

Society, of which he was a past-Chairman, and he was also concerned in the activities of the Welsh Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, of which he was a Fellow.

Dr Rosenberg will always be remembered by his ex-patients and medical and nursing colleagues as a friendly, courteous, loyal and warm-hearted man who was always keenly interested in his specialty and who gave freely of his advice and support. He is survived by his wife to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

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GIDEON MORDECAI WODDIS, retired, formerly Physician Superintendent, The Coppice Hospital, Nottingham.

Keith Woddis was educated at Christ College, Finchley and obtained a Jefferson Exhibition to Bart's Hospital. Very soon after qualification he went to the Coppice Hospital, Nottingham, where in 1943 he became the Medical Superintendent, although for several years previously he had run the hospital in all but name because of the prolonged illness of the then Superintendent.

Any account of Keith Woddis's work must centre on the Coppice Hospital. Here, almost single-handed, he had developed a Social Treatment Unit which embraced patients and staff in a very unusual, warm, caring community. It was here, too, that Keith, using his extensive knowledge of group dynamics and his instinctive psychotherapeutic skill, produced a haven for numerous doctors, nurses and administrators and their spouses who sought treatment there, together with innumerable other patients.

The ability to manage a small hospital humanely and psychotherapeutically is a skill fast dying out in the National Health Service, but Keith Woddis both exercised that skill and taught it to anyone who would listen.

He used some of his skills to aid delinquent patients. He wrote wisely about depression and crime and his opinion was respected in medico-legal spheres in the Midlands. After his retirement he served on the Mental Health Review Tribunals

in the Trent Region.

Any account of his work looks little enough—a few papers, the nurturing of a hospital now used for other purposes—but there was no one whose life he touched who was not enlivened and enriched by his warmth, humanity and wisdom. All who knew him well have experienced some part of the loss that his wife, son and daughter now feel.

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The deaths of the following were also reported:

GORDON JULES AMBROSE, Consultant Psychiatrist, 115a Harley Street, London W1.

MARION ROSEMARY ANDERSON, Associate Psychotherapist, Jonellen Psychotherapy Clinic, 35 Johnston Street, Annandale 2038, Australia.

JAMES VALENTINE ASHBURNER, Private Practice, 79 Lucan Street, PO Box 320, Bendigo, Victoria 3550, Australia.

WILLIAM HALL, retired, formerly Assistant Psychiatrist, Shelton Hospital, Shropshire.

RONALD H. HARRIS, Chief Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry, Pembroke General Hospital, Pembroke, Ontario, Canada.

GABRIEL LANGFELDT, Emeritus Professor, Universitets Psykiatriske Institutt, Oslo, Norway.

JOHN JOSEPH LAWS, The Red House, 43 Skinner's Lane, Ashted, Surrey.

THOMAS LOUGHNANE, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Cranage Hall Hospital, Cheshire.

DUNCAN FLEMING MACGREGOR, Consultant Psychiatrist, Prudhoe Hospital, Prudhoe, Northumberland.

FRANCIS MCLAUGHLIN, retired, formerly Senior Psychiatrist, St Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, Eire.

WILLIAM ALBERT ROBINSON, retired, formerly Medical Superintendent, Whittingham Hospital, Preston, Lancashire.

WILLIAM PATRICK WALSH, retired, 16 Park Avenue, Eccleston Park, Prescott, Merseyside.

Forthcoming Events

'Addiction: A Hundred Years On' is the title of a two-day symposium to be held at the Royal Society to celebrate the centenary of the Society for the Study of Addiction to Alcohol and Other Drugs. The symposium will take place on 25 and 26 October 1984 and will include several internationally eminent speakers. Submissions are now invited for a short original papers session—deadline for receipt: 1 June 1984. The Dent Memorial Lecture will be included in the programme for 25 October. Application forms and further information: Dr A. Hamid Ghodse, Consultant Psychiatrist, Clare House, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 0QT.

The **Institute of Group Analysis** will be presenting the S. H. Foulkes Annual Lecture on 21 May 1984 at Logan Hall, University of London Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1. The speaker will be Dr Robin Skynner and the talk will be entitled, 'Institutes and How to Survive Them'. Information: The Secretary, Institute of Group Analysis, 1 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5BY.

The **British Psycho-Analytical Society's Eighteenth Ernest Jones Lecture**, 'Questions of Interpretation', will be given by Professor Frank Kermode, F.B.A., on 9 May 1984 at 8.15 pm at the University of London, Institute of Education,