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Chairman's Report

First of all I should like to thank everybody who completed the questionnaire. There was almost 100% return and the vast majority of members were enthusiastic about the establishment of courses leading to a higher diploma or degree.

The result from the questionnaire means that the Working Party has proceeded to plan details of modules and also has continued its investigations into the possibility of recognition and support for our courses. We do realise that there will probably be a fairly small number of people who would want to go on to a higher degree and that many other sorts of shorter courses will continue to be of great importance to members. There is absolutely no suggestion that the shorter courses should be discouraged or that everyone should necessarily take the longer course.

Since the last Newsletter the Working Party has met twice; the second time was on the 7th of December when we were very pleased to be joined by Miss Joan Piercy, Principal of the London Hospital School of Physiotherapy, who is also a member of the Chartered Society Working Party which is looking into post-registration training. This means that we have now established a very firm link with the Chartered Society and we hope that this will avoid a great deal of duplication of effort.

We are also looking into the best way of approaching the DHSS for their support and recognition and are being helped in this by eminent paediatricians. There have been numerous letters of support and offers of practical help from paediatricians and others interested in our work from all areas of the country, which emphasises the approval of our plans.

The establishment of a higher qualification is a very complicated and lengthy business - for example it takes at least

We hope to have a 'Question and Answer' forum at the next Annual General Meeting, which should both clarify queries from the membership and also indicate how the Working Party is getting on towards establishing courses for higher qualifications.

The next full Committee Meeting of the Association will be held on January 18th, and it would be very helpful if members who have anything they wish to be put to the Committee would contact their local representative in good time.

I do hope that you will all have a very Happy Christmas, and that I shall have the pleasure of meeting many of you in 1975.

### News from the Regions

Scotland Regional Representative Mrs. A. Murdoch, The Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow.

Mrs. Murdoch is in charge of the arrangements for our second A.G.M. The venue has had to be changed from Stirling University (as stated in the last Newsletter) to Strathclyde University; the date however remains unchanged, April 11th - 13th, 1975. The programme for the Conference has not yet been finalised, but on the Saturday, apart from the A.G.M., there will be lectures on Neonatal Surgery and Spina Bifida (genetics and orthopaedic aspects). On the Sunday morning there will be a session on Neurological problems and a lecture on Cardiology. The conference will end with lunch on Sunday to give time for people to return home.

North East Regional Representative - Miss E.M. Barton, Child Assessment Unit, Seacroft Hospital, York Road, Leeds 14.

This Region has now formed its own committee with Miss Elizabeth Carrington of York as Chairman and Mrs. Eileen Walters of Leeds as Secretary, and their plans for 1975 are as follows:-

- 1) On Thursday January 16th at 7.30 pm Dr. M. d'A. Crawford from the Department of Genetics, Leeds University will talk on Genetics at the Lister Lane School, Bradford.
- 2) A meeting on Saturday March 22nd at the Yorkshire Regional Health Authority Headquarters, Harrogate, when Dr. David Gardner-Medwin will speak on Muscular Dystrophy. It is hoped that this can be extended to a day course, and in this case would start at 11.00 am. The meeting will be followed by a local A.G.M.
- 3) A day course on Spina Bifida will be held at the John Jamieson School, Leeds on Saturday September 27th, which will include a lecture by Mr. Silk on Orthopaedic Management and a demonstration of Physiotherapy Treatment.

London Regional Representative - Mrs. M.J. Reid, The Paul Sandifer Day Centre, The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.1.

This Region has formed a Sub-Committee to deal with the arrangements for courses etc. It consists of Mrs. J. Biddle, a member of the APCP Executive, Miss C. Mason, Supt. Physiotherapist of the Eastern Hospital, London, E.9, Mrs. D. Mitchell, Mrs. Maughan and Mrs. M.J. Reid. Saturday January 25th (not 26th as stated in the last Newsletter) is the date of their next day course to be held at the Hospital for Sick Children, Gt. Ormond Street on "Some Aspects of the Educational and Emotional Difficulties of the Handicapped Child". Mr. S. Dorner, Senior Clinical Psychologist at the Hospital for Sick Children will talk on the Psychological problems of families with a Handicapped Adolescent; Learning difficulties will be discussed by Mrs. Mary Arkwright, an Educational Therapist.

very young handicapped child, followed by Mrs. Mary Lobacher, Senior Educational Psychologist at the Hospital for Sick Children, who will talk on the purpose and application of Psychological Testing. Mrs. J. Murray, an Occupational Therapist at the Western Cerebral Palsy Centre will talk on Play.

