A majority of the Scientific and Technical staff became members of The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs which was subsequently recognized by the Board of Governors. Talks that should lead to revised conditions of employment were started between a Sub-Committee of the Board of Governors and staff representatives.

At the end of the year the staff consisted of the following:

Director: Dr. M. de Groot  
Astronomer Emeritus: Dr. E. J. Opik  
Astronomers: Dr. A. D. Andrews  
Dr. C. J. Butler  
Dr. P. B. Byrne  
Dr. J. G. Doyle  
Scholar: Mr. W. J. I. Skillen, B.Sc.  
Administrative Officer: Miss S. Grew, B.A., Dip.Ed.  
Technical Officer: Mr. K. J. Oates, M.Sc.  
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Erratum

We regret that in our previous issue one of the illustrations in the paper entitled "SMM Observations of a Compact Flare—Interpretation and Theoretical Implications for Flare Theory" by J. G. Doyle and P. B. Byrne was inverted (Figure 9, p. 239).