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NEWSLETTER NO. 7. (January 1977)

The Chairman and Committee would like to take this opportunity of wishing all Members a Happy New Year. Though belated, it is none the less sincere.

Miss Moyna Gilbertson.

We are sure that all Members will join the Committee in offering Miss Gilbertson our good wishes upon her appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

Miss Felicity Birkett.

Letters have been received from Miss Birkett who seems to be enjoying her job at Kowloon Hospital where she works mainly with children; her other occupations include organising a Christmas party for 400 handicapped children and trying to learn the Cantonese language. Felicity's address is: Flat 21, 1 Ede Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Mrs. Margaret Reid.

Members of the London Region were pleased to welcome Mrs. Reid to their day course on October 9th. She had flown over from her post in Australia for her daughter's wedding and also took the opportunity of seeing old friends and colleagues.

Miss Pat Waddington.

Our congratulations to Miss Waddington on her appointment as Principal of the School of Physiotherapy at Manchester Royal Infirmary. Miss Waddington is a valuable member of the Post-Registration Working Party and was a tutor at the recent inaugural Bobath Course held at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

Post Registration Working Party.

The Working Party is still in close contact with Lanchester University and it is hoped to give much further information at the A. G. M.

Assessment Working Party.

A meeting to discuss the replies to the Questionnaire is being held in January. The Chairman and Working Party members are most grateful to all Members who replied; the general wish being that such an assessment form is very desirable and there were also many requests for a booklet on 'how to assess'.

Miss F. Duerken, who is reading for a Ph. D. on Assessment at London University has been co-opted on to the Working Party.

Changes of address.

Please note the change of address for Miss Woods and Mrs. Mark.

Jay Committee of Enquiry into The Nursing and Care of the Mentally Handicapped.

Written evidence on behalf of the Association was given, as requested, to the C. S. P. to form part of their submission. This was supplied by Miss M. Barton, Miss A. Grimley, Miss C. Mason and Mr. D. Scrutton.

Fourth A. G. M. and Conference.

To be held at the City of Birmingham Polytechnic, Centre for Teacher Education and Training, Westbourne Road, Birmingham B15 3TN., on April 23rd and 24th 1977.

"MOBILITY"Saturday

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| 9.00 | Registration |
| 9.30 | Miss D. Caney M. C. S. P., Dip. T. P.
Neuro-Physiology of Movement |
| 10.30 | Coffee |
| 11.00 | Miss M. Rogers. Principal Lecturer in Physical Education
Introductory talk followed by film on "Movement Education in Primary School".
Followed by -
Miss R. Hasler M. C. S. P.
Ballet Demonstration |
| 12.30 | Lunch |
| 2.00 | Miss A. Wisbeach M. B. A. O. T.
Mobility for Children in Wheelchairs |
| 3.00 | Miss A. Grimley M. C. S. P.
Movement Problems of Clumsy Children |
| 4.00 | Discussion |
| 7.00 for 7.30. | Dinner at Warwickshire Masonic Temple. |

Sunday

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| 9.30 | Mrs Berta Bobath F. C. S. P., SA AOT (Hon)
Analysis of Abnormal Movement |
| 10.30 | Coffee |
| 11.00 | Mrs. B. Bobath
Treatment Planning |
| 12.30 | Lunch |

Application forms to be returned to the Physiotherapy Dept., Children's Hospital, Ladywood Ringway, Birmingham as early as possible - closing date March 31st.
PLEASE ENCLOSE A S. A. E. FOR REPLY.

The Organising Committee apologise for and regret the increase in costs over the amounts shown in the January Journal. As these increases have been notified from the College we are sure that it will be appreciated that they are quite beyond the control of the Committee.

