

behavioural techniques but also included hypnosis. In addition to his work in general psychology and that of running a large department, he encouraged the development of a Human Psychopharmacology Research Unit. Despite his heavy academic duties he took an active part in the affairs of the University and finally achieved the responsibilities of Pro-Vice Chancellor. During this time he was active as a member of the Yorkshire Regional Health Authority and Scientific Advisor (Mental Health and Forensic Psychiatry) to the Department of Health and Social Security.

He was equally involved in the affairs of the world of psychology. He was a member of the editorial boards of various professional journals and acted as referee to others. He served on the Council and many committees of the British Psychological Society, including the Division of Clinical Psychology and in 1970 he became its President. He was founder Chairman of the British Association for Behavioural Psychotherapy and first President of the British Society of Experimental and Clinical Hypnosis.

In 1981 he took early retirement from the University, but this did not diminish his research and other activities. He became a Senior Research Fellow in the DHSS sponsored project on Comparative Study of Regional and Interim Secure Units, a Mental Health Commissioner to North Wales and the North West, besides continuing to referee papers for Psychological Medicine and examining. Among his various Fellowships and Honorary Fellowships he particularly valued the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

He was a remarkably relaxed and friendly person but his easy going manner did not conceal the clear mind which so easily could fix on the essentials of a difficult problem. His sound judgement was one to which many were beholden, not only in clinical work but also in the affairs of the University. His good humour and genial wit made him a friend to all who met him. He is survived by his wife Eileen and a son and daughter.

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WILLIAM RODGER, Consultant Psychiatrist, Yare Clinic, West Norwich Hospital, Norfolk.

Bill Rodger died at the age of 58 on 9 January 1985. The Royal College of Psychiatrists has lost a Fellow of genuine warmth, compassion and therapeutic skill. His was the cleverness that shaped the logic of his approach and not the sort to score points in the Senior Common Room.

Training at King Edward VI School, Norwich, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge and the London Hospital made him, first of all, proud to be a doctor. His Doctorate and later his Fellowship of our College, proved his success in his chosen discipline.

In the days when 'good' candidates could still obtain experience outside of the fixed Rotational Training Schemes, Horton Hospital, Neuropsychiatry in the RAF, Severalls Hospital and St Bartholomew's Hospital provided a strong foundation for his career as Consultant Psychiatrist to the Devon and Exeter Clinical Area (1951-1972) and Norwich Health Authority (1972-1985).

The Norwich District has been fortunate to have the energy

of Bill generating support for Community Care, a District General Hospital Psychiatric Unit and a nationally acclaimed pioneer service for Alcohol Related Psychiatric Disorders. His final project was a major experimental scheme to redesign the District Service and Drug Dependency. While some might be calculating the odds or testing the soil, he got the foundations started.

Although never keen on committee work, he seemed to serve on a great many. He not only contributed to the Region, the BMA and the Royal College of Psychiatrists, but was also Consultant at the University of East Anglia and adviser to many organizations.

In a busy professional life dedication to the family is not always possible, but clearly Bill's family was fortunate. He and his wife, Simone, brought up their two sons and a daughter and also provided a model of care for the elderly in the way they looked after their parents.

Like so many warm and compassionate men living a quiet Christian life, Bill left himself to the last. At the age of 58 he had promised himself his first good holiday for a long time. His death was sudden and unexpected.

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BERNARD HOOPER SMITH, 244 High Park Boulevard, Buffalo, New York 14226, USA.

Bernard Smith was a native Scot, born in Aberdeen on 22 November 1917 and educated at the University of Aberdeen where he graduated MB, ChB with first class honours in 1940. In 1956 he was awarded the MD, also with honours, one of a veritable host of additional academic distinctions he acquired both in the UK and in North America, including the MRCP (London) in 1947 and the FRCP in 1965. He was elected a Foundation Fellow of the College in 1972. From 1941 to 1946 Professor Smith served in the RAMC, achieving the rank of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel.

He received his postgraduate training after the war in both neurology and psychiatry, the former at the National Hospital, Queen Square, the latter at the Maudsley. After his move to North America, he was appointed to important posts in Canada and the USA. From 1951 to 1953 he was lecturer at McGill University, but his main appointments were at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he was in turn Clinical Associate from 1953 to 1955 and Professor of Neurology from 1955 to 1979. He was honoured by his election to Emeritus Professor after his retirement from his Chair.

Professor Smith had many publications to his credit, mainly on neurological subjects, and he served as an examiner for the American Boards in Neurology and Psychiatry.

Bernard Smith, by virtue of his valuable contributions to the two disciplines of neurology and psychiatry, is a prime example of a physician to whom the appellation 'neuro-psychiatrist' is so apropos.

VICTOR HARRY TOMPKINS, Honorary Consultant, Southampton University Hospital Group.

Victor Tompkins was born on 22 April 1906. He was educated at the Leeds Grammar School and went up to Jesus

College, Cambridge, as an exhibitioner to read medicine. He qualified MRCS (Eng), LRCP (London) in 1931 and did his 'house jobs' at the General Infirmary, Leeds and the London Hospital.

