

scholarship and for those who worked with him and were taught by him, the memory remains of a man of sympathy, tolerance and wit, who never lost his capacity to put himself into the position of each child. Many children and parents at UCH and at the de la Rue School have reason to be grateful to him.

Outside his clinical practice, Kenneth Soddy was Scientific Director of the World Federation for Mental Health, Consultant to the WHO and a member of its expert panel on mental health, Consultant to the National Spastics Society and President of the Institute of Religion and Medicine. His published work covers a wide range of clinical, sociological and philosophical thought.

Among his many honours and distinctions he particularly valued his Fellowship of University College, London, to which he was elected in 1979.

When he retired it was to his beloved Dartmoor, an area he had known from childhood so that an afternoon drive with him became a fascinating seminar on the geography—he knew every Tor—history and sociology of the region. An accomplished musician, he was organist at his Parish Church in Chagford. Though a deeply religious man, he confessed to finding his way to the churchyard during the sermon, there to enjoy outward rather than inward reflection.

He leaves his wife Mary, née Kidson, and three children from his first marriage to Emmeline, née Johnson, who died in 1972.

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GEORGE SOMERVILLE, formerly Lord Chancellor's Medical Visitor and Physician Superintendent, Goodmayes Hospital, Essex.

George Somerville, whose pioneering work from the 1930s to the 1960s contributed much to the development of psychiatry, died on 12 December 1985.

Born in Edinburgh in 1902, he was educated at Boroughmuir School and qualified MB, ChB with distinction at Edinburgh University at the age of 21. He soon decided to take up psychiatry and when he first went to Goodmayes Hospital he also studied at Maudsley Institute of Psychiatry and at University College. He acquired his DPM in 1925 and proceeded to MD Edinburgh in 1926. Then for some years he devoted much of his time to the contemporary growth points in the mental health field. He became a clinical assistant at the London Child Guidance Clinic. He took an active interest in the Mental Hygiene movement and became Honorary Secretary to the National

Council. He established an out-patient clinic in West Ham and later worked as a clinical assistant at the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases.

In 1937 he was appointed Physician Superintendent of Goodmayes and consultant to Whipps Cross Hospital. During the war when an Emergency Hospital was incorporated in Goodmayes, he and his staff managed to maintain the full range of therapeutic activities at the hospital.

After the war he initiated a resurgence of extra mural work including a West Ham Child Guidance Clinic and a West Ham Psychiatric Social Club. He took an active interest in the RMPA, becoming in turn Honorary Secretary and Chairman of the South Eastern Division. He also acted as Consultant to the Home Office.

He served as a member of the NE Metropolitan Board and was also a member of the Grants Committee of the King Edward Hospital Fund.

On his retirement from Goodmayes in 1960, he was appointed Lord Chancellor's Medical Visitor, an appointment he retained for 13 years. He was elected a Foundation Fellow of the College in 1971 and in 1973 finally retired.

George was a perceptive eclectic psychiatrist, a good administrator and a very agreeable and helpful colleague. On matters of major import he always had a well prepared 'policy'. He travelled widely and although he had a Scotsman's natural love of golf, his main interests were in literature and the arts. He had a journalistic flair which found readier expression in such publications as *Family Health Encyclopaedia* and books entitled *Live Successfully* than in formal scientific articles.

Those who enjoyed his hospitality at Tantallon House, Goodmayes will remember him as a generous and entertaining host and a stimulating and well informed conversationalist. He is survived by his wife Gretel, one son and four daughters.

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The deaths of the following have also been reported:

ANTHONY CYRIL HAMER, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Oakley Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand.

DAVID IRWIN, Honorary Consultant, St George's Hospital, Morpeth, Northumberland.

VICTOR SALIM NEHAMA, Consultant Psychiatrist, Prestwich Hospital, Manchester.

FERNANDO VALARINO, 2 Do Piso Hospital, Faculty of Medicine, Central University, Venezuela, South America.