The amended charges are as follows:-

<u>Resident:</u>	Conference lectures, Sat. coffee to Sun. lunch	Members	£11.70
	(Excluding Conference Dinner Sat. night)	Non/Mem	£13.50
	Bed and breakfast Fri. night		£ 3.05
	Evening meal Fri. night (at 6 p. m.)		£ 1.18
<u>Non-Resident:</u>	Conference lectures, Sat. coffee to Sun. lunch	Members	£ 8.00
	(Excluding Conference Dinner Sat. night)	Non/Mem	£ 9.50
<u>Sat. only:</u>	Lectures, lunch, tea and coffee	Members	£ 5.00
		Non/Mem	£ 6.00
<u>Sun. only:</u>	Lectures, lunch and coffee	Members	£ 3.50
		Non/Mem	£ 4.00
Conference Dinner at Warwickshire Masonic Temple, Clarendon Road, Edgbaston (limited to 150)			£ 5.00

Committee Meeting, January 15th 1977.

Due to the weather conditions of snow, ice and fog on this day the Committee Meeting at Birmingham had unfortunately to be postponed and will now be held on February 12th. At this meeting some possible 'tidying-up' amendments to the Constitution will be discussed. Any queries will be answered at the A. G. M. if definite proposals are to be put before the Meeting for ratification. It is also regretted that because of the cancellation, you will not receive your Agenda and Minutes of the last A. G. M. with this Newsletter but to send these out separately as well as the Newsletter would produce an astronomical postage bill. However copies of the Agenda and Minutes will be available from the Secretary after Feb 12th and on receipt of a s. a. e.

Payment of annual subscriptions.

With this Newsletter you will receive a Standing Order Form which can be used for the payment of subscriptions and which has been approved by the Association's Bank. It will be appreciated if Members would consider very seriously either paying or renewing their subscriptions in this way as it will save both time and money. In these times of inflation we are sure that all Members will appreciate the efforts of Mrs. Mark, the Treasurer, in keeping the subscription at £1. What we feel may not be realised is the tremendous amount of work that is involved in keeping records for over 700 people particularly when renewals are made by a few in a somewhat 'erratic' way.

If you do decide on this method of payment please send the completed form to your Regional Representative who will then forward it to the Treasurer after abstracting the necessary information.

A Membership Card will be issued which will be over stamped "O" or "A" to signify Ordinary or Associate Member and will be required to be shown for voting purposes at the A. G. M.

The final date for renewal of subscriptions will be March 31st but new Members who join after Oct. 1st will have their subscriptions valid for the ensuing year. If renewing by other than Standing Order please send a s. a. e. for the return of your Card.

A. P. C. P. Booklets.

A new addition is "Music Therapy" by Daphne Kinnaird and Moyna Gilbertson. It is priced at 40p and is available from Mrs. Hazlewood, Brays School, Brays Road, Sheldon, Birmingham 26 upon receipt of a 9 x 6 ins. s. a. e. . .

"The Management of Juvenile Chronic Polyarthritis" by Mrs. R. E. Allin, M. C. S. P., O. N. C., Supt. Physiotherapist and Miss D. Sheila Lawton, M. B. O. A. T., Head Occupational Therapist of the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, will be available shortly and possibly in time for the Conference.

It is also hoped to produce in time for the Conference a booklet on "Some Aspects and Management of the Clumsy Child".

The Association of Swimming Therapy is delighted with "Handling the Disabled Child in Water" and is to make it obligatory reading for all members taking the Halliwick Course. Copies of the booklet have been sent to American Universities, Malta and Hong Kong as well as Australia as reported in the last Newsletter.

"Setting up an Assessment Unit".

This leaflet is now available from the P. R. O., price 15p.; please send a foolscap s. a. e. The leaflet has been compiled by Miss Mary Barton, Supt. Physiotherapist of the Child Assessment Centre, Leeds and Miss Ann Grimley, Supt. Physiotherapist of the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Manchester. It was written originally in response to a specific request for help and advice but it is felt that the suggestions made will be of help and interest to a great many other people. As well as the actual advice, the leaflet contains very comprehensive lists of names and addresses of manufacturers and suppliers of toys and equipment; catalogues and suppliers and useful Associations.

