

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS—contd.**

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**COUNCIL OF ALLIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONS**

*This is a copy of the letter received by the above Council in reply to a request by our Society to enquire about Rehabilitation Services in South Africa.*

Dear Madam,

**Rehabilitation Services in South Africa**

I wish to thank you for your enquiry of 6th June, 1959, regarding rehabilitation services in South Africa. The interest shown by your organisation in these services is appreciated very highly.

I should like to make it clear at the outset that the Rehabilitation Council functions under the aegis of the Department of Labour, and that its rehabilitation activities are therefore mainly directed at the employment aspects. Rehabilitation services are also carried out among others, by the Union and Provincial Department of Education, the Department of Social Welfare and Pensions, and the Department of Health.

For detailed information on the Rehabilitation Council and its functions, I wish to refer you to two articles on this subject published in the March and June issues of the journal "Rehabilitation in South Africa" copies of which are enclosed. Please refer to pages 11 and 69 of these publications, respectively. On page 63 of the June issue you will also find an article setting out the services offered at the Pilot Rehabilitation Centre, which was started by the Department of Labour on the recommendation of the Rehabilitation Council at the beginning of April, 1957.

It should be noted that the Centre was started as an *Industrial Rehabilitation Centre*, to indicate that it is primarily operated for the purpose of rehabilitating workers to industry, and is not e.g. medically orientated. Furthermore, whereas medical, psychological and social welfare services are provided, the therapeutic procedures virtually centres around "work therapy", a concept which has a different connotation to Occupational therapy in that it is productive and of direct economic value, giving the rehabilitee the feeling that he is participating in an active industrial environment and that his work is of direct practical value. Cases requiring intensive medical or social restoration are thus not eligible for admission to the Centre. They do become eligible however when such restoration has reached a stage where they can benefit by the work therapy and other services available at the Centre, to such a degree that it might reasonably be expected to effect their readjustment in employment within 3 to 6 months after admission. It should also be mentioned that vocational training is not provided at the Centre.

Regarding your request for a general outline of services available for all types of handicapped people in the country, I have to advise that the Department is at present engaged in a comprehensive survey of such services with the object of publishing a Directory of existing services. Depending on the co-operation of the various official and private bodies concerned in supplying the Department with the necessary information, it is hoped that this Directory will become available early in 1960.

In so far as representation of your Council on the Rehabilitation Council is concerned, I have to point out that the Council is not constituted by representatives of various organisations, but senior citizens who are known to have specialized knowledge of and a keen interest in rehabili-

tation and related matters, are appointed by the Minister to serve in their individual capacities. At present there are no vacancies on the Council, but should any occur the question of establishing liaison between your Council and the Rehabilitation Council will receive consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) SECRETARY FOR LABOUR

Dept. of Labour, Pretoria.

6th July, 1959.

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G. FREELING,  
*General Secretary.*

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**BOOK REVIEW****The Principals and Practice of Electrotherapy and Actinotherapy.**

by *Bryan O. Scott,*

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This book has two sections, the first deals with Electrotherapy, its history, the underlying physics and physiology, the currents used and techniques. The second section is entirely devoted to Actinotherapy, together with its application.

There is an enormous amount of valuable material in this book. In parts, particularly in relation to muscle-nerve physiology it tends to leave one with the questions "Why" and "How", which is a challenge and a stimulus, particularly for students, to seek elsewhere for the answers. In fact the author has met this challenge by providing suggestions for additional reading at the end of each chapter.

It is refreshing to find a textbook, although necessarily simple in approach, sufficiently lacking in dogma to allow for freedom of thought.

Some of the chapters are brief and lack important detail, and the history of electrotherapy tends to give bias to local developments in latter years.

However, as a textbook this should be well accepted for fundamental background to an ever increasing complex section of physiotherapy it is liberally illustrated with very clear diagrams and has an excellent introduction.

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