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A CELEBRATION

An Honorary Fellow Extraordinary

Dr Alexander Walk, at that time President-Elect, Librarian, Co-Editor, Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee and our representative on the General Nursing Council, was the first Officer I spoke to when I joined the staff of the RMPA in January 1960. It was typical that he should telephone to welcome the newcomer, and, as I have learned over the years, also typical that he should then have been serving the Association in so many and varied ways, and that he should now still be engaged in the service of the College. To this service he has given his skill, wisdom, generosity and wit for half a century, and last month he and the College celebrated the Jubilee of his first

official appointment—as Assistant Editor of the *Journal of Mental Science*—in May 1928—a record never equalled by any other member.

It was Dr J. R. Lord, who was then the Senior Editor and probably the most prominent member of the Association, who picked his young AMO at Horton Hospital as a likely recruit to the work of the *Journal*, and it is in his connection with the *Journal* that Dr Walk's service—now as Associate Editor—has been continuous over the whole 50 years. He has been the colleague of five successive Editors, all of whom have valued his assistance, and many authors, researchers and readers have been grateful

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