C. S. P. Congress, Southampton.

We would again like to apologise to Members for the fact that there was no A. P. C. P. display. We were, in fact, at a very late date, offered table space but the offer came during the holidays and though every effort was made to get some material sent it was defeated by the vagaries of the postal services. In reply to our letter sent to the C. S. P. regretting the lack of space available to Specific Interest Groups and the impossibly high cost of renting a trade stand a most helpful and informative reply has been received from Mrs. Turner, the C. S. P. Congress Secretary. She tells us that up to 1971 the C. S. P. had a stand for uniform insignia, leaflets etc but as the response was so poor the practice was discontinued as the space could more profitably be let as a trade stand - so helping to keep the cost down to participants at the Congress. In 1969 and 1971, noticeboard space on the stand was offered to S. I. G.'s but only two or three took advantage of this. Up to 1967, when there were far fewer than the present twelve Groups, S. I. G.'s were offered, free of charge, facilities for meetings at times not conflicting with Congress lectures. Again the response was very poor and did not justify the expense of renting additional space.

Finally, Mrs. Turner points out that it is only the Society, when Congress is held in London, or the host Board when it is held in the provinces, who can decide if space is available for S. I. G. 's.

With the help of the names of the organisers of the Congresses at Cambridge in 1977, Birmingham in 1979 and Scotland in 1980 it is hoped to make a request well in advance but it seems doubtful that there will be any space available for London in 1978.

Overseas Members.

We thank you for your letters and also the Paediatric Groups who send us copies of their Newsletters. The latter are available on loan from the P. R. O. on receipt of a foolscap s. a. e. . .

We now have Members in Australia, Canada, the Channel Islands, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, West Germany and the U. S. A. Enquiries have also been received from India and South Africa.

North West Metropolitan Board.

We are pleased to note that a request has been made for an A. P. C. P. Member to sit on the Board. Mrs. Dorothy Seglow of 19B, Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 is to be this representative and it is suggested that Members covered by the Board's area should get in touch with her if they have any matters they wish to raise at the Board's meetings, which relate specifically to paediatric physiotherapy.

Senior I and II Grading.

Following several letters asking for advice and pointing out the anomalies of these gradings, the Committee will be discussing the content of a suitable letter to be sent to Mr. Adler, the Chairman of the C. S. P. 's Salaries Committee. However if any Member wishes to write individually to Mr. Adler it is felt that this may add further weight to what, in many Regions, appears to give rise to some very difficult situations.

Exhibition Stand.

The P. R. O. is in process of drawing up a library of material suitable for publicity displays for use at our own Conference, C. S. P. Congress etc. . . It will also be available for any Region's Courses. If anyone has any material or photographs or any suggestions the P. R. O. would be very pleased to hear from you.

"Association of Professions for the Mentally Handicapped" Workshop.

An invitation was received for a representative to attend a One-Day workshop on "Mental Handicap in General Practice". Miss Mason was able to attend this and with the Report has now received an invitation to a further meeting to be held on March 17th.

Paediatric Group of the British Association of Occupational Therapists.

Close contact has now been established with this Group and a copy of the Report of their Inaugural Meeting can be borrowed from the P. R. O. ; again upon receipt of a foolscap s. a. e. . . It is hoped that we will be able to work closely with them and have reciprocal arrangements for attending each others courses.

The Secretary is Ms. Patricia Morris, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith, London W6.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

A letter giving details of the Trust and categories for the 1977 Travelling Fellowships was

unfortunately received too late for inclusion in the last Newsletter but in this instance none of the categories were particularly relevant to paediatric physiotherapy. Although details are not normally published before the end of August, the Trust Office Administrator has promised in future to let us have these for inclusion in the July Newsletter.

From the London Representative, Miss Cynthia Mason.

1. A Paediatric Services Questionnaire will be sent out after Christmas to all known paediatric physiotherapy establishments. I would very much like physiotherapists in the London Region in charge of units to contact me if they do not get a questionnaire or if they know of places who have not had one but where paediatric physiotherapy is carried out. We are determined to get the Region surveyed somehow and would appreciate any help available in order to get this done to benefit both therapists and patients!
2. The Bibliography on Perception prepared after the last course is now available and is being circulated to all those who attended the course. Anyone who has not received this, or others who would like it, are asked to send a foolscap s. a. e. to me (address under Regional Reports)!

3. Lecture Series, Sept. 1977 - June 1978.

UNDER FIVE AND DISADVANTAGED.

To be held in the Maitland Lecture Theatre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, London, E2.
9-15a. m. for 9-30a. m. - 12-45p. m.. Saturday mornings.

