Possibilities include the collection of photostats of the College's recommended reading lists and collection of audio-visual aids, such as video-tapes, tape-slides and films or at least collection of information about all audio-visual aids.

5. *Research:* In addition to providing a reference service to research workers, the library could maintain a list of current research projects and of research workers.

6. *Photocopying:* As the library is a reference one, photocopying is essential.

7. *General:* The librarian's expertise would be available to advise readers on alternative sources of information, and on such matters as forming personal files, and constructing bibliographies.

C. Staffing:

The appointment of a full-time professional librarian is essential if the library is to develop into the viable and useful unit we envisage. The appointment is of high priority to deal with the backlog of work (cataloguing of books, their assessment and that of journals) and to develop new facilities. In addition, a full-time secretary would be required. Initially a further helper would be useful to deal with the setting up of the library in its new quarters, perhaps for a period of 6 to 12 months. But a basic staff of one professional librarian and a secretary would be able to provide many of the services we have listed.

D. Current costs (30 per cent inflation rate):

1. *Annual Expenditure:* Salaries: £5,000 a year (for librarian and secretary). Journals: £1,000 a year. Binding: £200 a year. Books: £500 to £1,000 a year depending on addition of historical volumes. Sundries: £300 a year. Thus annual running costs would be in the region of £8,000 to £10,000 a year and would have to come from College income.

2. *Capital Outlay:* A sum of £6,000 would be needed to provide library facilities and to purchase back volumes needed for bibliographic work. For this, block grants might be available from the Nuffield Trust, the Wellcome Trust or from drug companies.

E. Alternatives:

Finally, we feel that if it is not possible to develop the library along some such lines, it might as well be disbanded, apart from the historical section (which should be kept alive and expanded as described above) and the College archives, and given to the lending library of the British Library where it will be nationally available or to some such institution which would be prepared to look after it, and, at a cost, make it available to members of the College.

In conclusion we would express our thanks to the librarians of other libraries in London with whom we have had useful discussions and in particular are grateful to Miss Helen Marshall of the Institute of Psychiatry, and Miss Fiona Mckey Picken of St. George's Hospital Medical School, London, S.W.1.

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PSYCHOTHERAPY SPECIALIST SECTION

The Psychotherapy Section is holding an Open Meeting on Wednesday, 8 October, at 8.15 p.m. in the West Hall, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1, at which Dr. J. Kahn will speak on: 'Job's Cure: An Experience of Group Psychotherapy.'

A CORRECTION

It is regretted that in the list of new Fellows published in the September issue (p. 4), the initials of Dr. M. S. Perinpanayagam were wrongly spelt.

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