

Obituaries

C.A. CLARKE

After graduation Cyril Clarke held appointments at Guy's Hospital until 1939 when he joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, serving as a medical officer. On demobilisation after appointments in Birmingham he moved to Liverpool where he became a consultant. In 1963 he established the Nuffield Unit of Medical Genetics which he directed until 1972, and in 1965 he was appointed Professor of Medicine at the University of Liverpool. From 1977 to 1983 he was Director of the University of Liverpool Medical Services Study Group and for the next five years was director of its research unit.

Sir Cyril's work led to the development of immunisation to prevent Rhesus haemolytic disease of the newborn which saved thousands of babies' lives. For this outstanding contribution to medicine he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1970. Outside of medicine he bred swallowtail butterflies and was a keen sailor with the West Kirby Sailing Club. He is predeceased by his wife Féo, who worked with him on the Rhesus problem, and is survived by three children. He was one of a very small number of Honorary Fellows of this College.

Sir Cyril Astley Clarke: CBE, KBE : b. 22.8.1907; d. 22.11.2000; MB ChB Cantab 1932; FRCP Lond 1949; PRCP Lond 1972-77; FRCP Edin (Hon) 1981.

M.C. CLARKE

Dr Clarke practised in Tasmania and in Goulburn, New South Wales before moving to Canberra where he entered Government service. He also worked as Medical Officer on Cocos Islands and on Norfolk Island.

Marcus Carlyle Clarke: b. 9.6.1912; d. on 20.11.2000. MB Sydney 1937. FRCP Edin 1984.

N.H. GORDON

After House jobs at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh and SHO posts at the Eastern General, Leith and City Hospitals, Nick was appointed Registrar in anaesthetics to the Lothian Health Board in 1968. He was appointed Lecturer in Anaesthesia at Edinburgh University in 1972 and two years later was appointed Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University and Consultant Anaesthetist at the Western General Hospital. His main clinical interests lay in paediatric anaesthesia and neuro-anaesthesia and he was also very interested in the training of junior anaesthetists. He was active and effective in medical politics throughout his career and served as Chairman of the Area Medical Committee.

An immensely affable man who exuded charm, wit and style, a champagne reception was held in the Great Hall of the College in December last year to pay tribute

to his life. The Hall was filled to bursting point with his friends.

Nicholas Hugh Gordon: b. 6.5.1941; d. 4.10.2000; MBChB Edinburgh 1965; FRCA 1970; FRCP Edin 1997.

V.T.H. GUNARATNE

Dr Victor Thomas Herat Gunaratne died in 1999. He was born on 11 March 1912 and graduated LMS in Sri Lanka in 1935. Dr Gunaratne began his medical career as Field Medical Officer in Dankotuwa. In 1947 he came to the UK and obtained a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and the following year a Diploma in Public Health. On his return to Sri Lanka he was promoted to Medical Officer, Grade I. In 1964 he was appointed Director of Health Services in Sri Lanka.

Victor Thomas Herat Gunaratne: b. 11.3.1912; d. 1999; LMS Ceylon 1935; DPH 1975; FRCP Edin 1966.

A.C. HARVEY

Dr Albert Chisholm Harvey died recently. He was born on 1 August 1938 and graduated MB ChB at Edinburgh University in 1963. Following house jobs in the Deaconess Hospital and the Neurosurgery Department at the Western General Hospital, he acted as British Heart Foundation Research Fellow at the Coronary Care Unit at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. In 1967 he became Registrar in Medicine at Leith Hospital where he stayed for two years. Dr Harvey emigrated to Canada in 1970 and was appointed Consultant Physician at the Winnipeg Clinic and Assistant Professor at the Department of Medicine at Manitoba University. Dr Harvey became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada in 1971.

He was elected to the Fellowship of the RCPE in 1980.

Albert Chisholm Harvey: b. 1.8.1938; d. not known; MBChB Edinburgh 1963; FRCPC 1971; FRCP Edin 1980.

W.G. HENDRY

After a houseman year at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Dr Hendry became temporary Lecturer at Aberdeen University Department of Pathology. In 1975 he was appointed Rotating Registrar in General Medicine with Grampian Health Board. Dr Hendry then moved to England in 1978 and became Registrar in Cardiac Investigation at Leeds General Infirmary. The following year he was appointed Senior Registrar in Cardiology and General Internal Medicine at St Mary's Hospital, and Honorary Senior Registrar at the Department of Clinical Cardiology at Hammersmith Hospital in London. In 1986 Dr Hendry

became Consultant Physician and Cardiologist for the South Buckinghamshire NHS Trust and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital.