Autumn Term

Sept 24th 1977

Intervention in the Early Months.

Obstetrician; paediatrician; paediatric surgeon.

Oct 29th 1977

Inheritable Handicapping Conditions.

Prenatal diagnosis; genetic counselling; research.

Nov 19th 1977

Concept Development.

Theories and practical aspects.

Winter Term

Dec 10th 1977

Under Five and Understimulated.

Mother/child interaction; social influences on development; role of nurseries/playgroups/health visitor; practical aspects (O. T.).

Jan 28th 1978

Under Five and Living in London.

Psychiatric aspects of urban living, cultural differences in development, epidemiology of high-rise living.

Feb 25th 1978

Behavioural Abnormalities.

Child psychiatrist, child psychotherapist; educational psychologist.

Spring Term

Mar 18th 1978

Non Accidental Injury.

Paediatrician, radiologist; medical social worker.

Apr 29th 1978

Under Five and Visually Handicapped.

Ophthalmologist; paediatrician, nursery adviser.

May 20th 1978

Under Five with Hearing Handicap.

Physician; screening procedures; teacher for the deaf.

Jun 17th 1978

Under Five and Severely Globally Handicapped.

Practical aspects; community care; hospital care.

Course fees:	A. P. C. P. Members £1 per session	Interdisciplinary
	Non-members £1.25 per session	

Fee includes coffee; reference list; further reading list etc. . .

Enquiries please to: Miss C. Mason, Physiotherapy Dept., Eastern Hospital,
Homerton Grove, London E9 6BY.

Dates of booking will be announced in the Journal. Numbers strictly limited to 70 per session.

The aim is to highlight activities and services not generally well known to physiotherapists.

The Course has been devised by Mrs. Marion Whyte, M.C.S. P., Senior Physiotherapist at Queen Elizabeth Hospital and is being run by the London Region Committee who will take it in turn to chair the sessions.

From Miss Ann Grimley.

Salford Area Health Authority (Teaching) Salford College of Technology and Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury.

Treatment of Cerebral Palsy (Bobath) July/August 1977.

It is proposed to hold an eight week Post-Registration Training Course in the specialised treatment of Cerebral Palsy and other forms of spastic paralysis based on neurophysiological principles and the Bobath techniques.

Tutors: Principle Tutor Mr. Stuart Bedford.

Tutors from the Bobath Centre to lecture during the Course.

Accommodation may be arranged in Student Halls of Residence.

Enquiries are invited from physiotherapists, remedial gymnasts, occupational therapists and speech therapists preferably working or intending to work with children.

Please address all enquiries in an envelope marked "C. P. Course" to:-

Mrs. Olive Silcock, Registrar's Dept., Salford College of Technology, Frederick Road, Salford.

Books and booklets.

a) From The Spastics Society.

"Integration of Handicapped Children in Society". Edited by James Loring and Graham Burn. Price £3.50 including postage and packing and obtainable from: The Spastics Society, 12 Park Crescent, London W1N 4EQ. Initially, at least, there will also be included a free copy of "Personal Relationships, the Handicapped and the Community - some European thoughts and solutions".

b) From The Institute for Research into Mental and Multiple Handicap.

"Books for parents of a Handicapped Child" - an annotated reading list of easily obtainable commercially published books. Obtainable from: I. R. M. M. H., 16 Fitzroy Square, London W1P 5HQ.

c) From The London College of Furniture.

"Design and Development for the Handicapped" - a library reference list of literature currently available on play and communication aids, housing and other physical provisions for the handicapped. Obtainable from: The London College of Furniture, 41 Commercial Road, London E1 1LA.

d) From Fisher-Price Toys Ltd.,

"The role of toys in the happy development of a child" - the first in a series of booklets

based on conference findings; it emphasises the advantages and purposes of different types of play in the mental and physical development of a child.

Obtainable from: Fisher-Price Toys Ltd., Scottish Life House, 29 St. Katherine's Street, Northampton NN1 2QG. Price 30p.

