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Dear Sir,

The British Medical Association has appointed a Special Committee to investigate the subject of Psycho-Analysis. The composition of the Committee is as follows:— Dr. R. Langdon-Down (Chairman), Dr. C. Worster-Drought (Deputy-Chairman), Mr. R.G. Hogarth, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., Dr. H. B. Brackenbury, Sir Robert Bolam, F.R.C.P., LL.D., Mr. N. Bishop Harman, F.R.C.S., (Officers of the Association); Dr. Wm. Brown, D.Sc., Dr. C.O. Hawthorne, F.R.C.P., Mrs. I. E. Hutton, M.D., Dr. E.K. Le Fleming, Dr. L. R. Lempriere, Dr. Peter Macdonald, Dr. J.S. Manson, Dr. Hugh Miller, Dr. L.A. Parry, Dr. J.R. Rees, Dr. T.A. Ross, F.R.C.P., and Dr. R.G. Gordon, F.R.C.P. (Honorary Secretary). The Committee was set up as a result of a discussion which ensued at the Annual Representative Meeting of the Association at Nottingham in July last, and showed that the general body of the profession, and possibly the general public as well, would welcome an authoritative report on the various aspects of the subject. It was also felt that the Association, representing as it does, the great majority of the active members of the medical profession in the British Empire, should conduct the enquiry.

The Committee decided at its last meeting that it would materially assist it in its investigation if it had before it statements of the theory of Psycho-Analysis as advanced by the respective schools of thought, and in this connection I was instructed to ask whether you would be so good as to oblige the Committee by preparing for its consideration, a statement, of about 2,000 words in length, on the theory of Psycho-Analysis as advanced by Freud.

At a later stage, that is to say, after it has had an opportunity of considering this statement and others which have been invited from persons qualified to speak on behalf of other schools of thought, the Committee would welcome an opportunity of discussing the matter with you, as it feels that by such means the problem will be more readily elucidated.

We should be most grateful if you could see your way to help the Committee in its deliberations in the way suggested.

Yours faithfully,

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