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## Obituary

# Leslie George Norman C.B.E., B.Sc., M.D. (Lond.), F.R.C.P., D.P.H.

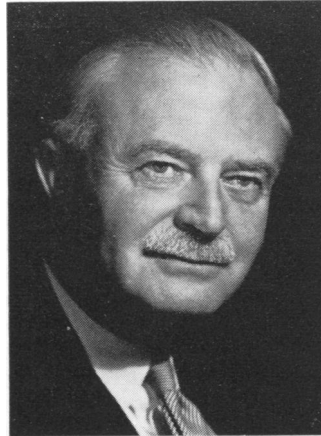
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Dr. Leslie Norman, who was a leader in Occupational Medicine in Great Britain in recent years, died on 17 September 1969 at the age of 60 after a long illness. He was editor of this journal for five years (1957-1962).

A man of outstanding ability he was bound to make his mark in whatever branch of medicine he chose. He had a brilliant career as a student at University College Hospital, London, from which he joined the Ministry of Health. After war service he entered industrial medicine in 1946 by way of the London Passenger Transport Board. There he built up an industrial medical service of outstanding quality. His connection with Road Transport stimulated his interest in Road Safety and he made this his special field. He lectured extensively on it – an activity which took him all over the world.

He contributed widely to medical literature. Naturally his more important writings dealt with the medical aspects of Road Safety. He wrote on standards of fitness for drivers and was responsible for one of the WHO Public Health Reports on Road Traffic Accidents. He edited the booklet *Medical Aspects of Fitness to Drive Vehicles* which is the standard work on the subject. It is not surprising that when elected Milroy Lecturer in 1960 by the Royal College of Physicians he chose 'Medical Aspects of Road Safety' as his subject.

Early in his career Norman became interested in improving standards in industrial medicine and he served with distinction on various professional committees dealing with the subject. He was president of the Association of Industrial Medical Officers (now the Society of Occupational Medicine) from 1949 to 1951 and of the Society of Occupational Hygiene in 1961/62. His talents were soon recognized outside the profession and he found himself on various Government Advisory Committees including the Occupational Medical Committee of the Medical Research Council, the Industrial Health Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Labour (now the



Department of Employment and Productivity), and the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council of the Ministry of Social Security. In all these spheres his wide professional knowledge, his wisdom, and his sound commonsense made him a valued member.

Leslie Norman took over the editorship of this journal in 1957. By that time it was well established and high scientific standards had been set. He never allowed these high standards to fall. He greatly helped the organization for handling and refereeing papers which proved a great boon to those involved. He also improved the presentation of papers by prefacing them with an abstract. He worked quickly and wrote easily but even so his journal activities made heavy inroads on his spare time but this he never grudged. His own writings reflected his wide knowledge of English literature and were always presented in a delightful simple style.

Leslie Norman will be missed by a large circle of friends who respected him for his intellectual integrity, his personal courage, and his deep compassion and who enjoyed his ready wit and good company.



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