

research and improved therapeutic initiatives throughout the world. Yet, in his published work, Fordham omitted all mention of Bowlby and the important consequences of his work.

Whatever judgement may finally emerge as to Fordham's status, history will not deny him the accolade of being one of the very last analysts in the present century who, by the force of his own personality, was able to influence the course of analytic theory and practice.

ANTHONY STEVENS

Ernest John Eurfyl Jones, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, St David's Hospital, Carmarthen, Dyfed, Wales.

Dr Ernest John Eurfyl Jones, died on 24 April 1995. He was born in Merthyr Tydfil in 1924 but grew up in Llandiloos, where his father was a Presbyterian minister. He was educated in Llandovery College, Lincoln College, Oxford and the Welsh National School of Medicine. He graduated BM.BCh(Oxon) in 1948. Having returned to Oxford for postgraduate training in Psychiatry, he was appointed Consultant Psychiatrist at St David's Hospital, Carmarthen, in 1955. He later became Deputy Physician Superintendent, a post which he held with great distinction until his retirement in 1980. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and a former chairman of the Welsh Psychiatric Society.

A bare outline of his career tells one very little about this remarkable man. His was one of the most brilliant minds I have encountered, but he was also one of the most colourful people I have known. Lively and resourceful (he used to recount with pride how, as a medical student, he at one time financed his studies by working as a second-hand car salesman in City Road, Cardiff), he always faced challenges head on. Extremely articulate and a brilliant public speaker in both English and Welsh, he was combative in argument and he could be blistering in his criticism of anything which he perceived as cant or humbug, cowardly or unjust. Yet, although he was certainly not one to suffer fools gladly, he was warm-hearted and showed immense kindness and sympathy to anyone who turned to him for help.

He was one of the pioneering activists of Plaid Cymru in the Carmarthen constituency, whose leadership and organisation helped pave the way for Gwynfor Evans's success in 1966. He would, I think, have stood every chance of achieving high office had he chosen to pursue his political interests within the so-called mainstream of British politics. He also did a great deal of broadcasting about medical topics in Welsh at a time when few others had attempted to do so.

Throughout his professional career he was involved in providing a psychiatric service in Llanelli and Ammanford but he was also a pioneer in developing community care in this locality. He was the inspiration behind the move to rehabilitate people who had spent many years in St David's Hospital, rehousing them in group homes and other locations in the community. It was also thanks to his efforts that Carmarthen MIND Association was founded more than 20 years ago.

Forced to retire early by the ill-health which blighted his life from then on, one product of his retirement was a penetrating extended essay in Welsh on Carl Gustav Jung which was published in the *Meddwl Modern Series* in 1985. With his wide interests, penetrating mind and remarkable memory he would, I am sure, have produced a great deal more during his retirement years had his health permitted.

Many will share my view that it was a privilege to have known and worked with such a remarkable man and will wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Betty, Siôn and Siân and their families.

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