

ment of his patients in the ward was too trivial to escape his attention. He expected the highest possible standard from his assistants and could, if he thought they had been negligent in the care of a patient, chastise them with a biting phrase which cut to the quick. Praise from him was praise indeed, but it had to be won by diligence and good work. However, having won his trust, he gave his help and encouragement without reservation. No one knows this better than I, and to him I owe a debt that can never be repaid.

As a surgeon Sir William's success was based upon sound principles rather than brilliant and spectacular performance. His judgment of the need for surgery and his choice of operation were usually right, and his patients did extremely well. He was scrupulously careful in technique, especially haemostasis. He was at times perhaps overcautious, particularly in later years, but I think he realized his limitations as a surgical technician. He would never learn to do a vaginal hysterectomy. Having made up his mind early in life that it was a bad operation, he never changed his opinion, and I could never convince him to the contrary.

As a teacher he was didactic, dogmatic, clear, and concise. His logical brain enabled him to reduce the complex to the simple for the sake of the student, who came away from his lectures and ward rounds with clear and concrete ideas. He never wrote a lot. He had very firm views about a good deal of medical literature and he only wrote when he felt that he had something really worth while to contribute.

Sir William had an innate shyness and reserve which was difficult to penetrate, and which some of his friends and admirers found difficult to understand. His stern self-discipline and single-minded determination gave at times the impression of austerity, even ruthlessness. It always seemed a little strange that someone who was at heart so essentially kind should be on occasions aloof. Though his death came as a great shock to all who knew him, there is some consolation to be found in its very suddenness. None of us could ever have imagined him in complete retirement. The gradual deterioration of mental and physical powers which must inevitably come with advancing years would have tried him sorely. This, happily, he has been spared, and for his sake we must be glad. It was fitting that a man who was truly great and who had achieved such eminence in his profession should pass on while still enjoying life to the full.

A happy private life is the only sure foundation for a successful professional one, and in this Sir William was fortunate. Lady Gilliatt, herself a doctor, was throughout the years a great companion and support to him, contributing in no small measure to her husband's success. She and a son, also a member of the medical profession, and a daughter made up his utterly devoted family, and to them we send our heartfelt sympathy.

Dr. DAVID BRAHAM died at his home in Bournemouth on September 20, after a long illness patiently borne. He was born in Leeds on July 18, 1900, and was the second son in a family of four boys, three of whom became doctors. From the Central High School at Leeds he went on to study medicine at Leeds University, graduating M.B., Ch.B. in 1923. After a year spent as house-surgeon in the Hospital for Women and Children in Leeds he started in general practice in Darwen. Here he took a prominent part in local government, becoming a town councillor and serving on the health committee. Ill-health eventually forced him to give up his practice in Darwen, and in 1931 he moved to Bournemouth, where his health soon improved and he built up a thriving practice and made many friendships which lasted for the rest of his life. In 1940 he went to Leicester, where he soon won the affection and esteem of his patients and colleagues. He was a keen bridge player and golfer, and in 1954 he was joint winner of the annual trophy of the Leicester Medical Society. Always interested in the improvement of general practice, he was a founder member of the College of General Practitioners.

Unfortunately in 1955 the state of his health necessitated his retirement, and he went back to live in Bournemouth and await the end which he well knew was inevitable. He bore his illness bravely, and his untimely death will be widely mourned by his colleagues and patients in Leicester and Bournemouth. He was the ideal general practitioner, accurate in diagnosis, skilled in treatment, and always a personal friend of his patients. The sympathy of his friends will be extended to his wife and two married daughters, and particularly to his mother, who in the same week suffered a double bereavement by the sudden death of another son, Dr. Harvey Braham, of Huddersfield.—R. J. D.

Dr. C. F. X. O'SULLIVAN died at his home at Navan, Co. Meath, on August 20 at the age of 70. Born in the city of Galway, Christopher Francis Xavier O'Sullivan was educated at the Jesuit College, Galway, and at Rockwell College, Tipperary. He graduated M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. at the Royal University of Ireland at the age of 21, and for two years thereafter he took temporary posts in several districts in the west of Ireland. In 1909 he was appointed to the dispensary district of Williamstown, Co. Galway, where he practised for over 40 years. His health began to fail in 1950, and he retired to live in Navan. He is survived by his widow.

We record with regret the death at the age of 29 of Surgeon Captain G. C. E. WILSON, regimental medical officer to the Household Cavalry Regiment. He was murdered in his car in a suburb of Nicosia by E.O.K.A. gunmen on September 26. Gordon Charles Edwyn Wilson was born on November 6, 1926, the son of the late Captain Ian Wilson and of Mrs. Wilson, of St. Andrews, Fife. From Cambridge, where he won a blue for running, he went on to complete his clinical training at St. George's Hospital, graduating M.B., B.Ch. in 1953. After holding resident posts at St. Martin's Hospital, Bath, and the Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, he joined the Royal Horse Guards as a surgeon captain—an old-fashioned title held only by those who are directly commissioned in the Household Cavalry without serving in the R.A.M.C. He leaves a widow and two young children, and we sympathize with them and with his mother in the tragic and deplorable loss of this young doctor.

