

'apprenticeship model' of training, emphasising the physician's total commitment and responsibility towards his patient. Individuals from other disciplines will also have cause to remember PP with gratitude and affection, particularly those psychiatric social workers who trained with him.

Philip acquired a national and international reputation in his chosen area of study, visiting America, Canada, Australia, Norway and Israel, as guest Professor. In spite of many invitations to take up positions overseas, Philip remained loyal to Merseyside and stayed with us until his retirement in 1983. He never stopped working, however; when he moved to Essex he continued his research interest in cystic fibrosis, working at the Brompton Hospital.

He was very much a family man who, in the rare moments which work afforded to him, loved to practise his violin or, together with his wife, Hilda, attend a concert at the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall. Hilda is herself an accomplished artist, and PP took great pleasure in displaying her paintings in his room at the Children's Hospital. He was also very proud and pleased to acknowledge the success of his children—David is a dental surgeon; Gillian a psychologist, and Stuart a doctor.

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**TUDNO GWYNNE WILLIAMS, formerly Physician Superintendent, North Wales Hospital, Denbigh.**

Dr Gwynne Williams, for two decades a leading figure in psychiatry in Wales, died on 30 November 1986 at the age of 71.

Gwynne Williams was born in Llandudno, North Wales. A son of the manse, he gained a scholarship to Caterham School, entered the Middlesex Hospital Medical School and graduated MB BS in 1938. After house appointments in and around London, he served in the Royal Navy from 1940 to 1946 where, tutored and influenced by Desmond Curran, he became a neuropsychiatric specialist. After the war he continued his training at Queen's Square and then at

Mapperley Hospital, obtaining the DPM and his London MD.

In 1948, with many paths open to him, he returned to the native area he loved. His appointment as consultant psychiatrist to the North Wales Hospital, Denbigh marked the beginning of 33 years in which he played a leading role in developing psychiatric services throughout the hospital's huge catchment area. For 16 years he was its physician superintendent. With his natural gifts of leadership and wisdom, and with his deep feeling for North Wales and its people, Gwynne Williams oversaw the transition of the hospital from a Victorian county asylum to the centre of a modern, clinical psychiatric service. He was acutely aware of the vulnerability of remote mental hospitals and of the effects, good and bad, that a physician superintendent may have upon them. He was successful in achieving change because colleagues were quick to recognise his abilities and had absolute confidence in his judgement and integrity.

He knew that psychiatry had to fight its corner and with his wide knowledge and his organisational skills he became an influential and respected ambassador for the speciality. He served with distinction on the Welsh Hospital Board until its dissolution, becoming vice-chairman of its planning committee. In the College he represented Wales on Council, was an examiner for the membership and served on the Public Policy Committee.

He accepted administrative work as inevitable but was never happier than when exercising his considerable clinical acumen. He had a quiet, perceptive and sensitive manner and his clinical opinions were in demand by general practitioners and by consultant colleagues in and outside psychiatry. He was a doctor's doctor to whom many medical men, and their families, had reason to be grateful. Gwynne Williams had an enviable reputation as a distinguished psychiatrist. Those who had the pleasure of working with him also remember with great affection a man without pomp or pretension who was a unique source of wisdom and guidance.

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