A series of courses on Neurology and Development and the different Techniques of Treatment will be held on the Mondays of February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, at the Paul Sandifer Day Centre, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.1. Refreshments will be available from 5.00 pm, and it is hoped to start the proceedings from 5.30 pm for approximately 1½ hours. This first course will be conducted by Mr. David Scrutton, Supt. Physiotherapist, Newcomen Centre, Guys Hospital and Physiotherapy Advisor to the Inner London Educational Authority, 'E.S.N. (Severe) Special Care Units', and will cover Motor Development, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Assessment for Physical Treatment. The course fee (covers all 4 evenings) is £2.00 for members, and £3.00 non-members. It is hoped that this course will be followed by another in the near future, and that they will be of as practical a nature as possible. Future plans include a seminar on Sport and Activities for the Handicapped.

South East Regional Representative - Miss P. Charon,  
R.H.A. 7,8 Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, Brighton, Sussex.

The first meeting organised by this Region was attended by over forty people. Dr. Geoffrey Hatcher gave a most interesting and humane lecture on the Ethics of Management of Spina Bifida and Cystic Fibrosis. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting, and there was much chat and socialising over tea and cakes. This was followed by a business meeting when Miss P. Charon agreed to be the Regional Representative and Mrs. O. Nettles the Chairman. Mrs. P. Nichols will be the Secretary, and Miss M. Harding, Miss S. Raymond and Mrs. K. Hanshaw will serve on the Committee. They have arranged to meet early in January to discuss their programme and plan their meetings for 1975.

Midlands Regional Representative - Mrs. M. Hazlewood,  
R.H.A. 3, 12 19 Devonshire Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham B20 2PB.

The meeting at Thieves Wood School in October was attended by over thirty people, and Miss Dawson's film was well worth seeing. In the afternoon Miss M. Riley the Physiotherapist in Charge gave a demonstration of wheelchair sports - she had certainly trained the children well. The meeting was a great success socially, and a number of new members joined. On November 11th Mr. Trigg gave a very interesting talk with slides on his play centres, in particular those at Weston Park and Lea Castle Hospitals. Future events seem likely to include a day course on Physiotherapy for the Retarded Child in May or June.

South West Regional Representative - Miss J. Hawes,  
R.H.A. 9,11 11 Blenheim Road, Redland, Bristol 6.

Plans for the Day Course on Appliances and Splint Making on February 22nd are well in hand. Discussions are taking place at the moment with a view to organising a half day course in March or April conducted by Mrs. Veronica Sherbourne who does a lot of valuable work through movement techniques with the mentally retarded and some physically handicapped.

North West Regional Representative - Mrs. L. Willescroft,  
R.H.A. 13, 14 33 Blord Road, Prestwick, Manchester.

on the Modern Treatment of Scoliosis and the use of Intermittent positive pressure spinal mobiliser, and Mr. John Taylor will lecture on the management of Congenital Talipes Equine Varus.

#### East Anglia

R.H.A. 4, 5, 6 & 10.

Mrs. Mary Walters was pleased to report that Mrs. Christine James has agreed to become the Regional Representative from this area. Her address is Meldrith Manor School, Meldrith Manor, Nr. Royston, Herts.

#### Ireland

The Northern Ireland Paediatric Association has appointed Mrs. Audrey Hoey as their Hon. Secretary, and all communications should be sent to her at 127 Shandon Park, Knock, Belfast 5. They meet every three months and have a visiting speaker - in October they had a consultant from the Limb Fitting Centre. A Paediatric course is being held one day a week at Queen's University; this is a two year course with a diploma at the end.

