OBITUARY

DR. HARRY JAMES SHIELDS

DR. HARRY JAMES SHIELDS died at Toronto on December 28, 1973, just two weeks short of his eighty-seventh birthday.

Dr. Shields was born in Toronto on January 11, 1887. He received his elementary and secondary schooling at Markham, Ontario, and entered the University of Toronto in 1905. He graduated Bachelor of Arts in 1909 and Bachelor of Medicine in 1911. He served an internship at Hudson Street Hospital in New York City. Returning to Toronto he engaged in General Practice and in 1914 was appointed an Assistant in the Department of Anaesthesia at Toronto General Hospital.

In 1915 Dr. Shields became Anaesthetist to No. 4 (University of Toronto) Canadian General Hospital, and served with that unit in Salonica from 1915 to 1917 and in England from 1917 to 1919. During his service in Salonica he was awarded the Order of St. Sava for services to King Peter of Serbia. More importantly to his future career, during his service in England he was married, on June 11, 1919, to Miss Cecil Oatman, a charming lady who was at that time a Nursing Sister in No. 4 Canadian General Hospital.

On his return to Canada, Dr. Shields became the first full-time anaesthetist in Toronto and was appointed Junior Demonstrator in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto. The remainder of his professional career was spent in

the University and on the staff of Toronto General Hospital. In 1935 he became Head of the Department of Anaesthesia, and filled that post with distinction until 1952. He retired from active practice in 1960.

Dr. Shields was a prominent member of the devoted band of physicians who were responsible for the development of Anaesthesia as a Medical Specialty in North America. In 1935 he established at the University of Toronto and in the Toronto General Hospital the first Residency in Canada for the training of Physicians as Specialists in Anaesthesia. He was responsible for the development of a postgraduate programme in the University which trained a generation of anaesthetists, who are today serving the specialty in many roles in Canada and abroad. To these men and women he has been affectionately known for many years as "Gramps." He was prominently associated with Dr. Samuel Johnston and colleagues from the other major medical centres of Canada in the formation of the Canadian Association of Anaesthetists in 1921, and its successor the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, in 1943.

He was President of the Canadian Anaesthetists Society in 1949 and was awarded the Gold Medal of that Society for Meritorious Service in 1962. He was elected Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1948, and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1949. He was an Honorary Fellow of the American Medical Association, of the Pan-American Medical Association, of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland. He was a Life Member of the Ontario Medical Association, Senior Member of the Canadian Medical Association, and Life Member of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. He has been honoured in his own University since 1959 by an endowed Annual Lecture bearing his name.

Through his preceptorship and teaching, in his writings and in his example as a practitioner Dr. Shields has left an enduring mark on his profession and his specialty. We shall miss him, but we are fortunate and grateful to have known him.

Mrs. Shields predeceased him in 1958. Dr. Shields is survived by his daughter Frances (Mrs. Daniel Lang), his son John, and by eight grandchildren, to all of whom his multitude of friends extend their sympathy.

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Le DR HARRY JAMES SHIELDS est décédé à Toronto, le 28 décembre 1973, deux semaines avant son 87ième anniversaire.

Il naquit à Toronto le 11 janvier 1887, fit ses études primaires et secondaires à Markham, Ontario, et en 1905, il entra à l'Université de Toronto où il obtint son B.A. en 1909 et son B.M. en 1911. Après un internat au Hudson Street Hospital de New York, il revint à Toronto en pratique générale. En 1914, il fut nommé Assistant dans le Département d'Anesthésie du Toronto General Hospital.

En 1915, il devint l'anesthésiste du Canadian General Hospital #4 (Université de Toronto), unité qui servit à Salonique de 1915 à 1917 et en Angleterre de 1917

à 1919. Il fut décoré par le Roi Pierre de Serbie durant son séjour à Salonique. Le 11 juin 1919, il épousait en Angleterre Mlle Cecil Oatman, infirmière en service avec le 4^{ième} Hôpital Général Canadien.

A son retour au Canada, il devint le premier anesthésiste à temps complet à Toronto, et fut nommé "Moniteur" par la Faculté de Médecine de l'Université de Toronto. Il passa le reste de sa carrière professionnelle comme membre du personnel de l'Université et du Toronto General Hospital. En 1935, il devint chef du Département d'Anesthésie, poste qu'il occupa avec distinction jusqu'en décembre 1952. Il prit sa retraite en 1960.

Le Dr Shields fut l'un des membres éminents de ce groupe de médecins dédiés qui contribua au développement de l'anesthésie comme spécialité en Amérique du Nord. En 1935, il inaugurait à l'Université de Toronto et au Toronto General Hospital, le premier programme de Résidence au Canada pour l'entraînement de médecins comme spécialistes en Anesthésie.

Il a le mérite d'avoir mis au point un programme qui a formé une génération d'anesthésiologistes qui ont servi la spécialité à divers titres au Canada et à l'étranger, groupe qui le surnommait affectueusement "Gramps".

Avec le Dr Samuel Johnston et ses collègues des principaux centres médicaux du Canada, il participa activement à la formation de l'Association Canadienne des Anesthésistes, en 1921 à la première et à la fondation de la Société Canadienne d'Anesthésie qui succéda en 1943. En 1949, il devenait président de la Société Canadienne d'Anesthésie. En 1962, il en reçut la médaille d'or pour services distingués. Il fut élu Fellow de la Faculté des Anesthésistes du Collège Royal d'Angleterre en 1948, et Fellow du Collège Royal des Médecins et Chirurgiens du Canada en 1949. Il était Fellow honoraire de l'American Medical Association, de la Pan American Medical Association et de l'Association des Anesthésistes de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande. Il était "Membre à Vie" de l'Ontario Medical Association, Membre Senior de l'Association Médicale Canadienne et Membre à Vie de la Société Canadienne d'Anesthésie. Sa propre Université lui conféra en 1959 l'honneur d'une conférence annuelle portant son nom.

Par ses enseignements, ses écrits et ses exemples, il a laissé sa marque au niveau de la profession et de la spécialité. Il nous manquera, mais son souvenir restera.

Mme Shields était décédée avant lui, soit en 1958. Lui survivent, sa fille Frances (Mme Daniel Lang), son fils John et huit petits-enfants. A eux tous, la multitude d'amis du Dr Shields désire exprimer ses condoléances sincères.

BOOK REVIEWS

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THIS BOOK CONTAINS ten sections, each one consisting of the papers presented at the First International Symposium on Intracranial Pressure. The topics include methodology, experimental studies of cerebral blood flow and metabolism, focal brain damage, brain compression and clinical reports on acute brain injury, hydrocephalus, and drugs and anaesthetic agents.