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**W.C.P.T.**

Miss Blair and Mrs. Levy are attending the World Confederation of Physical Therapy Congress in Paris during the early part of September.

**POSTURAL DRAINAGE IN CHEST DISEASES.**

A leaflet has been designed to help bronchial patients to carry out prescribed exercises in postural drainage at home. This leaflet is adequately and clearly illustrated and annotated.

It can be obtained from:

Leaflet 88,

The Chest and Heart Association,  
Tavistock House North,  
Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

**MEDICAL AID SOCIETIES.**

A full list of Approved Medical Aid Societies appears at the back of this number.

It has been noted, however, that Santam-Sanlam Siektofonds (alle takke), Posbus 1, Sanlamhof, K.P., is an Insurance Co., and members are entitled to charge full private fees.

**COUNCIL OF ALLIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONS**

The first Annual General Meeting of the Council of Allied Medical Professions was held at the General Hospital, Johannesburg, on Wednesday, 18th March, 1959.

Professor E. H. Cluver was in the chair and the following members represented their Societies:—

Miss Tompkin	}	Radiography.
Miss Millar		
Mrs. Allsop	}	Speech Therapy.
Miss Aaron		
(Hon. Treasurer)		
Mrs. Muller	}	Occupational Therapy.
Miss. Cynkin		
(Hon. Secretary)	}	Physiotherapy.
Miss Humphrey		
Miss Blackie		

No representative of the Clinical Psychologists was present.

The office bearers were thanked for their hard work during the year, and were re-elected en bloc.

Looking back over the year it is gratifying to note that C.A.M.P. has progressed steadily. It has been a time of "getting together" and getting to know the particular problems and view points of each group. C.A.M.P. has been very fortunate indeed in having Professor Cluver as Chairman. With his wide experience and representation on various medical boards, his advice and help have been invaluable in steering C.A.M.P. through its initial stages.

The first problem to be tackled this year is that of salary scales. Each Society has been asked to put forward what

it considers a fair and adequate salary scale, taking into consideration the following points:—

1. Cost of Training (tuition, books, accommodation and living expenses.
2. Loss of earning power during period of training.
3. Allowances for responsibility.

All the constituent bodies were in agreement that there should be no differentiation in scales for male and female personnel and that starting salary scales were too low.

It was agreed that suggestions for appropriate starting scales be received from each constituent organization. These suggestions would then be correlated by C.A.M.P. in order to make definite recommendations to the employing bodies concerned. It was also agreed that at the same time, consideration should be given to part-time salary scales.

The following resolutions from the South African Society of Physiotherapy were submitted to C.A.M.P. for consideration:

(a) "That this Council approach Council of Allied Medical Professions to co-ordinate and investigate rehabilitation services in this country; with a view to creating a sub-committee on rehabilitation."

It was agreed that the Secretary obtain as much information as possible from the South African Rehabilitation Council, including a definition of a "Rehabilitation Centre". It was also agreed that C.A.M.P. explore the possibility of obtaining representation on this body.

(b) A letter from the South African Federation of Business and Professional Women requested the support of C.A.M.P. in placing certain suggested alterations to the taxation laws before the Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

(c) "That Council of Allied Medical Professions investigate the possibility of Income Tax relief being afforded to medical auxiliaries who proceed overseas to further their studies, on the same lines as the Medical and Dental Professions."

It was agreed that C.A.M.P. make representations to the appropriate authorities on this matter.

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

by Bryan O. Scott,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D. PHYS. MED.

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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