

## Obituaries

## R ASTLEY

Dr Roy Astley died on 28 January 2000. He was born on 13 November 1920 in Birmingham and graduated MB ChB in 1944 at Birmingham University. After graduation he served in the RAMC in the Middle East until 1948 when he was appointed Paediatric Radiologist at the Birmingham Children's Hospital and Clinical Lecturer in Radiology at Birmingham University. Dr Astley had a special interest in paediatric cardiac catheterisation and cineangiography. He obtained the first cineangiogram of a child in Britain in 1954. He was President of the European Society of Paediatric Radiology in 1972-73 and in 1975 became a Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists.

Dr Astley was elected to the Fellowship of the RCPE in 1975.

## AD CAMERON

Dr Alan Donaldson Cameron died recently. He was born on 15 July 1925 in Dunedin, New Zealand and graduated MB ChB at Otago University in 1952. Dr Cameron was a house surgeon and then a medical registrar at Auckland Hospital before moving to the United Kingdom in 1957 to start his three-month appointment as Locum Registrar at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. He then went to London for two years as Registrar at the Department of Gastroenterology, Central Middlesex Hospital. Dr Cameron returned to New Zealand in 1960 to take up the post of Consultant Physician at Green Lane Hospital, Auckland. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1968 and a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1972.

Dr Cameron was elected to the Fellowship in 1980.

## EB FRENCH

Physician at the Western General and Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh and Reader in the University Department of Medicine. b. 1912. q. Cambridge/Guy's Hospital 1937, MB, FRCP, FRCPEd. d. June 22nd 2000.

With a scholarship to St John's College Cambridge, and a first class in the Part 1 Natural Science Tripos, Ted was launched in style. After a registrarship at Guy's Hospital, where as a result of the war he had increased teaching responsibilities, he joined the RAMC and served mainly in India. After the war he became Assistant Director of the Medical Unit at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and he came to Edinburgh in 1948. Drs Wilfrid Card, John Macleod, John Strong and Dick Turner were the team which he joined; they became good friends, and it was in their safe hands that the tone in the postwar medical service at these hospitals was set.

With a commanding physical presence, Ted came to have acknowledged distinction as a diagnostician and

teacher. His interest was in the natural history of disease, and it was with his characteristic long and penetrating look of the naturalist - which when turned on colleagues they sometimes found disconcerting - that he proved apt in achieving a diagnosis which had eluded others. In his ward rounds, sometimes lasting all day, he opened the eyes of students whether under- or postgraduate, and retained or rekindled a spark in them where so many other teachers dimmed or extinguished them. His teaching was Aristotelian, and students learned to think rather than solely to memorise facts.

He remained a Generalist, so that both his clinical interests and his publications were over a wide field. He also contributed importantly as an author to Davidson's *CEPrinciples and Practice of Medicine*, and Macleod's *CEClinical Examination*, and later, even in retirement, made considerable editorial contributions to both of them. His talents were of particular value to the MRCP (UK) Part 2 Committee in refining examination material submitted to it. He had extensive experience teaching abroad, in India, Iraq, Libya, Nigeria and Burma. Ray Mills recalls being with him in Burma during the students' revolt, and being brought a meal at their hotel by a Burmese PG, who much admired Ted, at a time when Burmese were not allowed to entertain foreigners in their home. He and his wife Yvonne made a splendid team; they cherished his students socially, and many of them became family friends.

There were many colleagues who visited their retirement home in the Isles of Scilly, where he spent the last 23 years of his life. The decision to spend retirement in this way surprised many of his family and his friends, but it was one which he never regretted. He read and commented on *BMJ* and *Lancet* articles until almost the end, and communicated with others on topics raised. His conspicuous energy found many outlets in a seaside environment, with a house with an outstanding view. His garden took much of his time, and moving rocks was a speciality - and the larger the better. He saw much more of his eight grandsons than he might have done with a less powerfully magnetic summer holiday home. The sale of his wood carvings, often made from flotsam treasures, raised an astonishing amount of money for the new health centre at St Mary's, Scilly. His wife and four sons were present when he died. He was buried at sea. As a mark of respect and affection on the day of the memorial service the Union Jack over the town hall was flown at half-mast.