He joined the RAF Medical Branch in the 1930s, in which he served with distinction. He was awarded the Viceroy's Certificate for his service in the Quanton Earthquake and in 1943 was mentioned in despatches.

In the late 1930s, when psychiatry was becoming a recognized speciality in the RAF, Tompkins was appointed a specialist neuropsychiatrist and obtained the DPM Eng. in 1938. He was elected MRCPsych in 1972 and proceeded to the Fellowship in 1977.

It was during the war that Tompkins, when stationed at RAF Medical Headquarters, Kelvin House, London, became interested in electrophysiology, an interest he pursued after his retirement from the RAF when he was appointed Honorary Consultant Neurophysiologist, Southampton and South West Hants Health District.

It was my privilege to have worked under Victor Tompkins, both as a medical student at Leeds when he was 'on the

house', and in the RAF when he was appointed a neuropsychiatrist at Kelvin House. His outstanding characteristics were his exuberant bonhomie and his total absence of side or prejudice. I have every reason to appreciate them all.

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The deaths of the following have also been reported:

BERNARD CATES, retired, formerly Physician Superintendent, Stone House Hospital, Dartford.

THERESA D'ARCY, Assistant Psychiatrist, Roundway Hospital, Devizes, Wiltshire.

ALLAN BRUCE GARDINER, Consultant Psychiatrist, Psychiatric Division, Basingstoke District Hospital, Park Prewett, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

HAMISH GETHWYN HAMILTON-HISLOP, Consultant Psychiatrist, Botleys Park Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey.

VERONICA HERMOINE LONGMAN, Consultant Psychiatrist, Tooting Bec Hospital, Tooting Bec Road, London SW17.

GERTRUDE DOROTHY MARY SCULLY, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Our Lady's Hospital, Cork, Eire.

Forthcoming Events

A one-and-a-half-day course entitled 'Child Psychiatry for the MRCPsych' will be held at the Institute of Child Health on 11 and 12 October 1985. The organizer will be Professor Philip Graham. Fee: £35; abstracts will be provided. Information and application forms: Miss Gillian Brown, Sub-Dean's Secretary, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London WC1N 1EH (telephone: 01-242 9789).

Two courses will be run in London by Bill O'Hanlon (Hudson Center, Omaha, Nebraska, USA): 'Advances in Ericksonian and Strategic Approaches: Couples and Families' (13 and 14 September 1985) and 'Hypnosis with "Psychosomatic" Problems' (15 September 1985). Information and application forms: Philip Booth, Co-Ordinator, London Society for Ericksonian Psychotherapy and Hypnosis, 18 Yarnells Road, Oxford OX2 0LY (telephone: Oxford 721597).

The 8th UK/Netherlands Workshop on Therapeutic Communities, 'The Windsor Conference', will be held at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, from 16 to 20 September 1985. Limited to 40 participants, the programme consists of brief academic papers grouped into related topics and allows much time for discussion. Fee: £125. Information: Dr J. Stuart Whiteley, Henderson Hospital, 2 Homeland Drive, Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey (telephone: 01-661 1611).

The Third Annual Conference of the British Holistic Medical Association, 'Holistic Medicine and the Health of the Carer', will be held at Kensington Town Hall on 19 and 20 October 1985. Topics will include: BMA Report on Alternative Medicine (Professor Linford Rees); medical and nursing education; mental and physical health problems of doctors and

nurses. Workshops will be held on various topics: cardiovascular care, stress reduction, pain relief, etc. Information: Cynthia Read, Secretary to Dr Malcolm Carruthers, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ (telephone: 01-703 6333).

'The Mind and the Brain'—this one-day symposium on recent advances at the psychiatry-neurology interface, sponsored by the S.W. Thames Division of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, will be held at the University of Surrey on 8 October 1985. Speakers: Professor R. G. Shanks ('Beta-adrenoceptor antagonists in migraine'); Professor R. Y. Cartwright ('The neurone—a viral haven?'); Professor D. A. Shaw ('Cerebro-vascular disease'); Professor J. W. T. Dickerson ('Down's Syndrome'); Professor A. Crisp ('Anorexia nervosa'); Dr S. A. Checkley ('Biochemistry of depression'); Group Captain A. N. Nicholson ('Pharmacology of sleep'); Professor M. Carstairs (*The Clouston Lecture*—'Obstacles to recovery in some social settings'). Information and application forms: Dr C. Speirs, 3 Heath Park Drive, Windlesham, Surrey GU20 6JA.

An International Congress on Rape will be held in Israel from 7 to 11 April 1986. Information: Congress Secretariat, Rape, PO Box 394, Tel Aviv 61003, Israel.

A residential conference on 'Rehabilitation and Community Support in Mental Health' will be held on 20 September 1985, preceded on the evening of 19 September with a poster session; both events will be held at Trinity College, Carmarthen. Information: Mr Tim Hooper, School for Nursing, Trinity College, College Road, Carmarthen, Dyfed (telephone: 0267-232076).