William Gordon Hendry: b. 15.1.1949; d. 22.11.2000. MBChB Abdn 1972; FRCP Lond & Edin 1994.

B.N. KAPOOR

After a year as a House Officer at King George Medical College in Lucknow, Dr Kapoor became a Research Scholar at its Physiology Department. He came to the UK in 1959 and worked as a House Officer first at Stobhill General Hospital in Glasgow and then at Grantham General Hospital. He became a Registrar at Friarage Hospital in Northallerton in 1962 and the following year a SHO at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, London. Dr Kapoor returned to Lucknow in 1963 and worked in paediatrics. He was appointed Senior Consultant Paediatrician at Fatima Hospital in Lucknow in 1974.

Bishwa Nath Kapoor: b. 2.7.1934; d. 6.9.2000; MBBS Lucknow 1958; FRCP Edin 1979.

W. MCQUAKER

After a houseman year at Stirling Royal Infirmary and Hairmyres Hospital in East Kilbride, Dr McQuaker joined the Royal Army Medical Corps. After two years national service he worked as House Surgeon at Clackmannan County Hospital and Stirling Royal Infirmary. Dr McQuaker then entered general practice until 1955 when he took up the post of Registrar in Psychiatry at Carlton Hayes Hospital in Leicester. In 1964 he was appointed Consultant Psychiatrist at Woodilee Hospital in Glasgow where he stayed until 1977. He then took up the post of Consultant Psychiatrist at Ailsa Hospital in Ayr.

William McQuaker: b. 30.11.1926; d. not known; MBChB Glasgow 1949; FRCPsych 1983; FRCP Edin 1984.

J. NOVOTNY

After a houseman year at St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney, Dr Novotny went to Washington D.C. and became Senior Resident in Neurology at Georgetown University. He stayed in the US for two years and then came to Edinburgh, where he spent six months as Clinical Assistant at the Northern General Hospital. In 1964 he returned to Australia where he was appointed Honorary Physician at the Wollongong Hospital and Consultant Physician at Bulli District Hospital.

John Novotny: b. 16.5.1925; d. 18.10.2000; MBChB Sydney 1956; FRCP Edin 1979.

D.A. PYKE

Dr David Pyke served in the Royal Army Medical Corps for two years and then worked as Registrar in Medicine at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London and as Senior Registrar at Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. In 1959 he was appointed Consultant Physician at King's College

Hospital and was in charge of its diabetic department from 1971 until his retirement in 1986. David Pyke was a pivotal figure in our sister College in London and was Registrar of that College from 1975 to 1992. His 'Notes' in the College Commentary were essential reading and a rich source of information conveyed with panache and wit. Dr Pyke was honoured CBE in 1986.

David Allan Pyke, CBE: b. 16.5.1921; d. 11.1.2001; MBChB Cantab. 1945; FRCP Lond. 1964; FRCP Edin 1990.

R.M. SHAHER

Dr Shaher first came to the UK in 1955 and spent two years as a trainee at Hammersmith Hospital in London and the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh. After spending another two years as a resident in Cairo hospitals, he returned to the UK in 1958 and worked in Southampton and London. In 1964 he emigrated to Canada where he became an Associate with clinical privileges at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Dr Shaher moved to the US two years later and was appointed Professor of Paediatrics and Head of Division of Paediatric Cardiology at Albany Medical College in New York in 1970.

Reda Mohammed Shaher: b. 1927; d. 6.12.1997; MBChB Cairo 1951; FRCP Edin 1974.

WSC SYMMERS

Professor William St Clair Symmers held house appointments at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast before joining the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. On demobilisation he went to London and worked as Registrar in Clinical Pathology at Guy's Hospital and Demonstrator in Pathology at the hospital's medical school. In 1947 he moved to Oxford and became Senior Assistant Pathologist at Radcliffe Infirmary and Demonstrator in Pathology at Oxford University. The following year he accepted the posts of Senior Lecturer at Birmingham University and Honorary Consultant Pathologist for Birmingham Regional Hospital Board. He moved to London in 1953 and was appointed honorary Consultant Pathologist at Charing Cross Hospital and Professor of Pathology at the medical school. He held these appointments until his retirement in 1982.

Professor Symmers' *Systemic Pathology* was a standard work used in biopsy reporting rooms all over the world.

William St Clair Symmers: b 16.8.1917; d 25.10.2000. MBChB, BAO Belfast 1939; FRCPATH; FRCP Edin 1979