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AS an Official Association we are in fact only three months old having held our first Annual General Meeting in April of this year. The Association was formed as a specific interest group within the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy following a meeting of Paediatric Physiotherapists in Birmingham on December 2nd 1972. Great interest was shown from all parts of the country and an inaugural meeting was arranged at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond St. on February 22nd 1973. More than a hundred enthusiastic physiotherapists attended a lively meeting and elected a steering committee. This committee has met on five occasions and one of the first tasks it undertook was to draw up a constitution with the following objectives:--

- I) To maintain a Register of Chartered Physiotherapists engaged in the practice of paediatric physiotherapy.
- II) To improve the training, education and professional status of such persons, and in particular, to promote and advance a curriculum for the obtaining of post registration qualifications.
- III) To promote by whatever means possible e.g. by conferences, lectures, and public meetings, the general work of the Association and in particular to collaborate with the parent Society in all matters affecting the interests of the Association.
- IV) To improve communication and understanding between the various authorities responsible for paediatric physiotherapy.
- V) To do anything incidental and conducive to the carrying out of these objects or any of them.

Post Graduate Training

A working party has been formed to look into the structure of a post graduate course and to draw up a syllabus. The following people have kindly agreed to serve on this working party:--

Dr Kenneth Holt

Dr Margaret Griffiths

Paediatricians

Miss Moyna Gilbertson / Physiotherapist in
Miss Ann Grimley a children's hospital

Mrs Mary Hazlewood Physiotherapists in
a Special school.

Mr G. Halcrow University lecturer
experienced in setting up
post graduate courses.

They will meet for the first time on July 6th.

News from the Regions

South West Regional representative Miss J. Hawes,
II Blenheim Rd, Redland, Bristol 6.

The members of this area organised the first Day Congress in Bristol on September 22nd 1973. This was a very successful event attended by eighty members who heard about two differing approaches to the management of Cerebral Palsy.

In July an informal evening meeting will be held in Tyndalls Park Childrens Centre when a buffet supper will be served and it is hoped that members can get to know each other better.

A Day course is planned for September 1975, the subject being Special Education.

Midlands Regional representative Mrs M. Hazlewood.
19 Devonshire Rd, Handsworth Wood,
Birmingham B20 2PB.

Two conferences have been held in Birmingham, one on subnormality, and the other on Cystic Fibrosis, both were well attended. Their next meeting will be held on October 12th at Thieves Wood School, Mansfield, when Miss R. Dawson's film on Cerebral Palsy will be shown.

Wales Regional representative Mrs E. K. Weber,
7 Caynham Ave, Penarth, South Wales.

The first conference was concerned with the emotional factor in the handicapped child, and the second, held on May 18th in Cardiff, with Spina Bifida - A Review of Allied Problems. The latter was a very successful meeting attended by Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers and Teachers in Special Education. The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Cardiff and District Branch of the National Council of Special Education on September 19th, when Mrs Ester Cotton will speak on "Conductive Education for the Cerebral Palsied Child".

