OBITUARY

DR. JOHN CHASSELS

DR. JOHN CHASSELS died on February 26, 1970 at the age of 81, following a prolonged crippling illness. Dr. Chassels was one of the original members of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. He was born in Hamilton, Scotland, and came to Canada with his parents at 9 years of age. They settled in Dundas, Ontario, where he received his public and high school education. He graduated M.B. from the University of Toronto in 1915 and proceeded overseas with No. 2 Casualty Clearing Station, Canadian Army Medical Corps. In England he transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps and served in Gallipoli, Mesopotamia, and France.

On his return from overseas he entered general practice in north Toronto and obtained an appointment to the staff of Davisville Military Hospital. In 1921 he was appointed to the staff in the Department of Anaesthesia at the Toronto General Hospital under the late Dr. Samuel Johnston, and this was followed by appointment to the teaching staff of the University of Toronto. In 1956, on attaining university retiring age, he became a consultant in anaesthesia at the Toronto General Hospital.

After his return from Military Service in World War I, he married Edna Beatrice Buchanan, a very charming nursing sister at Davisville Military Hospital and a graduate of the Hospital for Sick Children. Shortly after his retirement, Dr. and Mrs. Chassels moved to Victoria, B.C., where they lived for several years, but because of Mrs. Chassels' ill health they came back to Toronto. Her death in 1967 was a very sorrowful occasion for her husband.

Dr. Chassels was a member of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, the Canadian and Ontario Medical Associations, the Toronto Academy of Medicine, the Caduceus Club, the Toronto Hunt Club, and the Granite Club, and he was a lifetime Honorary Elder of St. George's United Church.

He was a gentle, sensitive, kindly, conscientious physician, adored by his patients and respected and admired by his colleagues. He loved a game of golf, and up to his eightieth year it was a pleasure to spend a morning with him on the course.

He is mourned by his three sons, Dr. J. Buchanan Chassels, a veterinarian practising in King, Ontario, Rev. Donald R. Chassels, of Powell River, B.C., and Ross D. Chassels, of Toronto, and by nine grandchildren. To them we offer our sincere sympathy.