- e) From The Centre on Environment for the Handicapped.
 "Design for Special Needs" is the journal of the Centre and costs £4.50 for three issues per year. It highlights design practice and ideas to enhance the lives of the mentally and physically handicapped in housing, care, education, work and play. The Centre also produce a useful leaflet on Bibliography Series, Design Guide Series, Seminar Series, Papers, Building Study Series, Reprints and other Publications from Outside Sources. Obtainable from: The Centre on Environment for the Handicapped, 120-126, Albert St., London NW1 7NE.
- f) "Paediatric Neurology for the Clinician" by Dr Neil Gordon, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist to the Salford Area Health Authority (Teaching). Published by Spastics International Clinics in Developmental Medicine nos. 59/60.
- g) "Mental Handicap in Child Health Practice". By Dr R.I. Mackay, Consultant Paediatrician to the Salford Area Health Authority (Teaching). Published by Butterworth in their Post-Graduate Paediatric Series, price £9.50. It gives the paediatrician's standpoint and presents mental handicap as a chapter in medical paediatrics rather than an educational or psychiatric problem.

Articles.

- a) Nursing Mirror, Dec. 16th 1976.

An article by Wendy Robinson who visited The Spastics Society's school at Ingfield Manor where treatment is carried out on a modified version of the "Peto system of conductive education".

- b) Nursing Times, Aug. 26th 1976.

An article on special furniture to help severely disabled children which is being tackled by students and lecturers from The London College of Furniture. The designers are working with children at the Midway Mission Hospital and the Richard Cloudesley School.

Television.

Starting on January 23rd, Independent Television are showing seven programmes designed for parents of a mentally handicapped child. It is called 'The Special Child' and aims to provide guidance in the care and management of these children. Times of showing appear to vary from Region to Region but the first programme at least, is in the morning.

Medical Recording Service Foundation.

Information has been received of an on-going project being undertaken by the M.R.S.F. and Mrs. Ester Cotton on "Conductive Education and Cerebral Palsy" At a special unit built by the Spastics Society at Ingfield Manor, near Billingshurst. Mrs. Cotton will be supervising twelve children between the ages of four and six years. Every six months the M.R.S.F. will be looking at various aspects of their progress which will be photographed and a report made on tape/slide. At the end of two years a final report will be made. The first tape/slide discussing the problems was to be available in the early Autumn. For information when each tape is available on loan or sale write to: 'Conductive Education Tape Series', Medical Recording Service Foundation, P.O. Box 99, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 5HL.

"Feeding the Child with Cerebral Palsy" is a series of 56 slides and is a step-by-step aid to achieving good feeding habits. The series has been made jointly by a physiotherapist and a speech therapist and the slides show details of learning to sit, head control, grasp, techniques and problems. Information on other relevant tapes and slides is contained in the November issue of the Journal.

"Before the Bough Breaks".

A very highly recommended film made by Glaxo-Farley Foods Ltd in conjunction with the Exeter Health Care District of the Devon A. H. A. on the work of 'Honeylands'. 'Honeylands' is a family support and treatment unit for handicapped children run by the A. H. A. and under the direction of Dr. Frederick W. Brimblecombe, Consultant Paediatrician at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

The film is available on loan at a cost of £5 from: Glaxo-Farley Foods Film Library, Plymouth, PL3 5UA. Early notification for borrowing the film is strongly advised as the Film Services Manager tells us that there is a considerable demand. It is 16m. m. colour and sound and runs for 40 minutes.

Glaxo-Farley Foods produce a catalogue of a small range of films and strips highlighting the problems and rewards of baby, child and family care; many of these are on free loan.

Voluntary Council for Handicapped Children.

Members may not know of the Council's formation under the aegis of The National Children's Bureau. It is an independently elected body and was set up in 1975 as a result of a recommendation in Living with Handicap - the Report of the Working Party chaired by Dame Eileen Younghusband. The Report stressed the lack of co-ordination in the provision of services for handicapped children and the need for the establishment of a multi-disciplinary council to serve as a forum for joint discussion and action on all aspects of childhood disability. The Council offers a comprehensive information service covering health, education and the social services over the whole range of mental, physical, sensory and social handicap.

Some Members may have seen the booklet "Help Starts Here - for Parents of Children with Special Needs". Regrettably all current stocks have now been distributed as it was part of a pilot scheme to evaluate demand. Financial support for funding for a further distribution is currently being sought but if this is not forthcoming the booklet will be sold at cost. Further information about availability will be published in the Newsletter as soon as possible.

