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first an architect, planner, builder, and physician and surgeon at a mission hospital in Orissa, next a consultant geriatrician, and latterly the organiser of a medical charity for the Third World; his flute playing was accomplished enough to earn him a place in the York Symphony Orchestra. Wilkins's success at fundraising should have been documented, but there is a good substitute in Mark Rake's guide on p 431; raising all but £1m in 20 months, he concludes in a personal view that what's essential are courage, a good constitution, and the best available advice.