

Cardiff before graduating at the National University of Wales—BSc in 1925, MB in 1930, MD in 1933. After becoming First Assistant in Professor A. M. Kennedy's Department of Medicine in Cardiff he turned to psychiatry and took his DPM in 1930. He joined P. K. McCowan as his deputy at Cardiff City Mental Hospital, where at the time Quastel was working, and where he was introduced to the idea of fundamental as well as clinical research being organised within the mental hospital.

He moved to Derby Borough Mental Hospital before being appointed to Runwell—the last comprehensive psychiatric hospital to be built in this country—and it was there that he spent 30 years of his working life. He recognised his good fortune in having the most modern hospital in the country in his care, incorporating what were then many new ideas—a mixed sex common room for the admission wards, neurosis units, small wards and numerous private rooms. He developed an active clinical policy and was early in the provision of out-patients' services not only for adults but also for children. He developed what he had seen in Cardiff and introduced not only biochemistry but neurophysiology, neuropathology and psychology into the hospital and facilitated the work of the talented group he attracted there—Greville, Weil-Malherbe, Last, Lehmann, Corsellis, Brodie, Foulds. This was during an era in which there were few academic departments and little interest in psychiatry in the teaching hospitals. He founded a well-stocked medical library and ran an academic programme with invited speakers on a regular basis shortly after the war.

He was an accomplished linguist and keen amateur musician. In the 1930s, starting while still in Cardiff, he helped with great personal kindness many German and Austrian psychiatrists, who had escaped the Nazis. He always maintained his Scandinavian links, leading and hosting study tours at various times. He was an Honorary Member of the Norwegian Psychological Society and a Chevalier of the Royal Order of St Olav. He played an active part in the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, was Secretary of the Library Committee in 1946/8, Chairman of the South-Eastern Division 1962/4 and a member of a number of other committees. He was President of the

psychological section of the Royal Society of Medicine in 1959 and, even after his retirement, completed a survey of patients treated with selective psycho-surgery, in which he had been interested for some 20 years. Psychiatrists who worked at or visited Runwell and the physicians and surgeons who were billeted there during the war will always remember his personal kindness, sharp sense of humour and the hospitality that he and his wife Elsie, who survives him, so generously offered.

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**The deaths of the following have also been reported:**

- BRUCE HOSEGOOD BURNS, Consultant Psychiatrist, Hollymoor Hospital, Birmingham.  
 ALEXANDER ELKES, Consultant Psychiatrist, Pastures Hospital, Mickleover, Derby.  
 ALAN JAMES GARDNER, Consultant Psychiatrist, German Hospital, London E8.  
 WILLIAM VICTOR LIVINGSTON, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Great and Little Westhatch Hospitals, Harlow, Essex.  
 ALICE MCGLASHAN, retired, 198 Copland Road, Glasgow.  
 JAMES ROBERTSON MATHERS, formerly Medical Superintendent, Rubery Hill Hospital, Birmingham.  
 REGINALD WARREN MEDLICOTT, Emeritus Professor, 11 Kew Grove, Raumatī Beach, New Zealand.  
 ØRNULVÅ ØDEGÅRD, Formerly Medical Superintendent, Gaustarb Psychiatric Hospital, Oslo 3, Norway.  
 PHILIP PINKERTON, retired, 59 The Bowls, Vicarage Lane, Chigwell, Essex.  
 DAVID HENRY ROPSCITZ, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Halifax General Hospital Yorkshire.  
 ANDREW CROYDON SMITH, Consultant Psychiatrist, Greenwich District Hospital, London SE10.  
 MARTIN VANYAN, Consultant Psychiatrist, Ballamona Hospital, Braddan, Isle of Man.  
 JACK MORRISON WHITE, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Stanley Royal Hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.  
 TUDNO GWYNNE WILLIAMS, formerly Physician Superintendent, North Wales Hospital, Denbigh, Wales.

### *Residential Group for Helping Professionals*

A five day residential group for mental health professionals will be held at Grimstone Manor, Yelverton, Devon from 28 June until 4 July 1987. The group will provide an opportunity for retreat, reflection and personal therapy and is specifically intended for mental health professionals whose

work involves counselling or psychotherapy. A description of similar groups in 1983 and 1984 appeared in the *Bulletin*, February 1986, 10, 27-38. Further information can be obtained from Dr Richard Tillet, Wonford House Hospital, Exeter EX2 5AF (telephone 0392 77358).

### *Frenchay Health Authority Annual Symposium*

Ageing in the Mentally Handicapped: A Multidisciplinary Approach, the first Frenchay Health Authority Annual

Symposium is to be held at the Students' Union, University of Bristol, on 23 and 24 April 1987.

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