

Obituary

TREVOR CHARLES NOEL GIBBENS, CBE, retired, Emeritus Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5.

Trevor Charles Noel Gibbens, CBE, Emeritus Professor of Forensic Psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, London University, and a Foundation Fellow and later Honorary Fellow (1978) of the College, died on 27 October 1983, at the age of 70.

Trevor Gibbens was born on 28 December 1912. He was educated at Westminster School and studied medicine at Cambridge and St Thomas', graduating MB, BChir in 1939. He was commissioned in the RAMC at the outbreak of war and was posted abroad. As a consequence of the military débacle on the Continent of Europe, he was taken prisoner. He decided to escape and accompanied by a friend he made a gallant attempt to do so, but was recaptured and severely punished. There can be no doubt that his experiences as a prisoner of war and as an escapee had a profound influence on him. They were in no small measure responsible not only for the way his subsequent career came to be shaped, but also for the deep sympathy he invariably felt for the underdog. It was in fact in a British POW hospital after his recapture that he came face to face with prison psychoses and it was from the notebooks he kept so meticulously at that time that he was later able to write his MD thesis. In recognition of his services to the troops in Germany, he was appointed MBE.

After demobilization he began his formal career in psychiatry. He served at the Maudsley Hospital from 1946 and took the DPM in 1948. That same year he was awarded a Nuffield Travelling Fellowship during the tenure of which he visited forensic institutions and prisons in the USA. On his return he was appointed senior lecturer in forensic psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, and was, in the goodness of time, the obvious choice for the professorship of forensic psychiatry, an appointment he held with distinction from 1967 until his retirement in 1978.

Gibbens, in the course of his long career, was actively engaged in a host of research projects, all of which bore the hallmarks of complete integrity and thoroughness, and which in turn earned him the reputation as the outstanding academic forensic psychiatrist of his day.

But his interests and work spread far outside the purely academic field. He acted as adviser to a number of national and international bodies, including the World Health Organization and the Probation and After-Care Advisory Board. He served, too, on a number of equally important committees: for three years, from 1972 to 1975, he was a medical member of the Parole Board. In addition he was Vice-Chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform and research director of the Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency. He served the College well and was on the executive committee to the Forensic Section from

1972–75 and 1976–80. He was promoted CBE in 1977.

Trevor Gibbens has left his mark on British forensic psychiatry, a mark as indelible, indeed, as the mark he made on the minds and hearts of those of us who were privileged to know him and to learn from him.

JAMES LORIMER HALLIDAY, retired, formerly Psychiatrist, Lansdown Clinic, Glasgow, Scotland.

James Lorimer Halliday, a Foundation Fellow of the College, and one of the pioneers in psychosomatic medicine in the UK, died on 6 August 1983 at the age of 85.

Dr Halliday graduated MB, ChB with honours from Glasgow University in 1920. He proceeded to the MD with high commendation in 1925, the first of many postgraduate qualifications.

What is now termed 'psychosomatic medicine' became his major preoccupation, an interest which stemmed from his concern with the question of why patients became ill when they did. From 1937 onwards he published a series of papers based on his studies, as for example, on asthma and rheumatoid arthritis. These culminated in what must be considered his magnum opus, his book *Psycho-Social Medicine*, published in 1948, which soon became an established classic and was translated into many languages.

In pursuance of his major interest in the mind–body relationship, Dr Halliday underwent analytic training in both the Freudian and Jungian schools, and yet succeeded in maintaining an essential eclecticism. He held a part-time appointment at the Lansdown Clinic, Glasgow, and was a founder member of the Glasgow Psychosomatic Society, of which he was honorary president for many years.

As witness of Halliday's breadth of scholarship, mention should be made of his biography, *Mr Carlyle, My Patient*, published in 1949, in which he illustrates the psychosomatic aetiology of the ailments of that great, but dyspeptic, Victorian.

WILLIAM VICTOR WADSWORTH, Medical Director, SIHV 'Franklyn', Macclesfield Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

Bill Wadsworth died on 4 September 1983 at the age of 63. He was well known and liked in Manchester medical circles and was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He qualified in 1944 and worked in neurology with Fergus Ferguson, who introduced him to Cheadle Royal Hospital in 1952 after he had trained in psychiatry at the Manchester Royal Infirmary. He is best known for his period as Medical Superintendent at Cheadle Royal from 1953 to 1971. His particular interest lay in rehabilitation and he developed a large hospital industrial unit with generous help from the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust. He welcomed the forging of links between the NHS and the private sector and hence this unit became a centre for the rehabilitation of chronic psychotic