

Aileen Dickins (1330)

AILEEN DICKINS, the distinguished gynaecologist who has died aged 69, became the first woman to be appointed a consultant gynaecological and obstetric surgeon at University College Hospital, London in 1967.

She was also a fellow of the college and taught in the medical school until her retirement in 1982. Renowned as a teacher and an examiner, Miss Dickins travelled widely in America, Australia and Africa.

Elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1958, she went on to become chairman of the examination committee and vice-president of the Royal College from 1978 to 1981.

Her career was remarkable not only for the distinction she achieved but also for the particular care she took of her patients, and in the continued interest in the children she delivered—among them her goddaughter who was a daughter of her fellow gynaecologist Dame Josephine Barnes.

The daughter of a Nottingham solicitor, Aileen Marian Dickins was born in 1917 and educated at Harrogate College and University College Hospital Medical School. Qualifying in 1949, she held various hospital appointments at Queen Charlotte's Hospital and University College

Hospital, and became a consultant at Windsor Hospital, as well as at Ealing and Perivale.

Miss Dickins sat on the governing bodies of the Women's National Cancer Control Campaign and the National Birthday Trust Fund. She was president of the obstetrics section at the Royal Society of Medicine.

Among her publications was the chapter on "Excessive Menstrual Bleeding and Dysemorrhoea" in "Clinics in Obstetrics and Gynaecology" (1974).

A woman of medium height, she was well loved for her charm, sincerity and generous hospitality. In her younger days she enjoyed skiing; in retirement she created a delightful garden in Hampshire.

She was unmarried.

Caroline Lady Proctor-Beauchamp. At Topsham, Devon, aged 86. Medical missionary in China with her late husband, the Rev Sir Ivo Proctor-Beauchamp, 8th Bt, whom she married in 1933 and who died in 1971. She was Caroline Muriel, daughter of Frank Densham of Stoneygate, Leicester.

Sir William Traven McLintock, 3rd Bt. Aged 56. Succeeded father 1953 in the baronetcy which now passes to his son, Michael William McLintock, born 1958.

Dr Thomas F. Waddell. In San Francisco aged 49. Athlete who finished sixth in decathlon in 1968 Olympic Games and founded "Gay Games" for homosexual athletes 1982.