

## GENERAL

### CORRESPONDENCE

To The Editor,

Many physiotherapists in South Africa have a standard reply when approached to join the South African Society of Physiotherapy—"Why should I? What does it do for me?"

Having served on the Central Executive Committee of the Society for some time, it is all too obvious to me what is done for its members. It is hard to appreciate the amount of time and energy devoted voluntarily to furthering the aims of the Society and therefore the welfare of its members, unless one has served on that Committee.

Now that I have moved to Northern Rhodesia, and am consequently unable to attend the Branch meetings or other Society activities, I truly realise how the ordinary member feels. No matter how enthusiastic one may be, there are still large areas in Southern Africa in which distance between members precludes the formation of a Branch or attendance at its functions. This is the position here on the Copperbelt.

However, I feel strongly that some means must be found to keep members of the S.A.S.P. better informed of its activities. In the past the Central Executive Committee has appeared inordinately modest and unwilling to show the large number of apathetic members what a nucleus of hard working colleagues is doing for them.

The Journal helps to do this in a number of ways, but could not some sort of synopsis of the C.E.C. proceedings be published, to help maintain the interest of members unable to attend Branch meetings where C.E.C. minutes are read and discussed?

This may not only stimulate present members but also attract new ones. I for one would greatly appreciate some such step.

Yours faithfully,

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Northern Rhodesia. 25/2/57.

**Editor's Note.**—At a C.E.C. meeting held in Johannesburg, on March 13th, 1957, it was decided to include a synopsis of proceedings of meetings in future journals.

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### INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE OF CRIPPLES

The Congress of this Society will be held in London from 22nd to 26th July and it is hoped that some of our members will attend.

Immediately preceding this Congress there will be a residential course on Administration, organised by the Chartered Society and held at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

The subjects to be discussed are of interest to physiotherapists in other countries and in all spheres of work.

The **Principles of Administration** course to be held at Selwyn College, Cambridge, July 17th to 20th, 1957.:

Fees for course: Annual Subscribers, £3 3. 0.

Non-subscribing members and physiotherapists on Overseas List, £4 2. 6.

Charges for Residence: £4 15. 6. (full board).

The course is open to members of allied professions as well as Physiotherapists. Further particulars can be obtained from The Secretary: MISS NEILSON, The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, Tavistock House (South), Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

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### CHANGE IN PUBLICATION DATES.—(Next issue is September).

It has been decided to change the months of publication of the Journal from the next issue. Therefore the months of publication in 1957 will be—January, April, September and December.

In 1958 and onwards publication will be in March, June, September and December.

**MEDICAL and DENTAL COUNCIL EXAMINATIONS** for masseurs and masseuse. Will any persons interested in writing the examination of registration with the above Council, please notify the General Secretary of the Executive Committee of the South African Society of Physiotherapy as soon as possible—Mrs. Levy, P.O. Box 11151, Johannesburg.

### CONGRESS 1957.

The next Congress of the S.A.S.P. is to be held during the first week of September. Will members please forward resolutions by May.

### S.A. BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY OF CHIROPODISTS, ENGLAND.

At an inaugural meeting held at the Johannesburg General Hospital on January 13th, 1957, the South African Branch of the Society of Chiropractors, England, was formed, all members being registered auxiliaries. Mr. C. B. Sroko was elected Chairman—pro tem.

### SALARIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Extract from letter received from Miss Nielson, Secretary C.S.P., London—

"The Ministry of Health has now approved under Clause 3 (3) (ii) of the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations, 1954, the course of training taken at the PRETORIA HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF PHYSIOTHERAPY. This, as you know, is already recognised by the Chartered Society for its Supplementary List.

Persons trained at this School of Physiotherapy must contrive to enrol on the Chartered Society's Supplementary List in order to be eligible to work in the National Health Service and to receive the appropriate Whitley Council Scale of Salary, which at present is £462 10. 0. per annum, rising by annual increments of £15 to £537 10. 0. London Weighting is payable in addition where appropriate.

May I also point out that the Council of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy has decided to change the title of the "Supplementary List" to the "OVERSEAS LIST."

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### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Schwartz (née C. Brest) at Cape Town, 27th December, 1956.—A Son.

To Major and Mrs. F. G. Milligan, née Bird, of Bancroft, a son, at Nchanga Hospital, on 16th February, 1957.

To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, a son on 26th November. Western Province Branch Member.