

THE SUPER SPECIALIST

Sir, I have carried out autopsies in Australasia, the Middle East and the United Kingdom, both in teaching and provincial hospitals. It is with certainty I have come to the conclusion that patients admitted to specialised wards and not suffering from the particular condition in which expertise is offered, are at risk to their lives. For this reason I believe that a doctor who shall be called a Super Generalist is needed. His medical education must be profound with experience of many branches of medicine. He shall be housed with great dignity in the centre of the hospital. There he shall peruse the literature in quiet contemplation for two hours every day. When he goes out of his office he shall carry a golden stick as an emblem of authority and shall be preceded by a clerk. He shall enter all wards, examine any records and during these diagnostic excursions shall rescue patients who are in the wrong environment. He shall be paid twice as much as the consultant.

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College Notices

Deaths of Fellows

GORDON DIGGLE

Dr G. Diggle died on 20 December 1995. He was born on 16 December 1913 and graduated MB ChB (Hons) at Edinburgh University in 1936. Specialising in psychiatry he took the DPM at the University of London in 1939, and the Membership of this College the same year. He was appointed Medical Superintendent at the Mid-Wales Mental Hospital at Talgarth, Wales in 1949 and was a consultant psychiatrist to the Welsh Hospital Board in 1963 until his retirement in 1974. He was elected to the Fellowship in 1972.

KAHAN CHAND KANDHARI

Dr K. C. Kandhari died on 28 July 1995 aged 85 years. He graduated MBBS in Lahore in 1934. After serving with the Army Medical Corps during World War II, he took the DTM at Calcutta University in 1947. He took the Membership of this College in 1951. Specialising in dermatology he was instrumental in this becoming a separate specialty in India. He was Emeritus Professor of Dermatology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi for 25 years following his appointment in 1970. He was elected to the Fellowship in 1963.

PHILIPPUS JOHANNES KLOPPERS

Dr P. J. Kloppers died on 22 October 1995. He was born on 26 May 1917. He graduated MB BCh (Hons) at the University of Witwatersrand in 1939 and gained his MD there in 1944. Elected as a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians in 1946 he became a Member of this College in 1965. He was President of the Association of Physicians of South Africa from 1967-68. He was Professor of Medicine at the University of Pretoria and Head of the Department of Medicine at the H. F. Verwoerd Hospital. He was elected a Fellow in 1970.

DAVID MICHAEL MITCHELL

Dr D. M. Mitchell died on 1 April 1995. He graduated MB BCh in 1933 and gained an MD at the University of Dublin in 1939. Specialising in dermatology he became a consultant physician at the Adelaide Hospital in Dublin. He contributed to the literature and was a member of several professional organisations. He was a former President of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Ireland and former Treasurer of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. He was elected to the Fellowship in 1977.

MICHAEL JAMES RAYMOND

Dr M. J. Raymond died on 7 September 1995. Born on 22 March 1922 he qualified at University College Hospital in 1946. After working with the victims in Belsen he decided to specialise in psychiatry and took the DPM in 1953. He gained the Membership of this College in 1956 and was appointed a consultant psychiatrist at Netherne Hospital in 1958. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1973 and was elected a Fellow of this College in 1982.

RONALD GEORGE SIMPSON

Dr R. G. Simpson died on 25 July 1995. He was born in Aberdeen on 22 September 1919 and qualified MB ChB at the University of Aberdeen in 1943. After service with the RAMC he gained an MD with Honours at Aberdeen in 1949. Following his appointment in 1954 as a consultant geriatrician in Perthshire General Hospitals, he started the first geriatric day clinic in Britain 2 years later. He became a Member in 1963 and was elected a Fellow in 1969.

The Library

SOME RECENT ADDITIONS

ALPHEN J van, ARIS A: Oriental medicine: an illustrated guide to the Asian arts of healing. Serindia Publications, 1995.

BADDELEY AD: Handbook of memory disorders. Wiley, 1995.

CALNE, Sir R: Too many people. Calder Publications, 1995.

EASTWOOD MA, JENKINSON A: A history of the Western General Hospital. John Donald, 1995.

GILLESPIE SH: Medical microbiology illustrated. Butterworth Heinemann, 1994 (Presented by Dr S. H. Gillespie).

GILLESPIE SH, HAWKEY PM: Medical parasitology: a practical approach. IRL Press, 1995 (Presented by Dr S. H. Gillespie).

GOODMAN J *et al*: Consuming habits. Routledge, 1995.

HELMHOLTZ H von: Science and culture: popular and philosophical essays. Chicago Press, 1995.

LEWIS S: Hospital: an oral history of Cook County Hospital. The New Press, 1994.

MCKENZIE BC: Medicine and the Internet: Introducing online resources and terminology. OUP, 1996.

MOSS C, SAVIN J: Dermatology and the new genetics. Blackwell Science, 1995.

SEEDHOUSE D: Reforming health care: The philosophy and practice of international health reform. Wiley, 1995.

TURNER BS: Medical power and social knowledge. Sage Publications, 1995.

WEATHERALL DJ *et al*: Oxford textbook of medicine. OUP, 1995.

ETHICAL AND ECONOMIC CONFLICTS IN A CHANGING HEALTH SERVICE

A symposium was held on 1 February 1996 in the Queen Mother Conference Centre, Edinburgh.

The speakers were:

Dr P. Wilkie	The expectations of the 'modern patient'.
Dr H. Zealley	Meeting the patients' expectations.
Dr D. J. Hunter	Economic and political pressures and the rights of the patient.
Miss M. O'Neill	The funding of community care: who should be responsible?
Dr E. Borst-Eilers	Priorities in health care of elderly people.
Dr B. Sweeney	Fundholding: ethical aspects.
Mr J. Connaghan	NHS trusts: ethical dilemmas.
Dr R. Maxwell	Quality of care in the changing health service.

WHAT'S NEW IN GASTROENTEROLOGY

A symposium was held on 8 March 1996 in the Queen Mother Conference Centre, Edinburgh.

The speakers were:

Dr K. E. L. McColl	Pathogenesis of <i>helicobacter pylori</i> .
Dr J. J. Misiewicz	Clinical management of <i>helicobacter pylori</i> .
Dr P. Simmonds	Epidemiology and natural history of HCV.
Dr G. M. Dusheiko	Hepatitis C infection: the clinical scientist viewpoint.
Dr A. H. Wyllie	Molecular mechanisms of colorectal malignancy.
Mr R. J. Leicester	Screening for colorectal malignancy: can it be justified?
Dr D. P. Jewell	Underlying mechanisms of inflammatory bowel disease.
Dr A. Forbes	Modern management of inflammatory bowel disease.

VASCULAR DISEASE AND THE INTRALUMINAL ENVIRONMENT

A symposium was held on 13 March 1996 in the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Aberdeen.

The speakers were:

Dr G. D. O. Lowe	Viscosity factors and blood flow.
Dr A. J. Rees	Microvascular injury in autoimmune disease.
Dr G. R. V. Hughes	Anticardiolipin and related syndromes.
Dr J. Cohen	Cytokines and the vascular endothelium in severe sepsis.
Dr J. Tooke	Pathophysiology of diabetic vascular disease.
Dr L. E. Ramsay	Lowering cholesterol: a critical appraisal.
Dr A. M. Heagarty	Vessel wall thickening: mechanisms and implications.
Dr J. J. F. Belch	Treatment of peripheral vascular disorders.
Dr J. Rawles	Treatment of coronary thrombosis.
Dr A. F. Lever	Early origins of hypertension and vascular diseases.