

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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This illustrated talk was given by Dr Alun Roberts, one-time Registrar and Secretary of the University of Wales College of Medicine at the meeting of the History of Medicine Society of Wales in Narberth on 16 September 2011. The talk outlined the contributions to Welsh Medicine of thirteen celebrated doctors of the past (all but one Welsh-born) and, reflecting the speaker's long-standing interest in graveyards and their inhabitants, showed the final resting places of those discussed. They were William Thomas Edwards, the founder of the Cardiff Medical School; Sir William Roberts, professor of medicine at Owen's College, Manchester; Sir John Williams, royal physician and first president of the National Library of Wales – but not Jack the Ripper; Alfred William Hughes, Wales's first professor of anatomy; Sir Ewen Maclean, Wales's first professor of obstetrics and gynaecology and uncle of the spy Donald Maclean; Alfred William Sheen, the Welsh National School of Medicine's first provost (whose final resting-place in Llandaff cemetery is now sadly neglected); Ernest Jones, biographer of Sigmund Freud; Sir Thomas Lewis, distinguished medical scientist, Sir Tudor Thomas, pioneer in the field of corneal transplantation; Sir Clement Price-Thomas, who performed a successful thoracotomy on King George VI; Alan Trevor Jones, the driving force behind the pioneering Medical Teaching Centre in Cardiff; Emyr Wyn Jones, cardiologist and man of letters; and Owen Lyndon Wade, member of the celebrated Cardiff medical family and distinguished pharmacologist who, as chairman of the Joint Formulary Committee, transformed the British National Formulary into the indispensable work of reference it is today.