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## EDITORIAL

The Editor and Editorial Committee send Seasonal Greetings to all their colleagues and friends.

Once more the end of the year is upon us, and our thoughts are turning towards Christmas and 1958.

Examination fever is running high, and our best wishes are extended to those students who are now concentrating so hard on their finals. May they all pass and fill the ranks of qualified Physiotherapists in the New Year.

With the new training school opening in Cape Town in the very near future, our South African trained students will be increasing in numbers. It is most gratifying to learn that overseas our students have made such good impressions, and are filling posts all over Britain with great success. Opportunities are presenting themselves for people to obtain overseas experience, but right here in our midst, much work remains to be done and much experience can be gained.

The ability to be able to work in a team is a great attribute for a physiotherapist to have. It should be realised that even if the team consists of only two, much better results can be obtained by all

concerned working together. The patient must be part of the team, and a very important part, whose co-operation is essential. The Medical Officer, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Social Worker and Patient represent the usual members of a therapeutic team, but, when necessary, other specialists are called in. In some instances, as in private practice, the team is smaller, but, be it one physiotherapist and one patient, two physiotherapists and one patient, or a number of interested people, team work is the essence of good physiotherapy. This was a very important point made at the 7th World Congress for the Care of Cripples held in London, England, July 1957, and of which more appears elsewhere in this issue.

Once again the editor would like to thank all those who have sent in contributions such as articles, treatment notes and social notes during this year for publication in the Journal. It is this support of the members which is so essential to the success of the Journal, so please continue in 1958 to keep us supplied with any articles and notes which are of interest to all and of a news value. Encourage those with whom you work to do the same. Thank you and Good Luck in 1958.