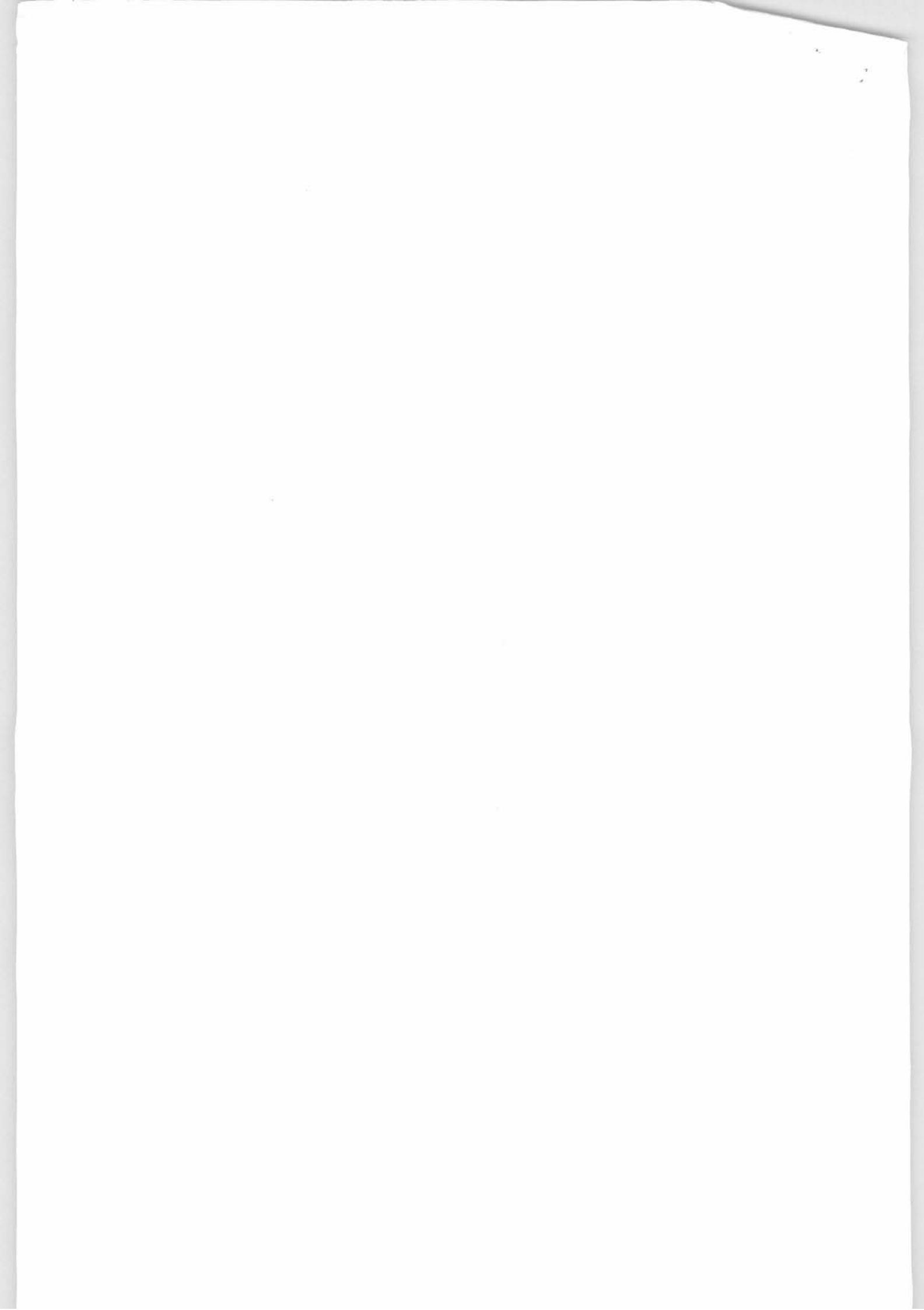
London Regional representative Mrs M. Reid,
12 New End, London NW3.

A very successful one day course was held on Chronic Neurological Conditions and Physiotherapy. A small sub-committee has been formed to organise further activities in the region.

One of the members from this region, Mrs Proper, is representing the Association on the South West Metropolitan Local Board which has chosen "General Paediatrics" as the subject for their Annual Congress. This takes place on Sat: October 19th at Worthing Hospital and applications should be sent to Miss N. Nash, Physiotherapy Dept; Worthing Hospital, Worthing, Sussex.

North East Regional representative Miss M. Barton,
7 St Michaels Way, Burley-in-Wharfedale,
Ilkley, Yorks.

An Open Meeting is to be held in York on June 20th to which members, paediatricians, school and local authority doctors, speech therapists, occupational



Despite sterling efforts on Mrs Murdoch's behalf there appears to be a general lack of interest in Scotland. However the second A.G.M. is to be held in April 1975 so it is hoped that this will stimulate local enthusiasm.

North West Regional representative Mrs L. Willescroft
33 Blord Rd. Prestwick, Manchester.

The first Annual Congress was organised by Mrs Willescroft and Miss Grimley with a splendid attendance of almost two hundred people. It was held at Salford University on April 5th and 6th, the first day being devoted to Cystic Fibrosis and the second to "The Assessment Teams". Both days ended with a forum consisting of the lecturers and some parents.

The first Annual General Meeting was held on April 5th at Salford, when the steering committee was elected as the Executive Committee:-

Members

Mrs M. Biddle,
43 The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex.

Mrs M. Walters,
Ladywood Cottage, Sarratt Lane,
Rickmansworth.

Miss A. Smith,
8 Coombe Bridge Ave, Stoke Bishop,
Bristol B59 2LP.

Miss A. Grimley,
Manchester Childrens Hospital,
Pendlebury, Manchester MAN27 IHA.
As noted at head of newsletter.

Officers

Annual Conference of Hon. Branch P.R.Os

Mrs Biddle represented the Association at this meeting and spoke, along with the representatives of the other Special Interest Groups, about the formation of the Association and its work so far.

The Chartered Society's Film

The Chartered Society have had a recruitment film made entitled simply 'Physiotherapist'. It is a well made film with an unscripted dialogue and covers a wide variety of work. It shows students working in an intensive care unit, outpatient department, wards, hydrotherapy pool etc. You will be pleased to know that the treatment of a CHILD is included. The film gives a good idea of the training and the opportunities open to qualified Physiotherapists, but the educational qualifications required for training, and the career and pay structure are not included.

The 16mm film lasts 30mins, is in colour and available from S.D.C. films, Guild, Sound and Vision Ltd, Peterborough. There is no hire charge.

Australia

Members will be interested to know that Physiotherapists working with children in Australia have, in the last few months, formed a specific interest group. The main reason for forming the group was concern about the reorganisation of their health system by the government which appeared to be overlooking the needs of handicapped children.

Unless you are a paid up member this will be the last newsletter we can afford to send you.