Further information of the Council and its work can be obtained from: The Senior Officer, Voluntary Council for Handicapped Children, 8 Wakley Street, Islington, London EC1V 7QE.

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS.

Apologies are made for the briefness of these notes due to the fact that obviously no reports are included which would have been given at the January Committee Meeting.

North East.
R. H. A. 1 & 2

Reg. Rep.

Miss M. Barton,
Child Assessment Unit,
Seacroft Hospital,
Leeds LS14 6UH.

68 people attended the course on "Aids to Mobility" and were rewarded by three very informative and interesting illustrated lectures. The meeting arranged for January had to be postponed to February to avoid a clash with the West Yorkshire C. S. P. A. G. M. and the speaker has also had to be changed.

Midlands.
R. H. A. 3 & 12

Reg. Rep.

Mrs. M. Hazlewood,
19, Devonshire Road,
Handsworth Wood,
Birmingham B20 2PB.

Arrangements for the Fourth A. G. M. and Conference are well in hand. The meeting held at Warwick on "Hips" was very well attended. An evening meeting is being held in June at Rosehill Special School, Worcester and details will be announced in the Journal.

A further meeting is being arranged in The School of Nursing, University Hospital, Nottingham, but at present the date is not finalised. The subject is "Various Aspects of Development in Relation to Physiotherapy" and the speaker will be David Scrutton, M. C. S. P., B.Sc. Application forms can be obtained from Miss. R. Dawson, Supt. Physiotherapist, Children's Hospital, Nottingham. The cost will be £4 for Members and £5 for non-Members and this will include lunch.

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

Reg. Rep.

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

This Region, after many problems mainly caused by the large and scattered area covered, is now getting on its feet. In September a General Meeting was held; 47 letters were sent out with notification of this, 17 replies were received and 10 people actually attended. It was decided to set up 4 local Sub-Groups and also to organise a Regional day course in the near future. The Sub-Groups and their Secretaries are as follows:-

1. Oxford. This Group was already in existence and though part of the Region, still wishes to keep its own identity.
Secretary: Mrs. A. Gresswell, 22 Plantation Road, Oxford.

2. Reading.
Secretary: Ms. Judy Green, Avenue School, Reading.
3. Colchester.
Secretary: Mrs. Clarke, 4, Exeter Close, Great Horkesley, Colchester.
4. Mid-Area.
Secretary: Mrs. S. Williams, Lonsdale School, Stevenage.

This latter Group are to hold a meeting on January 26th on "Conductive Education" where the speaker will be Mrs. Seglow.

Numbers have increased to 63 since September and it is hoped that many more Members will enrol now that more workable arrangements have been made.

South East.
R. H. A. 7 & 8

Reg. Rep.

Miss M. Harding,
Cornerways,
1, Manor Hall Road,
Southwick,
Sussex BN4 4NA.

A Meeting is to be held in the Autumn at Coney Hill School.

There are 54 paid-up Members 3 of whom are new and 7 who would appear to have let their Membership lapse.

South West.
R. H. A. 9 & 11

Reg. Rep.

Miss D. Wheatley,
22 Glebelands Close,
West Stafford,
Dorchester,
Dorset.

The Study Day with Mrs Bobath in October was fully booked and as a result of this 8 new Members were enrolled and many others renewed their subscriptions.

The Membership now stands at 63 with 6 losses.

The Exeter Sub-Group are holding their Annual Study Day in February.

North West.
R. H. A. 13 & 14

Reg. Rep.

Mrs. B. Lambert,
36, Woodcrest,
Wilpshire,
Blackburn,
Lancs.

Two successful and well attended courses have been held; in September. Mrs. Marjorie Hendley organised a day on "Sensori-Motor Problems" which was held at the Margaret Barclay School and in November at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Miss Sophie Levitt spoke on "Developmental Therapy." At the end of January Mrs. Ester Cotton will be speaking on Treatment or Education in Therapy.

The Region now has 103 paid-up Members.

London.
Metropolitan.

Reg. Rep.

