

after retirement and also as a member of Mental Health Tribunals.

Outside psychiatry he had wide interests. He was a great collector of all manner of objects having at one time amassed 12 old Rolls Royces which regrettably he had to sell when he moved to Upper Wimpole Street but there found an increased amount of wall space for paintings and antique furniture. He was a skilled plumber having installed the whole central heating system in his large house. He loved music and was widely read.

He had a happy home life with his wife Wendy who retired soon after him from her work as a Chest Physician. There are three children, one of whom (Poppy) is also a doctor.

OSCAR HILL

#### Dr Seymour Spencer writes:

Bill Beard started his actual psychiatric career, while a medical student, at the Warneford Hospital, Oxford, when Robin McInnes, Medical Director, decided to invite two medical students to free board and lodgings at the Warneford in exchange for some clerking and learning about psychiatry. The first two students we had in 1949/50 were Professor Roy Acheson, now of Churchill College, Cambridge, and Bill who had come to our medical school after being qualified as a psychologist and after his First in a Natural Science Tripos, both at Cambridge. Our first

choices then of medical students – and it may have been our last, as I don't remember further ones coming – were of two extremely distinguished men. Both were an asset to our unit. There was no obligation on the students to become psychiatrists, but Bill duly did, while Roy entered a cognate field with equal distinction.

#### The deaths of the following have also been reported:

MICHAEL WILLIAM ATKINSON, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Flat 37, Highfield, Dene Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 5ST.

ROBERT DALZIEL BUCKNER, Broad Cove, RR/2, Mill Village, Nova Scotia, BOJ 2HO, Canada.

JOHN PETO CHILD, formerly Physician Superintendent, St Nicholas Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE3 3XT.

CHARLES FRIEDMAN, 137 Harley Street, London W1N 1DJ.

JUAN JOSE LOPEZ IBOR, Clinica Lopez Ibor, Av Nueva Zelanda 44, E-28075, Madrid, Spain.

DAYANANAD NAIDOO, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Farnborough Hospital, Kent.

GERALD BERNARD SIMON, Professor of Psychiatry, Field House, Dunsley Kinver, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY7 6LT.

ROBERT JESSE STOLLER, Professor of Psychiatry, UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, California 90024, USA.

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## Miscellany

### Appointment



Dr Greg Wilkinson has been appointed Professor of Psychiatry at The London Hospital Medical College, Whitechapel, London E1 2AD, and took up his duties on 1 January 1992.

### Honour

Dr F. W. Graham, a Fellow of the College, was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his contributions to psychiatry and psychotherapy in the

recent Australia Day Honours. Professor Issy Pilowsky has also received this honour.

### The Mental Health Foundation

The Trustees of the Foundation have announced that its Director-General, Mr Peter Searle, is leaving the Foundation by mutual consent.

### New publications

*Tranquillisers: The MIND Guide to Where to Get Help* is available from MIND Mail Order Service, 4th Floor, 24–32 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD, price £5.00 (plus 50p postage and packaging).

The fully updated 1992 edition of *Holiday Ideas from Cruse* is primarily for people who are bereaved or who are holidaying alone for whatever reason. It is obtainable from Cruse-Bereavement Care, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1UR, price £2.35 (inclusive of packing and postage).