## PD HARRISON

Dr Philippa Dorothy Harrison died recently. She was born on 19 January 1923 in Yorkshire. Dr Harrison passed the Triple Qualification Examination in 1950 and became a Member of the RCPE in 1964. She specialised in geriatrics

and had an interest in neurology. In 1975 she published a paper on paraplegia following epidural analgesia. Dr Harrison retired in 1984, but continued to do locum work in geriatric medicine until 1989.

Dr Harrison was elected to the Fellowship of this College in 1994.

#### MA HEASMAN

Dr Michael Anthony Heasman died on 7 March 2000. He was born on 9 September 1926 and gained the MRCS Engl in 1947. After his house job at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Dr Heasman joined the Royal Air Force where he became Head of the Medical Statistics Branch. In 1954 he gained a Diploma in Public Health and became a medical statistician, first at the General Register Office in London and then at the Ministry of Health where he established the first medical statistics branch. Dr Heasman moved to Edinburgh in 1965 and was appointed Director of the Research and Intelligence Unit, Scottish Office Home and Health Department. In 1974 he became Director of the Scottish Health Service Information Division, and two years later he also accepted the appointment of Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Department of Community Medicine, Edinburgh University. Dr Heasman became a Fellow of the Faculty of Community Medicine in 1974.

Dr Heasman was elected to the Fellowship of this College in 1977.

#### DO LEWIS

Dr David Owen Lewis died on 7 January. He was born on 3 July 1921 in Cardiff and graduated MB ChB at the University of Wales in 1945. Dr Lewis held house appointments at Birmingham Accident Hospital and St David's Hospital in Cardiff. In 1950 he became Senior House Officer first at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow and then at Sully Hospital, Glamorgan. He specialised in respiratory medicine and in 1958 became Senior Registrar in Respiratory Medicine at Churchill Hospital, Oxford. In 1961 he moved to Edinburgh where he was appointed Assistant Professor in Thoracic Medicine, Edinburgh City Hospital. Dr Lewis then went to Leicestershire in 1965 as Consultant Physician in General Medicine with special interest in respiratory diseases. His clinical attachments were at Leicester General Hospital, Loughborough General Hospital, Markfield Hospital for Diseases of the Chest and Groby Hospital. Dr Lewis became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in 1987.

Dr Lewis was elected to the Fellowship in 1994.

#### D MATHURANAYAGAM

Dr Dante Mathuranayagam died in 1998. He was born on 30 August 1927 and graduated MB BS at Madras University in 1956. After gaining memberships of the Glasgow and Edinburgh Colleges, Dr Mathuranayagam became Registrar at the West Cumberland Group of Hospitals. Two years later he returned to India and was appointed Honorary Consultant Physician and Honorary Lecturer in Medicine at Kilpauk Medical College, Madras. In 1970 he became

Honorary Consultant Physician at the Government General Hospital, Madras and Honorary Professor of Clinical Medicine at Madras Medical College. The following year he was also appointed Honorary Physician to the President of India. Dr Mathuranayagam was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in 1959.

Dr Mathuranayagam was elected to the Fellowship of this College in 1974.

#### GM MAXWELL

Professor George Morrison Maxwell died on 17 February 2000. He was born on 27 December 1924 and graduated MB at Edinburgh University in 1947. Professor Maxwell first entered general practice and then decided to undertake further training in paediatrics at the Edinburgh Royal Hospital for Sick Children. He moved to the US and was appointed Assistant Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Wisconsin in 1954. He then went to Australia and became the founding Professor of Child Health at the University of Adelaide in 1959 and Visiting Specialist to the Adelaide Children's Hospital. Professor Maxwell pioneered studies in Aboriginal child health. In the 1960s he established a respiratory clinic at the Adelaide Children's Hospital and in the early 1970s was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Adelaide. In 1988 he became founding Chairman of Paediatrics at the University Medical School of the United Arab Emirates in Al Ain.

Professor Maxwell was elected a Fellow of this College in 1988.