Miss C. Mason,
Eastern Hospital,
Homerton Grove,
London E9 6BY.

The "Problem of Perception in Childhood" course had an attendance of over 200 which included 95 physiotherapists, 41 teachers, 9 occupational therapists and 5 speech therapists from schools, hospitals and the community. Much interest in the Association was shown and many complimentary letters were received afterwards.

12 new Members have joined bringing the total up to 109.

Scotland.

Reg. Rep.

Mrs. A. Murdoch,
Royal Hospital for
Sick Children,
Yorkhill,
Glasgow, G3 8SJ.

A very successful two day course was held in November on "Paediatric Intensive Care" which was characterised by the very high quality and content of all the lectures. Miss Carol Sobkowiak is hoping to organise a series of 6 lectures on Paediatrics to be held on one evening each month.

There are 30 Members in the Region.

Wales.

Reg. Rep.

Mrs. S. Butler,
15, Elm Grove,
Parc Avenue,
Caerphilly,
Mid Glamorgan.

Though numbers remain the same it was unfortunate that the September course on "Haemophilia" had to be cancelled because of lack of support.

A monthly series of lectures is now taking place and these will last until June. Lectures so far have been on "Parental Attitudes to Children"; "Music and Learning for the Handicapped Child"; "The Portage System of Learning" and "Examination of the New Born". The February lecture is on "D. Q. Testing"; March is on "Toy Libraries"; April "Speech - Assessment and Feeding Difficulties in Cerebral Palsied Children"; May "Fits" and June "Haemophilia".

Northern Ireland.

This Region never flourished very well due to lack of numbers but we have now had a letter from an existing Member, Mrs. M. Maxwell saying that she is willing to try and re-form the Region and we are most grateful for her offer. It is suggested that anyone who is interested should write to Mrs. Maxwell at:-
28, Cable Road, Whitehead, Co. Antrim.

D I A R Y.

- Feb 5th "A Presentation of the Different Aspects of Assessment".
by the Staff of the Child Assessment Unit.
Programme in December Journal.
To be held in the Postgraduate Medical Centre,
St. Richard's Hospital,
Chichester.
Lunch £1.00 for first 30 applicants.
Fee: Members £1.50 Non/Mem £2.00
Applications with fee and s. a. e. to: Miss Shirley Raymond,
58, Gates Green Road,
West Wickham,
Kent.
- Feb 9th "Emotional Problems in Pregnancy and Motherhood".
Mrs. N. Firth, M.C.S.P., Supt. Physiotherapist, Obstetrics and
Gynaecology, York.
7p. m. for 7.30p. m. The Child Assessment Centre,
Seacroft Hospital,
York Road,
Leeds 14.
Fee: Members 25p Non/Mem 30p Students 20p
- Feb 19th "Orthopaedic Problems in Cerebral Palsy and Spina Bifida".
Programme in December Journal.
To be held in the Kennedy Lecture Theatre,
Institute of Child Health,
Guildford Street,
London WC1.
Fee: Members £2.00 Non/Mem £3.00 Students 50p
Lunch is available at £1.25 per head for the first 20 applicants but DO NOT
send lunch money with application.
Apply to:- Mrs. J. Maugham, Cheques:- payable to A. P. C. P.
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Selly Oak,
Birmingham.
Cost 30p.

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 9.30a.m. for 10.00a.m.
 John Jamieson School, Hollin Hill Drive, Leeds LS8 2PW.
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 John Jamieson School.
 Riding for the Disabled - Miss. S. Saywell, F.C.S.P.
 Winsford Orthopaedic Hospital, Bristol.
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 15, North Way,
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 Leeds LS8 2LX.
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<u>Apr 23rd/24th</u>	<u>Fourth Annual Conference and A. G. M.</u>
<u>Sept 24th</u>	Commencement of London Region lecture series.
<u>Oct 1st</u>	<u>"The Genesis of Handicap".</u> St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.
<u>Oct 8th</u>	<u>"Visual Disorders in Paediatrics".</u> Kennedy Lecture Theatre, Institute of Child Health, London.
<u>June</u>	Evening meeting at Rosehill Special School, Worcester. Details will be announced in the Journal.

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