFOM), died from carcinoma of the pancreas on 22 November 1999. When his father died Ahmad forsook a promising



academic career in infectious diseases for a medical post with the National Iranian Oil Company to support his mother and brother. By 1977 he was head of employees' services in Abadan and Khuzistan, but instability in the region prompted his British wife and children to move to England, where he joined them in 1981. At Scunthorpe he built a department of occupational medicine which provided service to four NHS trusts and local authorities and to employers of small workforces. Ahmad was gregarious and hospitable and he enriched the lives of many with aspects of Persian culture. An accomplished artist, he also enjoyed sport-he represented his university in athletics and basketball and later played competitive golf in the Middle East. He leaves a wife, Jill, and three daughters. [I A CAMPBELL, S MOALIPUR, J ROBERSTON]

Donald John Manton



Former consultant radiologist Frimley Park Hospital, 1967-91 (*b* 1926; *q* St Mary's 1952; DMRD, FRCR), died suddenly from a cerebral haemorrhage on 8 December 1999. He was a consulant in Birmingham before he moved to Farnham. He became interested in planning the new *x* ray rooms and the "best buy" hospital at Frimley Park, which was opened in 1974. He helped to revise the radiology section of the Ministry of Health's hospital and equipment notes and coauthored *Building and Extending a Radiology Department*.

Advice

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Henri Rey

Consultant psychiatrist Maudsley Hospital and Institute of Psychiatry, 1945-77 (b Mauritius 1912; q St Bartholomew's 1943; MD, FRCPsych), d 12 January 2000. He worked as a sugar chemist before moving to London to study medicine. After the war he trained as a psychoanalyst and his scientific background led him to research the psychological correlates of hormonal and electroencephalographic disturbances. He insisted that the psychotic patient should be seen as a vulnerable individual in need of psychological understanding. Influenced by the work of the psychoanalyst Melanie Klein, he contributed to the understanding of the psychological sources of human destructiveness, and of the acquisition of the capacity for reparation, gratitude, and forgiveness. He leaves a wife, Nastiouch, and three stepsons. [MURRAY JACKSON]

Charles John Pratt Seccombe

General practitioner Southall (b South Africa 1914; q St Mary's 1939; MRCGP; KStJ), d 2 January 2000. He served as a medical officer in the Royal Air Force during the war and was promoted to squadron leader. After the war he joined his father's practice. He was a popular general practitioner and was always interested in his patients' family life and surroundings. He was a police surgeon and a medical officer to Nestlé. He was a member of the St Bernard's Hospital management committee and of the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board until its reorganisation. He acted as a locum when he retired and was a member of the local Probus Club, as well as being interested in cookery, wine, and history. His other great passion was the St John Ambulance Brigade, which he joined in 1948 and was a member of for 52 years. He took over from his father as divisional surgeon at Southall Division and held the posts of area surgeon and area commissioner. Predeceased by his wife, Diana, he leaves three sons and four grandchildren. [MARTIN SECCOMBE]

Clifford Edward Stuart

Consultant dermatologist Dewsbury, Wake-field, Pontefract, and Goole, 1949-71 (*b*

Doncaster 1905; q Leeds 1936; MD), d 24 December 1999. He first qualified as a pharmacist but found this an insufficient challenge. As a general practitioner he helped at the dermatology clinic at Dewsbury General Hospital and when the clinical assistant was called up he took over the clinic with the help of the Leeds consultants. Dermatology was his work and his hobby and his wife discovered only by accident that he was entitled to six weeks' holiday. She then insisted on four weeks' holiday abroad. His knowledge of the literature was encyclopaedic and his enthusiasm infectious. When he retired he provided a locum service through the West Riding and maintained a dermatology service to Wakefield prison until a viral infection at the age of 88 made driving too strenuous. Outside medicine he enjoyed hockey (he captained the Leeds university team), tennis, and bridge. Predeceased by his wife, Betty, and his stepson, he leaves a son and the children of his stepson (two of whom are qualified in medicine). [R MULROY, C STUART]

Selwyn Francis Taylor



Former dean Royal Postgraduate Medical School (b 1913; q Oxford/King's College Hospital 1939; FRCS, DM), d 13 January 2000. At medical school he was president of the Listerian Society and editor of the school gazette. After wartime service in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and a period as a consultant surgeon at King's and the Belgrave Hospital for Children he was enticed away to become dean at Hammersmith. Here he was given clinical facilities to continue his researches into the thyroid gland and to practise surgery of the endocrine glands. He was a founder member and later president of the International Association of Endocrine Surgeons. He lectured at many international meetings and contributed to medical education as editor of Recent Advances in Surgery and as author of A Short Textbook of Surgery. He was on the council of the Royal College of Surgeons for over 10 years and vice president, 1977-8, and acted as carer of the college's valuable paintings. Outside medicine he was interested in literature, maritime history, painting, sailing, and horticulture. He was a discerning cook and a wine connoisseur. Predeceased by his wife, Ruth (also a doctor), he leaves a son and a daughter. [JOHN NAISH]