

Obituary

ROBERT O. JONES, Professor of Psychiatry, 1362 Robie Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Robert O. Jones, Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Dalhousie, Halifax, contributed immeasurably to the close ties that exist between Canadian and British psychiatrists. He died on 26 August 1984, at the age of 70.

He last visited Britain in May 1984 when he attended the meeting of the Royal College held in Edinburgh. For several years he had been a regular visitor to this country, teaching our medical students and postgraduate trainees, and reviving old friendships. The honorary fellowship of the College was conferred on him in 1982, in recognition of his distinguished career and the many ways he had built bridges between Canadian and British psychiatry. Ever a gracious man, Bob Jones declared that of all the honours bestowed on him, his honorary fellowship had given him most pleasure.

His professional contacts with Britain began in 1938 when he studied at the Maudsley Hospital and formed a lasting friendship with Aubrey Lewis. On receiving a Rockefeller Fellowship he completed his psychiatric education at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, under Adolph Meyer. He returned to his native Nova Scotia in 1941, set up a new department at Dalhousie, Halifax, and became its first professor of psychiatry, remaining in post until his retirement in 1975.

Bob made important contributions to psychiatry. His knowledge of forensic psychiatry was profound, based on his clinical experience and service on a Royal Commission and a National Commission set up to examine the role of mental disorder in criminal behaviour. He excelled as a clinician and as a teacher. He tutored generations of trainees who later established themselves as psychiatrists all over Canada. He believed firmly that psychiatry is best practised within the framework of general medicine. This approach and his genial manner helped him to present his subject as a sound clinical discipline. An accomplished ambassador for psychiatry, he found himself elected to positions of responsibility and influence. Thus he became President of the Canadian Medical Association and Founding President of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. His honours included the Canadian Centennial Medal, the Award of Honour of the Canadian Mental Health Association and in 1981 the distinction of Officer of the Order of Canada.

He was a kind man, gifted with natural graciousness, generous in his appraisal of others, and modest about his own achievements. The sympathy of his numerous friends in Britain is extended to his widow Mary, his daughter Louisa and his son David. GR

DAVID ROSS, formerly Physician Superintendent, Stratheden Hospital, Fife, Scotland.

Dr David Ross, formerly Physician Superintendent of

Stratheden Hospital, Cupar, Fife, died on 18 September 1984 at the age of 79.

Like many Scottish psychiatrists David Ross was a son of the manse. He graduated MB, ChB at Glasgow University in 1930 and was admitted a Fellow of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in 1936. From 1938 until the outbreak of the Second World War he was Resident Physician at Aberdeen Royal Mental Hospital.

Dr Ross served with the RNVR in Hampshire and Bristol during the war and left the Service with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

After the war he was appointed Physician Superintendent of the Argyll and Bute Mental Hospital and from 1948 to 1953 he worked in America, first as Medical Director of Seton's Institute, Baltimore, and then as Medical Director of the Natal Hospital for Speech Disorders in New York. It was during his time in America that he met his wife.

On 1 December 1953, he took up the post of Physician Superintendent at Stratheden Hospital, and retired in January 1970, as the last Physician Superintendent of the hospital.

David Ross was one of the last of that generation of Physician Superintendents whose duties ranged from the selection at the local abattoir of carcasses fit for consumption to a total responsibility for the lives of their patients. He was a genial man of enormous energy who was quick to absorb new ideas and to know which were worth pursuing. Under his Stewardship the Fife Psychiatric Service achieved many notable innovations—among them the first Scottish Psychiatric Day Hospital, the first Comprehensive Sector Care System, and the first purpose-built Family Care Units in the United Kingdom. Together with his administrative skills he preserved the best elements of traditional pastoral care for patients and for staff: he will be remembered with warmth and affection by all who knew him. AM

DONALD CAMPBELL VINCENT STEWART, Director of Army Psychiatry, Ministry of Defence, Landsdowne House, Berkeley Square, London W1.

Brigadier D. C. V. Stewart, formerly Director of Army Psychiatry, died suddenly on 22 July 1984. Donald Campbell Vincent Stewart was born on 4 April 1922 at Airdrie, Lanarkshire. He was educated at St Aloysius College, Glasgow, and qualified in medicine in 1946 at Glasgow University.

He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in September 1946 and qualified as a Specialist in Army Psychiatry in 1948. He served in Military Hospitals at Fayid, Benghazi, Tripoli, Dhakia and then as Command Psychiatrist with the British Army of the Rhine. He commanded the Royal Victoria Hospital at Netley and held the post of Professor