

GENERAL

If anyone has a copy of **PHYSIOTHERAPY JULY, 1954**, please be kind enough to let Mrs. Levy have it as it is required for record purposes. Her address is, 105, Acacia Road, Blackheath, Johannesburg.

POST GRADUATE COURSE—April 13th to June 5th 1959.

The Cape Province Cerebral Palsy School in Rondebosch are making arrangements to pay the expenses for Dr. and Mrs. Bobath to run an eight weeks course next year on THE BOBATH method of treatment.

The course will be limited to 30 members of the S.A. Society of Physiotherapy at a cost of about 40 to 50 guineas. In England this course costs £80.

Those members interested, please apply to:

The Principal,
Cape Province Cerebral Palsy School,
Milner Road,
RONDEBOSCH, CAPE.

COUNCIL OF ALLIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

It has now been decided to call the Medical Auxiliaries Council "The Council of Allied Medical Professions."

Members of this body are meeting from time to time and general policy is being formulated. The two representatives from our Society report back to the Central Executive Committee so we are being kept informed of proceedings.

RAYMOND DART FUND

Physiotherapy in South Africa owes a great deal to Professor Dart. It was he who launched Physiotherapy in this country and he has always been our champion. As will be seen in another part of this Journal a fund is being started in his name and we as a society want to give it our whole-hearted support. Past students of the University of the Witwatersrand will be particularly interested and keen to be associated with this scheme.

NEW MEMBERS

Western Province.

Miss J. M. Grace, "Bizenā," Southfield Road, Plumstead, Cape Town.

Miss G. Felton, 4, Stratton Court, Voortrekker Road, Bellville, Cape Town.

Northern Transvaal.

Miss E. M. Jennings, Pretoria Hotel, 611, Schoeman Street, Pretoria.

Mr. J. M. Hatch, 6, Triangle Building, Witbank, Transvaal.

Miss E. Redelinghuys, 105, Nuffield Street, Rietondale, Pretoria.

Natal Midlands.

Mrs. V. Robinson—4, Strathallan, Killarney Terrace, Pietermaritzburg.

O.F.S.

Mrs. J. J. Wessels—3, Roth Avenue, Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

MISSING PERSONS

Mrs. Lewis—Vereeniging. Please send any information of whereabouts of the above to the General Secretary, S.A.S.P.

BIRTHS

To Estelle (Alberts) and Bob Deane, a daughter in March in Bloemfontein—Jayne Caroline.

To Mrs. Robinson M.C.S.P. and Mr. Robinson, a son, October, 1957.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Miss H. M. Benford, Treasurer, C.E.C.
39, Moray House,
Johannesburg.

APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY

Mrs. C. Cunningham, Assistant Secretary, C.E.C.,
c/o Physiotherapy Department,
General Hospital,
Johannesburg,

has taken over the duties of Appointment Bureau Secretary in a temporary capacity.

Letter to the Editor

Editor,
"Physiotherapy."

Dear Madam,

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND MANIPULATIONS.

At Council's meeting, at East London, in September of last year, the Western Province Branch submitted a resolution, intended for discussion, as to whether or not members of our Society should undertake manipulative treatments on patients under Anaesthetics. The object was rather to have a general discussion than a ruling, but it would appear that this item was placed towards the end of the Agenda. Practically no discussion at all took place, but Council resolved that it would be competent to a physiotherapist to perform manipulative treatments on patients anaesthetized, provided that a doctor was present as well as the anaesthetist. In order that the position may be quite clear I feel that the following observations should be publicised through the Journal. My branch has already notified the General Secretary that a resolution from us will seek to review and rescind Council's Resolution, and we have done this for the following reasons: The Physiotherapy Council, not a Statutory Body, is, in fact, not competent to rule on this point without prior sanction of the S.A. Medical Council, which body, of course, has Statutory Status, and on whose Auxiliaries Sub-Committee we are directly represented. Obviously, therefore, even if the ruling of our own Council, at East London, is acceptable, it does not follow that a physiotherapist is legally entitled to manipulate a patient who is anaesthetized. After very serious consideration, and discussion with my colleagues on our branch committee, and with Mr. Posselt of Port Elizabeth, who was in Cape Town on a visit, I am convinced that a physiotherapist is NOT entitled to expect to be allowed to handle a patient who is under the influence of anaesthesia: In my view, this is clearly the responsibility of an orthopaedic surgeon, and I take this opportunity of urging physiotherapists NOT to agree to undertake such treatments.

Yours faithfully,

G. S. SCHERMBRUCKER.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Phyllis Evans (née Tasker).

The sincere sympathy of the South African Society of Physiotherapy goes to the husband Mr. D. Evans, F.R.C.S. and family of the late Mrs. Phyllis Evans (née Tasker) who died tragically in a motor accident while on her honeymoon.