

A NOTE ON THE SEVEN PAPERS BY THE LATE A. STANLEY
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The Editor has asked me for a brief note to explain how a number of papers by my husband came to be published in this *Journal* during the two years following his death.

My husband never undertook lightly the writing of a paper, however short. Over a long period he used to write up various sections, at length combining them in a rough draft, which was reconsidered and corrected before a fair copy was made. This was again criticized and condensed. He then put it aside for some weeks or even months in order to come to it with a fresh mind. After further consideration the paper was typed and again revised, often extensively, before being submitted for publication. This method resulted in his commonly having in hand at any one time two or more papers at different stages of construction.

During his long illness, when work at the laboratory was impossible, he spent most of his time writing up, in the manner described, work which he had done but not yet published, in bringing up to date series about which interim reports had

appeared, and in talking over the implications of his work. Thus it happened that at the time of his death nearly a dozen papers on various subjects had reached a late stage in their construction, many being in the last, typewritten form, requiring only the insertion of numbers or the completion of tables and the checking of references. This I have done from my husband's records and case notes. Seven of these papers have already been published but two or three still remain; the longest, a comprehensive study of about 200 cases of lupus, will, because of its length, probably have to await the end of the war before publication.

The Editor has kindly given much time to supervising the scripts in detail and writing one or two summaries and one conclusion which were missing.

Apart from this and some minor alterations of words and phrases these papers have been reproduced as written by my husband, and all the conclusions, with the one exception mentioned (1941, p. 542), are in his own words.

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