

Paediatric Metabolism. He wrote or edited ten books including Body Fluids in Surgery first published in 1955 which ran to four editions and Recent Advances in Paediatric Surgery with three editions between 1963 and 1975.

He travelled widely and attracted visitors from all over the world to work in his unit and research lab. He held great parties at his home where he would indulge his delight in cooking and dispensing drinks as he passed from room to room, a large informal figure in bare feet and an open necked shirt.

He received multiple honours: the Presidency of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons in 1970-72 and its Denis Browne gold medal in 1981, many Honorary Fellowships of Surgical Colleges and Associations and gave several eponymous prestigious lectures all of which were most carefully prepared and researched.

He served the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh as, member of council 1964-73, vice-president 1973-76 and president 1976-79; the first president to hold office from outwith Scotland.

He had a reputation for being difficult and combative. Certainly he enjoyed a good argument and was always happy to accept a challenge from one of his juniors provided the case could be supported: few had the courage to try. A keen gardener and successful fisherman, he was a man with no false sense of dignity and was always ready to play his part in the hospital Christmas show.

In 1941 he married Joan who died a year before him. She was a skilled potter and they had a shared interest in art. Their four children, two sons, one a general practitioner, and two daughters survive them.

Andrew Wood Wilkinson, paediatric surgeon and scientist, died on the 18th of August aged 81. Born Exeter 19/4/1914, educated Weymouth College Dorset and the University of Edinburgh, MB ChB 1937, FRCS 1940, ChM with gold medal 1949, FAMC 1942 - 46 leaving as Lt Col he was Nuffield Professor of Paediatric Surgery at the Institute of Child Health of the University of London and Honorary Consultant Surgeon the Hospitals for Sick Children Great Ormond Street London 1958 - 79. Founder member Scottish Surgical Paediatric Club, President British Association of Paediatric Surgeons 1970 - 72 and Denis Browne Gold medalist 1981. President Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh 1976 - 79. CBE 1979.

James Dickson

To sum up he was a big man of big achievements, a surgeon who was also a scientist, a professor who enjoyed controversy yet could exercise disarming charm, he inspired in and gave great loyalty to those who penetrated the forbidding exterior to get to know him well. Tennyson in Ulysses described such a man. I am become a name: For always roaming with a hungry heart Much have I seen and known, cities of men And manners, climates, councils, governments, Myself not least, but honoured of them all, And drunk delight of battle with my peers."