#### A word from our Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Mark

Our money goes on: (to state but a few)

- 1) Printing, Stationery and Postage so far this year £71.94.
- 2) Travelling expenses for the Working Party
- 3) " " " " Executive Committee four times a year.
- 4) Regional Secretaries' expenses.

We, that is the Accountant and Hon. Treasurer, consider it necessary to build up funds to offset any losses incurred in the future by the Regions, or at future A.G.M.s. And also to employ a Solicitor if the need ever arose.

The approximate number of paid up members is now 330, but the total number of names is 398, which includes lapsed members. If you happen to be one of these lapsed members or think you may be please contact Mrs. Mark.

#### Course on Neurological Disorders in Childhood

A five day course on this subject has been organised by the Departments of Paediatrics and Physiotherapy. This will be one of the short special interest courses envisaged by this Association. It is to be held at Clatterbridge Hospital, Wirral, Merseyside from March 10th - 14th, 1975, the provisional fee for the course is £15.00. Further details are available from Mrs. I. Davies, Superintendent Physiotherapist at Clatterbridge Hospital to whom preliminary application for a course place should be made.

#### News from the Australian Physiotherapy Association Queensland Paediatric Special Group

We now have a reciprocal arrangement with this group to exchange Newsletters. Their latest Newsletter included a report on their September Workshop concerned with Thoracic Physiotherapy for Children. This group's programme for 1975 includes a Seminar on the "Total Care of Spina Bifida" and "The Value of Play in the Handicapped Child". The XIV Biennial Congress of the Australian Physiotherapy Association to be held in Sydney from August 26th - 28th, 1975, has scheduled special Group Meetings and Paediatrics rates the number one place in the Congress Brochure.

A quote from the Newsletter concerning the Doman Delacato treatment Programme "Much is astir about the publicity of this programme at present. Following a letter from our group..."

## Diary of Forthcoming Events

Enquiries about meetings should be made to the 'Contacts'.  
See also the Physiotherapy Journal under Courses and Conferences  
and Noticeboard.

<u>Date &amp; Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Contact</u>
January 16th Lister Lane School, Bradford.	Genetics	Mrs. E.M. Walters, 15 North Way, Roundhay, Leeds LS8 2LX.
January 25th Hospital for Sick Children, Gt. Ormond St., London, W.C.1.	Some aspects of the Educational & Emotional Difficulties of the Handicapped Child	Miss C. Mason, Eastern Hospital, Homerton Grove, London, E.9.
February 1st, Medical Teaching Centre, Mount Vernon Street, Liverpool.	Management of Scoliosis and Congenital T.E.V.	Miss E. Shaw, Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Myrtle Street, Liverpool.
February 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th Paul Sandifer Day Centre, Hospital for Sick Children, Gt. Ormond St., London, W.C.1.	Neurology & Development. Different Techniques of Treatment.	Mrs. M.J. Reid, Paul Sandifer Day Centre, Hospital for Sick Children, Gt. Ormond St., London, W.C.1.
February 22nd, Tyndalls Park Childrens Centre, Bristol.	Appliances & Splint Making	Mrs. P. Austin, 20 Monsdale Close, Henbury, Bristol BS10 7EA.
March 10 - 14th Clatterbridge Hospital, Wirral, Merseyside.	Neurological Disorders, in Childhood	Mrs. I. Davies, Clatterbridge Hospital, Wirral, Merseyside.
March 22nd The Yorkshire R.H.A. Headquarters, Park Lane, Harrogate.	Muscular Dystrophy & Local A.G.M.	Miss M. Barton, N.E. Region Rep.
April 11th - 13th Strathclyde University, Glasgow.	A.G.M.	Miss F.M.C. MacIntyre, 53 Sadlers Wells Court, Calderwood, East Kilbride.
September 27th John Jamieson School, Leeds.	Spina Bifida	Mrs. E.M. Walters, 15 North Way, Roundhay, Leeds LS8 2LX.