Dr. E. A. GREGG wishes to thank people for their kind letters of sympathy, and regrets that he is unable to answer them all.

## The Services

Major-General P. F. Palmer, O.B.E., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen, in succession to Major-General R. Murphy, C.B., C.B.E., retired.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Arthur E. Porritt, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., R.A.M.C., T.A., has relinquished the appointment of Honorary Colonel 57 (Mx) General Hospital, retaining the rank of Honorary Colonel.

A *Supplement* to the *London Gazette* has announced the following awards:

*Second Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration*.—Major (L./Lieutenant-Colonel) H. H. Kenshole, D.S.O., T.D. (seconded to University of London, O.T.C.); Majors D. S. Austen, T.D., and H. Dickie, T.D., R.A.M.C.

*First Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration*.—Colonel A. McK. Reid, M.C., T.D. (retired), Lieutenant-Colonel (Honorary Colonel) E. M. Elmhirst, T.D. (retired), Major (L./Lieutenant-Colonel) H. H. Kenshole, D.S.O., T.D. (seconded to University of London, O.T.C.), R.A.M.C.

*Territorial Efficiency Decoration*.—Majors W. J. Atkinson, G. V. Cole, M.C., J. S. B. Mackay, and D. K. W. Picken, R.A.M.C.

appointment as Minister of Public Health and Social Assistance in his own country, the Republic of El Salvador.

**Professor W. J. Hamilton**, professor of anatomy in the University of London, has succeeded Dr. E. C. Warner as Dean of the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School as from August 1.

### COMING EVENTS

A service for doctors and nurses will be held in the Old Meeting House Congregational Church, Colegate, Norwich, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 14. The address will be given by Mr. A. S. ALDIS, F.R.C.S.

**British Institute of Radiology.**—Annual congress and exhibition, December 6 and 7. Final date for registration, October 15. Details from the general secretary, British Institute of Radiology, 32, Welbeck Street, London, W.1.

**British Association of Allergists.**—Autumn meeting on October 19, 5.30 p.m., at Brompton Hospital, Fulham Road, London, S.W.3. Full details from Dr. A. W. FRANKLAND, St. Mary's Hospital, London, W.2.

**Society of Apothecaries.**—The Master's Day Service of the Society of Apothecaries is to be held on Sunday, October 21, at 11.15 a.m. at the Church of St. Mary Aldermay (opposite Mansion House Station).

**Westminster Medical School.**—Viscount CHANDOS will give the inaugural address at 3 p.m. on October 22 at Church House, Westminster.

**Wessex Rahere Club.**—The autumn dinner will take place at the Grand Spa Hotel, Bristol, on October 27. Details from Mr. A. DAUNT BATEMAN, 11, The Circus, Bath.

**Abortion Law Reform Association.**—Immediately following the annual meeting, a public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on October 31 at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.1. The subject will be "Immediate Prospects for our Private Member's Bill." Details from the honorary secretary, 53, Gloucester Terrace, London, W.2.

**Leeds Medical School.**—Annual dinner for past and present male students will be held at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds, on November 2, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets (25s.) from the dinner secretary, Medical School, Leeds, 2.

**St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School.**—The old students' dinner will take place in the New Hall, The Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, on November 8, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Professor A. D. GARDNER will be in the chair. Tickets £1 11s. 6d. (exclusive of drinks).

**Gastro-enterology Conference.**—A specialist conference on gastro-enterology will be held in Glasgow at the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, November 26-30. Details will be found in our advertisement columns (p. 54).

### SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked ●. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

#### Monday, October 8

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5 p.m., Dr. D. McAlpine: Multiple Sclerosis—Clinical Aspects of the Problem.  
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. E. G. L. Bywaters: Henoch-Schönlein Purpura.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. D. H. Patey: Some Points in the Surgery of the Parotid Gland; 6.30 p.m., Mr. D. Trevor: Surgery of the Patella.

#### Tuesday, October 9

CHELSEA CLINICAL SOCIETY.—At Rembrandt Hotel, S.W., 8.30 p.m., discussion to be opened by Sir Albert Richardson: Development of the Nineteenth Century. (Illustrated by slides.)

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. M. B. Mackenna: Sebaceous Glandular System.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF SURGERY.—At Clinical Sciences Building, York Place, 8 p.m., Presidential Address by Mr. S. M. Milner: Business as Usual.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—3.45 p.m., Imperial Cancer Research Fund Lecture by Dr. C. P. Rhoads: Soluble Puzzle of Cancer Control.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. T. Holmes Sellers: Carcinoma of the Lung; 6.30 p.m., Mr. F. R. Kilpatrick: Prostatectomy.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. G. C. Knight: Spinal Compression.

#### Wednesday, October 10

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. E. J. Moynihan: Connective Tissue.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. N. Lloyd Rusby: Collagen Disorders with particular reference to Respiratory Manifestations.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. A. R. C. Higham: Enuresis.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical School, Manchester University, 4.15 p.m., ordinary meeting of Fellows. Presidential Address by Dr. J. F. Wilkinson: What's Bred in the Bone.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. F. W. G. Wolff: Biochemistry of Diabetes (I).

