

STRACHAN, GILBERT INNES (1888 - 1963), professor of medicine

Name: Gilbert Innes Strachan
Date of birth: 1888
Date of death: 1963
Spouse: Olive Strachan (née Andrews)
Parent: Agnes Strachan (née Todd)
Parent: James Strachan
Gender: Male
Occupation: professor of medicine
Area of activity: Education; Medicine
Author: Evan David Jones

Born in Bristol, August 1883, the son of James Strachan and his wife Agnes (née Todd). He was educated at the high school and the University of Glasgow where he graduated M.B., Ch.B., in 1910 and M.D. in 1913. He was at the London Hospital until World War I when he became a captain in the Medical Corps. He came to Cardiff in 1919 as an assistant pathologist to study abortions. He played a significant part in establishing a clinical school in Cardiff. He was appointed Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Welsh National School of Medicine in 1932 and remained in post until his retirement in 1953. He was a fluent lecturer, though doctrinaire, he inspired his listeners and made a deep impression on generations of students. He worked indefatigably at the hospital and had a private practice. He pioneered the radium treatment of womb cancer and contributed extensively to the subject in medical literature. He wrote clearly and with ease on a number of subjects and published a standard textbook, *Textbook of obstetrics* (1947). He served the universities of Wales, Birmingham, Bristol and Oxford as an examiner in his subject. He went to Sydney and Melbourne in 1950 to lecture and to examine students on behalf of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of which he was a founder member; he became a vice-president in 1952-55. He took an enthusiastic interest in politics and the arts. He donated much of his fine collection of Spode porcelain and china to the National Museum of Wales. He received the C.B.E. in 1953.

He married Olive, only daughter of F.E. Andrews, in 1920; they had one son. He made his home at 29 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, where he died on 9 December 1963.

Author

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Sources

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