

to a serious study of human society in times past, and he was never happier than when roaming over the Yorkshire or Devon moors to search out some stone circle, barrow, or other evidence of the physical presence of these ancient societies. From this practical archaeological approach, with his own knowledge of psychiatry, human behaviour, and motivation, and a systematic study of philosophy, he had been weaving a unique view of the human state in which his own interpretations of the human past and present were harmoniously integrated.

Notwithstanding the demands of a busy practice and of his ever increasing research and teaching commitments, Tony always had time particularly for his patients and for his colleagues in the practice. He will be missed by patients and colleagues, but particularly by those who were dependent on him for inspiration in the ever increasing number of research projects with which he was concerned and for which he had provided the major motivation. He is survived by his wife, who is also a doctor, and his three sons.—DLG.

H A TREBLE

MA, BM, FRCP

Dr H A Treble, consulting physician to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, died at Canterbury on 21 June. He was 73.

Henry Arthur Treble was born at Croydon, Surrey, on 8 December 1907. His father was a



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classics teacher and from him he inherited a keen brain and a scrupulous and scholarly background. He was educated at Whitgift School, Croydon, where he distinguished himself on the science side and won an open scholarship to Oxford. In 1926

he entered Magdalen College as a demy (foundation scholar) and took second-class honours in animal physiology in 1929 with the senior science war memorial scholarship to Guy's Hospital Medical School, which he entered in September 1929.

At Guy's he qualified with the conjoint diploma in July 1932, adding the Oxford BM, BCh in December. He then served his apprenticeship under Maurice Campbell, Douthwaite, Mutch, Fagge, and Davies-Colley, becoming house physician; the MRCP (London) followed in 1935. During his post-graduate years at Guy's he contributed a paper to *Brain* with S de Navasquez on a case of primary generalised amyloid disease with involvement of the nerves.

In 1937 he joined the general practice of the Wachters, a Canterbury dynasty, and was appointed honorary assistant physician to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital. The building was brand new and the prospects for a well-qualified physician excellent, but his early years were disrupted by the war, during which he remained in civilian practice.

Treble's practice of medicine was refined into an efficient machine: he thought quickly and acted quickly. His intellectual grasp of a subject was illustrated by his self-taught mastery of dermatology when a gap in this subject needed to be filled after the premature death of a colleague in 1940. At the bedside and in the clinic he was brisk, even brusque at times, with no time wasted, no small talk, recognised by some as the performance of a shy man. His natural kindness was sometimes obscured by the abruptness of insecurity; thus he never quite came into the "beloved physician" category, although he was a much respected doctor. At the hospital he undertook more than his share of committee work and was a superb performer as member or chairman. In 1947 he was an early member of the South-east Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, and he influenced the development of hospital services in the south-east. In 1955 he was elected FRCP. He retired from clinical practice in 1972, aged 65 and in indifferent health. A newly commissioned medical ward was named after him.

There was another H A Treble. Quite separate from his medical life, he developed an amazing range of cultural interests, to each of which he applied his perfectionism. He was a keen music-lover and in 1942 was a cofounder of the Canterbury Music Club, now in its 39th season. He was an authority on Oriental ceramics, and his collection of celadon ware from the Han and Sung periods was well known. He was a passionate lover of Italy, a great traveller, and a master of the Italian Renaissance. He was an expert gardener and an epicure. In each of these interests he had a devoted band of friends. He was a stoic also who faced the problems of deteriorating health and the domestic difficulties of a bachelor life with masterly objectivity. He was a many-sided man: in the words of a professorial friend, "a true eccentric."

ALEXANDRA W MUCKLOW

MB, CHB

Dr Alexandra W Mucklow, who until her retirement was medical officer to Cheltenham Ladies College, died in Cheltenham General Hospital on 16 April aged 79. Her health had not been good since 1979, when she had a stroke; but death came unexpectedly after a short illness, and she had been planning to return home the next day.

Alexandra Winifred Groves was born on 1 December 1901 and entered the Manchester Medical School in 1922 with the idea of working in a leper colony. She graduated in 1928, having obtained her BSc in anatomy and physiology in 1925. During her student days she was interested in theatricals (she had played the part of Caliban at school) and in games, playing lacrosse for the university and obtaining her colours. As a student she showed a keen inquiring mind, and her insistence on finding out and giving the best she was capable of marked all her work. After her marriage to Dr Stuart Mucklow, a radiologist, they settled in Cheltenham. She joined the staff of Cheltenham General Hospital in 1939 and was also medical officer for the nurses of this hospital and St Paul's Maternity Hospital. Later she was on the staff of Delancey Hospital for a few years; the Salvation Army home for homeless

girls was another interest. In 1946 she became medical officer to Cheltenham Ladies College, and she remained there until her health forced her to retire. In all these appointments her unflinching interest in, and understanding of, problems endeared her to patients and pupils alike.

Alex's great hobby was dogs: she was well known in the dog-breeding world for her Weimaraners, which she bred for 26 years. She bred several show champions and exported dogs to various parts of the world. She judged at numerous shows, including Crufts, and for some years was medical officer for the huge West of England ladies' kennel society show. She was made a vice-president of the Weimaraner club in recognition of her work on the committee.

Alex loved her garden and after her husband's death in 1976 spent much time there; she also had several dogs to exercise. She was happiest when her four grandchildren came to see her. She leaves a son, who is a paediatrician, and a daughter.—MMR.

GEORGE QVIST

MB, BS, FRCS

REMB writes: Many generations of students of the Royal Free Hospital and School of Medicine held George Qvist in high affection and respect (obituary, 22 August, p 565). They remember his unobtrusive generosity to the students' union, particularly during the inauguration of the men's sports clubs. His interest in their affairs was as unflagging as his loyal support of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the hospital, and the school of medicine. He was a memorable teacher and after-dinner speaker. His particular amalgam of clinical wisdom and humour was epitomised in the presidential address delivered to a packed meeting of the section of surgery of the Royal Society of Medicine. The beautifully produced book *Surgical Diagnosis* is testimony to the breadth of his experience and the meticulous care he took with all his writings, including the scholarly papers on John Hunter. Despite the remorseless progress of illness, retirement was only a change of place of work. Among other things George became a most welcome visitor in the anatomy department, which has a long tradition of part-time teaching from clinicians. It was characteristic that only 10 days before his death he came to say farewell to the retiring senior technician and, though obviously frail and ill, was as genial and humorous as ever. His courage, integrity, kindness, loathing of Bumbledom, and occasional impatiences were all great. He imparted enjoyment of life and work and will be remembered gratefully by students and colleagues, who would all wish to extend their deepest sympathy to his wife, Dame Frances Gardner.

Correction

An error occurred in the obituary for Dr T Seager (15 August, p 506): Dr Seager was president of the Liverpool Medical (not Mental) Institution.