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. R. Sampson Handley: The Spread of Breast Carcinoma and its Relation to Treatment: 6.30 p.m., Mr. J. B. Pennybacker: Chronic Subdural Haematoma.

ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—Psychotherapy and Social Psychiatry Section, at 11, Chandos Street, London, W.1, 8 p.m., Dr. S. H. Foulkes: Some Observations on Out-patient Psychotherapy at a Teaching Hospital (open to members and guests).

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE: EDINBURGH BRANCH.—At West Medical Theatre, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, 5 p.m., Sir Gordon Covell: Some Aspects of Malaria Therapy.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—7.30 p.m., Dr. H. A. Reid: Sea Snake Research.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS.—At General Infirmary at Leeds, 8.30 p.m., Dr. H. K. Beacher: New Work on Pain and Pain Relief.

#### Thursday, October 11

ALFRED ADLER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 11, Chandos Street, W., 8 p.m., Dr. James MOORE: Aspects of Modern Psychology.

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At Beveridge Hall, Senate House, W.C., 5.30 p.m., Sir John Cockcroft, F.R.S.: Biological Significance of Atomic Energy.

●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—3 p.m., Professor J. Chassar Moir: Vesico-Vaginal Fistulae.

LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—7.30 for 8 p.m., Inaugural Address by Professor B. L. McFarland: Adjustment to Adversity.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH.—5 p.m., Professor W. J. Tulloch: Medicine as an Aspect of General Biology.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. A. J. Gardham: Carcinoma Tongue; 6.30 p.m., Mr. H. C. Edwards: Splenectomy.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Department, Queen's College, Dundee, 5 p.m., Sir Neil Hamilton Fairley, F.R.S.: Amoebiasis and Some of its Problems.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. Desmond Curran: psychiatry demonstration.

#### Friday, October 12

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At National Institute for Medical Research, 2 p.m., 355th meeting.

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. C. Wells: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Mr. J. R. Belcher: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Annual Address by Mr. R. D. Owen: Review of the Problems in Pharyngeal and Laryngeal Surgery.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5 p.m., Professor E. Herman (Poland): Tonic Plantar Reflex and its Localizing Significance.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4.30 p.m., 9th Thomas Percy Legg Memorial Lecture by Mr. N. R. Barrett: The Short Oesophagus.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—10 a.m., Professor C. A. Wells: Conservation of Renal Function; 4 p.m., Dr. L. Guttman: Care of the Paraplegic.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4 p.m., Edridge-Green Lecture by Professor W. D. Wright: Diagnostic Tests for Colour Vision.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—6.30 p.m., Mr. W. J. Lytle: Femoral Hernia.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Royal Academy of Art, 6.30 p.m., Sir Albert Richardson: Anatomy of Art.

#### Saturday, October 13

SOUTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.—At Grove Park Hospital, 10.30 for 11 a.m., Dr. J. E. Stokes: Some Cases of Pulmonary Pneumatocele; Mr. I. M. Hill: Some Cases of Mitral Disease and Surgery; Dr. C. W. L. Jeanes: A Chest Physician Visits the New World—The Lighter Side.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

#### BIRTHS

**Hayman.**—On September 22, 1956, to Eva (formerly Diamant), S.R.N., S.C.M., and Michael Hayman, M.B., B.S., of 13, Church Street, Bridgwater, Somerset, a daughter—Joanna Louise.

**Oakenfull.**—On September 19, 1956, at the Maternity Home, Scunthorpe, Lincs, to Isabel (formerly Heath), M.B., Ch.B., wife of Basil G. P. Oakenfull, F.F.A.R.C.S., a son—Michael George.

**Roe.**—On September 1, 1956, at University College Hospital, London, W.C., to Kathleen (formerly Dempsey), wife of Dr. Peter W. Roe, of 43, Belmont Road, Bushey, Herts, a daughter—Jane Martha.

**Taylor.**—On April 3, 1956, at the Lady Chancery Maternity Home, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, to Edna (formerly Parish), M.C.S.P., wife of Dr. P. A. Taylor, D.C.H., a sister for Susan, Michael, and Philip—Hilary Margaret.

#### MARRIAGES

**Douglas-Foster.**—On September 22, 1956, at Christ Church, Guildford, Surrey, Dr. Eric Murray Douglas, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, to Jean Foster, S.R.N., S.C.M., of Guildford.

#### DEATHS

**Braham.**—On September 20, 1956, at Hurlingham Cottage, 14, Manor Road, Bournemouth, Hants, David Braham, M.B., Ch.B., aged 56.

**Cuthbertson.**—On September 19, 1956, at 157, Essex Road, Leyton, London, E., William Cuthbertson, M.B., Ch.B.

**Mackay.**—On September 8, 1956, Ernest Charles Mackay, M.D., of West Dene, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

**Rohan.**—On September 7, 1956, at Churchfields, Old Basford, Nottingham, Mary Teresa Rohan, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.