#### JM NEILSON

Dr James McElfrish Neilson died on 30 June. He was born on 5 April 1924 and graduated MB ChB at Glasgow University in 1946. Dr Neilson was a house physician in Glasgow and Portsmouth before serving in the RAF first as a Flying Officer and Flight Lieutenant and then as Senior Medical Officer, Rhodesian Air Training Group. On his return to Scotland Dr Neilson worked as Resident Medical Officer in Edinburgh and Stirling. He then moved to Glasgow where he became Registrar in Medicine at Stobhill General Hospital. In 1964 he was appointed Consultant Physician there. The following year Dr Neilson went to Kenya as Honorary Clinical Lecturer and Honorary Consultant Physician at Makerere University College Medical School Extension, Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi. After a year he resumed his duties as Consultant Physician at Stobhill General Hospital and Clinical Teacher at Glasgow University. On his retirement Dr Neilson acted as Medical Adviser for the Ministry of Defence, Army Pensions Office. Dr Neilson was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in 1972 and the Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1983.

Dr Neilson was elected to the Fellowship of this College in 1968.

#### CRR PILLAY

Dr Caluparambil Raman Ramachandran Pillay has died. He was born on 20 September 1920 and graduated MB BS in

1944 at Madras University. After his house appointments Dr Pillay worked as Assistant Physician until 1954 when he was appointed Honorary Physician and Honorary Professor of Therapeutics and Physician-in-Charge of the Cardiac Clinic, Government Stanley Hospital and Medical College, Madras. He also held visiting professorships on behalf of the Association of Physicians of India. In 1969 Dr Pillay took up the post of Honorary Cardiologist, Government Stanley Hospital, Madras.

Dr Pillay was elected to the Fellowship in 1972.

C SENTHILNATHAN

Dr Chockalingam Senthilnathan died recently. He was born on 16 March 1926 and graduated MB BS at Madras University in 1952. After a houseman year at Government Stanley Hospital, Dr Senthilnathan became first Demonstrator in Physiology and then Tutor in Anatomy at Madras Medical College. He then specialised in cardiology and was appointed Assistant Cardiologist and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Madras Medical College. In 1970 he took the post of Physician at the Coronary Care Unit, Government General Hospital, Madras and Additional Professor of Medicine, Madras Medical College. Dr Senthilnathan became a Fellow of the International College of Angiology in 1975.

Dr Senthilnathan was elected to the Fellowship of this College in 1981.

J WHYTE

Dr John Whyte died on 3 June 1999. He was born on 19 October 1942 and graduated MB ChB at Edinburgh University in 1967. Dr Whyte spent his houseman year at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh and then moved to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow where he developed an interest in neonatal medicine. From 1973 to 1975 he lectured in child medicine at Glasgow University. In 1975 Dr Whyte was appointed Consultant Paediatrician for Lanarkshire Health Board. He became involved in the establishment and development of paediatric services, in particular those for the newborn. Dr Whyte became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in 1987 and a Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in 1997.

Dr Whyte was elected to the Fellowship of this College in 1984.

D WYLLIE

Dr David Wyllie died on 15 March 2000. He was born on 5 March 1913 and graduated MB ChB at Edinburgh University in 1935. Dr Wyllie was a house officer at the Royal Hospital in Sheffield and St Giles in London. He joined the RAMC during World War II and reached the rank of Hon. Lieutenant Colonel. Dr Wyllie specialised in gastroenterology and retired in 1962.

Dr Wyllie was elected to the Fellowship of this College in 1994.

**ATTENTION ALL RESEARCH FELLOWS!**

In recent years some clinical research fellows have experienced difficulty in obtaining funds to attend College symposia.

The Myre Sim Committee has kindly identified monies to help this situation.

Applications to the Committee will therefore be considered from Members of the College who are full-time clinical research fellows wishing to attend College symposia. Priority will be given to fellows providing evidence of an unsuccessful application for funds to the local Postgraduate Dean, and to Collegiate Members of the College. Enquiries should be made in the first instance to The Symposium Co-ordinator, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.