

that Sir Ivor is at all times responsive to his colleagues; thoughtful and kind; genuinely concerned about the welfare of others. He is also a man of great discrimination and taste who has built over the years an important collection of works of art. But now I am beginning to stray from my course of describing the public figure who we are acclaiming today, and beginning instead to talk about the private man—the man whom I and many others here know as a most agreeable companion, a wise counsellor and a generous host.

These many qualities and achievements have already been honoured in several ways: by election to the Royal Society of Edinburgh—a rare distinction for a psychiatrist; by the award of the CBE in 1976; and in 1981 by a Knighthood. Today our College is about to add to these signs of public recognition of one of the leaders of our profession. President, it is with great pleasure that I present to you, Sir Ivor Batchelor.

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## Obituary

### **JOHN TORRIE HUTCHINSON, Consultant Psychiatrist, King's College Hospital, London SE5.**

Dr Hutchinson, a Foundation Fellow of the College, died in August 1984 at the age of 65.

Hutchinson graduated with distinction from the University of Glasgow in 1943. After house jobs at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, he was commissioned in the Royal Navy and saw service in Normandy, the North Atlantic and the Far East.

After demobilization he took up psychiatry, first at Runwell, and then at the Maudsley. He was appointed Senior Registrar at St Thomas', where, in 1954, he was awarded the Planck Prize. He proceeded to the MD in 1954 and was appointed consultant at Cane Hill Hospital in 1956, a position he held with distinction until his retirement in 1983. In addition he held an appointment as Honorary Consultant to King's College Hospital.

Hutchinson was a man of enormous enthusiasm and was a veritable glutton for work. He served on several committees of the old RMPA and the BMA, in addition to acting as examiner to the General Nursing Board and for the MRCPsych. In 1979 he was honoured by his appointment as Chairman of the Section of Psychiatry of the Royal Society of Medicine. He is to be identified particularly, however, with the Society of Clinical Psychiatrists of which he served as Chairman for many years.

He had a keen interest in forensic psychiatry and his opinion was both sought and respected in legal circles. He was largely instrumental in the establishment of a secure unit at Cane Hill. RJD

### **WILLIAM MCCARTAN, retired, formerly Physician Superintendent, St Francis Hospital, Sussex.**

William McCartan, who died on 3 July 1984, was born in Castlewellan, County Durham in 1899. He graduated from Queen's University, Belfast, in 1922 after a break for active service in the Mediterranean in 1918–19 with the RNVR. He proceeded to the MD in 1925 and joined the LCC mental hospital service and worked at Hanwell, Cane Hill, the Maudsley, West Park and Banstead, where with A. A. W. Petrie, he introduced the convulsion and insulin shock therapies which he had first studied in Berne.

In 1937 he was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Brighton Mental Hospital, Haywards Heath (later St Francis Hospital). The new admission unit, Hurstwood Park, opened early in 1938, but under the threat of war it was re-designed as a neurosurgical unit and the National Hospital was evacuated from Queen Square.

Hurstwood, through the chance of war, had provided the possibility for expression of McCartan's vision of psychiatry as neuropsychiatry rather than the social psychiatry which was to be the coming trend. So he saw to it that the post-war admission villa built to make up for the psychiatric beds lost to pre-war Hurstwood was built close by Hurstwood so that the psychiatric patients could the more readily take advantage of neurological investigation.

McCartan's view of neuropsychiatry was based on deep holistic convictions. In the wide review of his presidential address to the RMPA given in Belfast in 1961 (*Journal of Mental Science*, 107, 809–18) entitled 'Monism and Dualism: New Lamps for Old', he showed how 300 years of scientific thought since Descartes could no more exorcise dualism than had the two preceding millenia of philosophy.

After 1957, back in Ulster, he drafted the Northern Ireland Mental Health Act, developed the Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health and was President of the Ulster Neuro-Psychiatric Society from 1963–65. He is survived by his widow, Edith, and his daughter, Judy.

RHW

### **MAURICE AUBREY PARTRIDGE, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, St George's Hospital London SW1.**

Maurice Partridge, DM, FRCP, known familiarly as 'Bird', died on 29 June 1984, having been in poor health for several years.

After Balliol, Oxford, he entered Guy's Hospital where he later lived for years while on the staff at St George's. He was deeply influenced in his psychiatric outlook by the time he spent before the war at the Phipps Clinic at Johns Hopkins, headed by Adolf Meyer; he continued to take a truly 'psychobiological' view of human life thereafter. He served in the RNVR during the war, attaining the rank of Lt. Commander. He later worked at St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, before joining the staff at St George's. He