

OBITUARIES.

A. E. Hume Kendall, F.R.C.S.Ed.

Albert Edward Hume Kendall studied medicine first in Sydney, then London, and qualified in 1923. He obtained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1928, but spent most of his professional life in London. After the war he was one of that group of specialists in various branches of medicine who moved into the new specialist field of physical medicine. His earlier background in Australia, with his later interests in rehabilitation, made him a most valuable adviser to the Amateur Swimming Association, and he was a prime mover in the physiological assessment of the athlete, and the assessment of his physical fitness by objective tests administered by the coaches. He was a founder member of the B.A.S.M.

Dr. Kendall's many visits to Loughborough whenever young swimmers were undergoing courses of intensive training, and whenever coaches were being trained, gave a stimulus to the scientific approach to training and fitness, measurement that spread to many sports outside swimming. I myself feel a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. Kendall for introducing me to this field, and for his encouragement over many years.

Besides his physiological interests, Dr. Kendall also put his extensive clinical experience at the disposal of the swimmers, and was one of those who pioneered a high level of medical care for the athletic team. He was a good teacher and very fair examiner for those taking coaching wards, and he was one of that devoted band of officials who was always willing, to hold a stop-watch or to do any other task required during competitions. He encouraged his son Patrick to become a swimmer of repute and received all our sympathy on Patrick's tragic death three years ago. The deaths of son then father, so close together, leave a large gap in sports medicine, and in Physical medicine in this country.

H.E.R.

Dr. A. C. Nicol.

Alexander Corskie Nicol qualified in Medicine at the University of Aberdeen in 1926, but spent most of his professional life in the Home Counties. When the British Horse Society became affiliated to B.A.S.M. in 1954 Dr. Nicol was appointed the official representative of that Society, and he continued in that office until his death last winter.

Dr. Nicol took a keen interest in the welfare of competitors in equestrian events, at home and in competitions overseas. He also had a keen interest in the equine competitors in these events, and his knowledge of the climatic stresses on animals and men contributed to the success of the British equestrian team at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico. H.E.R.