

many ancillary services, that there is a great tendency for the physiatrist to become purely an executive, directing sub-specialists in a spectrum of activities almost as great as that of the electro-magnetic spectrum with which we have been so closely affiliated.

In closing, although re-emphasizing the great need and challenge to our future physiatrists to go into research, I should, at the same time, like to hope that the importance of the personal relationship to the patient is never lost sight of by those carrying the dignified title of physician ; for surely we, who have the ability to diagnose and treat as would any other specialist, must always remain doctors.

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## BRANCH NEWS

### Northern Cape

A small function, morning tea, was held at the Kimberley Hospital at the end of 1952 for Miss Tredrea who went on pension on December 31st. after having been in charge of the Physiotherapy Department for the past twenty-three years.

Miss Tredrea was presented with two handsome cheques by Dr. Winberg on behalf of the Kimberley doctors and by the Matron on behalf of the Hospital staff.

At present Miss Tredrea is having a well earned five months holiday at the Cape, but fortunately the Northern Cape Branch will not be losing her as a member and will be very glad to welcome her back again in a few months time.

### Southern Transvaal

Congratulations to Mr. V. G. French on his appointment as Senior Physiotherapist at Krugersdorp Hospital.

Mr. Peter Kelly has left the Johannesburg Hospital to take up the senior appointment at Warmbaths Hospital. He will be sadly missed in Johannesburg, but we wish him and his family every success in Warmbaths.

Miss Elizabeth McKay has left Johannesburg Hospital to go to England where she will spend a few months prior to travelling to Canada.

Mrs. A. Wellbeloved, Miss F. Paton, Miss Todes, Miss Miller, Miss J. Mackay, Miss Marais and Miss W. Eybers have all left Johannesburg Hospital to work in Great Britain.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mrs. M. M. Odames on December 14th following an operation.

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## BOOK REVIEW

*Human Locomotion and Body Form* by Dudley J. Morton, M.D. with the collaboration of Dudley Dean Fuller. Pp. xii-286. 82 Illustrations. Price 38s. 6d. net. Bailliere, Tindall & Cox Ltd., 7, & 8, Henrietta Street, London, W.C.2.

This book is primarily a study of the bio-mechanics of the locomotor system. It includes the story of man's gradual development into a biped, and the way the body has adapted itself to this form of locomotion.

Exhaustive research has been carried out on the structure and mechanics of the foot and its workings, and this is presented clearly and comprehensively. The physical principles underlying the acts of walking and running are described in detail, and for those whose minds have an engineering bent this will prove a fascinating book. The text is well presented with many clear diagrams and graphs.

It is an analysis of too technical a nature to be of general interest to the physiotherapist, but this must surely represent the most complete study published of the intricacies of the various acts of locomotion, and as such stands in a class on its own.

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