

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. LIONEL WOLMAN, M.A., Ph.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.C.Path, D.P.M.

DR. LIONEL WOLMAN died suddenly on 24th April. His sudden and tragic death has robbed neuropathology of one of its most distinguished exponents. It has also robbed the International Medical Society of Paraplegia of one of its most loyal and interested members. At the age of 48 years and reaching the peak of his career, he was consultant to the United Sheffield Hospitals and based at the Department of Neuropathology at the Sheffield Royal Infirmary.

His distinguished career began at the Manchester Grammar School where he was a foundation scholar. Many awards, including a State scholarship, culminated in an open scholarship to Peterhouse College at Cambridge which he entered in 1928. Here he gained first-class honours in pathology and was awarded the A. R. Graham prize. After clinical studies in Manchester he graduated M.B., B.Ch. in 1944. He held neurological appointments in Sheffield and in the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London where he remained until he joined the Royal Air Force in 1948. In 1950 a travelling fellowship in neuropathology took him to Canada where he spent a year in Toronto under the direction of Professor Linnell. He returned to Sheffield and became a full time consultant in neuropathology in 1955. During the whole of the period in Sheffield he had a very close association with the Spinal Injuries Unit and in 1963 his researches led to the award of the Ph.D. (Sheffield) with a thesis on "The neuropathology of traumatic paraplegia".

The long list of his excellent publications cover more than a decade and in *Paraplegia* he will be remembered in particular for his papers on "The neuropathology of traumatic paraplegia" in 1964 and for the paper on "Axon regeneration after spinal cord injury" in 1966. At the scientific meetings one was immediately aware of his clarity of expression and the quiet and confident manner of his presentations. He had a kindness of approach both in formal clinical meetings and on social occasions. Many of his Sheffield colleagues enjoyed his pleasant companionship and his passing has been a grievous blow to all his friends in Sheffield, in the United Kingdom and in many other parts of the world.

The most grievous and tragic blow of all must be felt by his wife Estelle and his three young children and our deepest sympathy goes out to them in their loss of a devoted husband and father.