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Dr. Ramsey Burnett, MB, ChB, MRCGP, DObstRCOG

We learnt with regret of the tragic sudden death of Dr. Burnett, of Thurso, Caithness on 13th October, 1982.

Dr. Burnett was a member of BASM from 1978 until 1980. He cared for many of the local sportsmen coming to the Thurso Medical Centre. Living in an area remote from large cities he was unable to participate in many of BASM's activities, but his death will leave a gap in the care of sportsmen in that far Northern Area. We offer our deep sympathy to his family.

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Dr. Raymond Greene, MA, DM, FRCP

This distinguished physician and medical historian died at the age of 81 early in December, 1982. He studied medicine at Pembroke College, Oxford, then at the Westminster hospital, qualifying in 1927. He became a Doctor of Medicine in 1935, as a result of pioneer work in endocrinology. He was awarded MRCP in 1943, and elected Fellow in 1954.

He was a keen climber, in the UK, the Alps and the Himalayas, and Medical Officer to the 1933 Everest Expedition, adding an expert knowledge of altitude physiology to his expertise in endocrinology and neurology. This interest led him to become a Founder Member of BASM in 1953, until pressure of other interests caused his resignation in 1961.

From his brother Graham, the novelist, he developed an enthusiasm for writing, and was one of the country's outstanding authors. From his brother Sir Hugh, at one time Director General of the BBC, he also developed an ability to communicate with the voice, either as an after-dinner speaker, or lecturer or a broadcaster. It is my regret that I did not become involved in the BASM until Dr. Raymond Greene's withdrawal from the Association.

Long-standing members of BASM and his many friends and colleagues will miss an outstanding doctor, and will join us in extending our sympathy to his wife, son and daughter.

H. E. Robson