

(who had commanded the naval team) at St George's Hospital where they, later with Maurice Partridge, built up a psychiatric department based at Knightsbridge and Wimbledon. The department, pre-eminent among the London undergraduate hospitals, was remarkable for the benevolent and caring ambience within which teaching was conducted. Generations of psychiatrists who trained at St George's recall their days there as exceptionally happy, even idyllic.

Paul Mallinson excelled as clinician and teacher. He was elected a Foundation Fellow of the College in 1971 and he examined in psychiatry for the Royal College of Physicians. In addition, he was civilian consultant to the Royal Navy and served as honorary secretary, later vice-president, of the psychiatric section of the Royal Society of Medicine. He was awarded the Order of the Family Brunei (1st Class).

After succeeding to the baronetcy he carried responsibilities in the family timber business, and inevitably these sometimes made claims on his time which competed with those of his medical career. Yet, however hard pressed he was, the personal qualities for which he is so well remembered were always evident: he was infinitely patient, courteous, intuitive and understanding. Although he had a Wimpole Street practice, his hospital patients had the lion's share of his attention, and some enjoyed his personal supportive therapy for years on end. His published work was concentrated in the earlier part of his career, but he later gave his trainees much encouragement in pursuing projects of their own. Former registrars would return to him long after leaving St George's for guidance on their careers, in which he maintained unfailing interest.

He enjoyed cricket and was a member of the MCC. He sailed at Bembridge, where he had a house and entertained a succession of registrars and their families. By his first marriage, he had a son and two daughters of whom one (Angela) is medically qualified. In 1968 he married Dr Margaret Cooper Bowden. His retirement was marred by frequent episodes of ill-health, borne with fortitude and good humour. In his long and painful last illness Paul was sustained by Margaret's devoted care.

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Dr Perinpanayagam died on 12 October 1988 at the age of 60. He was born in Sri Lanka and came to the United Kingdom in 1954 a year after graduating MBBS from the University of Ceylon.

He gained experience in a variety of specialities including paediatrics, (he obtained his DCH in 1956) and began his distinguished career in psychiatry in 1960, when he joined Bexley Hospital. He obtained the London University DPM and, as Senior Registrar at Guy's Hospital, came under the tutelage of Dr David Stafford Clark. In 1967 he was appointed Consultant in General Psychiatry to the Dartford and Gravesham Health Authority, and held this post until his retirement in 1984. He continued his interest in child and adolescent psychiatry and was Consultant Adviser to Kendall House, a home for disturbed adolescents, and also to Rochester Borstal. A popular annual feature at Stone House in Dartford was the Study Day for Sixth Formers from local schools.

Dr Perinpanayagam became Clinical Tutor in 1969, a role he thoroughly enjoyed. For many years he was the driving force behind the Regional Training Programmes in Psychiatry. He was a founder organiser of the Bi-annual Residential Revision Course for the MRCPsych, held at the University of Surrey, Guildford.

He was closely involved in many College activities, served on the Executive of the Southern Division for many years and between 1974 and 1977 was a member of the Central Accreditation Panel for Approval Visits. He was elected a Fellow of the College in 1975.

Dr Perinpanayagam's approach to patients and colleagues alike was forthright and unequivocal. Meetings sometimes took on an apocalyptic air but it was well known that none other than the deepest concern lay behind the fireworks of his personality. Recipients of his more vigorous manner were carefully chosen by him and they, both patients and colleagues, continued to return to him for the benefit of his opinion. He was quick to size up a situation and had endless patience when patience was needed. His beaming smile seemed to light his way and his charisma gave hope to those in distress. Dr Perinpanayagam took a keen interest in the welfare of overseas graduates and he came to stand as a beacon to many who set out from the Third World.

Dr Perinpanayagam was a keen musician and nurtured a love of music and, whatever the celebratory occasion, he was there playing his 'squeeze box' and delighting his audience.

He retired from the NHS to Guernsey where, despite failing health, he defiantly and courageously carried on working until his return to the mainland, shortly before his death. He will undoubtedly be remembered for his formidable energy, enthusiasm and compassion. He is survived by his wife Pushpam and daughter Malli.

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