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EDITORIAL

Already V.E.-Day seems far behind us—a short breathing space in the war effort—an opportunity to gather our powers together for another journey forward.

Now that hostilities in Europe have ceased, we, like others, can look towards a new era. In our profession, the hardest work must come after the battle is over. We have had some of those who have suffered in the fighting under our care. I fear we will have many more before peace is really won, and for some time after, for such struggles leave many scars behind.

As Miss Darwin points out in her article on another page, Occupational Therapy will be needed for psychological as well as for physical cases. Are we sufficiently prepared for this? When the war came we had not enough workers on the physical side. When the peace comes we must not be unprepared. The great attention paid recently to the physical side must not lead us to neglect those who are wounded in the mind. Speaking from years of experience in the mental sphere, I say that injuries to the mind are much more painful, disabling and lasting than those to the body and it would be regrettable if those who suffer in this way were to lack
help from efficient and well-trained workers. I feel that there is a tendency
for our members, our students and sympathisers to be drawn to that side
where the results are so much more easily seen, and I think this is a pity.

We must make every effort to keep an even balance, and encourage
in every way a steady flow of workers for the psychological field as well
as for the physical side, and most of all those who will take the qualification
on both sides and afterwards go on to gain experience in both branches of
the work.

OBIITUARY

Sir Hubert Bond

Since the last issue of the Journal we deeply regret the passing of our
first President of the Association, Sir Hubert Bond, K.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.
For details of his career and work in general we must refer the reader to
the Obituary Notice printed in the British Medical Journal of April 28th,
but this very splendid Notice peculiarly enough did not mention his work
for, and interest in, the Association of Occupational Therapists. It is true
to say that if one thing more than another shines out in Sir Hubert’s life,
it was definitely his interest for the patient, and in Occupational Therapy
he saw further opportunities of assisting his patients and in a quiet and
efficient way worked really hard to help Occupational Therapy in all its
aspects. He had a progressive mind and this, together with his large and
varied experience he placed at the disposal of the Association, and yet
somehow was able to keep in the background, but many of the innovations,
changes in policy, etc., all of which have proved most useful and helpful,
found their beginnings in his suggestions and proposals. There is no doubt,
we, as an Association, owe him a tremendous debt, and we mourn his
passing very sincerely.

To sum up in a few words one would say that he was quiet, modest,
far-seeing, efficient and extremely conscientious, above all, always ready to
be constructively helpful in any problem placed before him.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

The First General Meeting of the Association of Occupational Therapists
was held at the Cowdray Hall, Henrietta Place, London, W.1., on Satur­
day, March 24th, 1945. At the morning meeting, which was attended by
members and associates only, it was announced that Dr. Janet Kerr Aitken
had been elected as President for another year. Miss Hilton was in the
Chair.

The Annual Report was read by Mrs. Clarke, who moved its adop­
tion, and the Financial Report was read and its adoption moved by Miss
Beckett. Both reports were carried unanimously.

It was resolved that Messrs. G. Holt and Son be appointed Auditors
for 1945.

Mr. Wiseman congratulated the Association on the fact that the Board
of Trade had agreed comparatively readily to the various clauses in the
Memorandum and Articles. The legislation had taken rather longer than
had been anticipated, and the present Council had been approved by the
Board for 1945-1946. He explained that the advantages of being an
incorporated society were that the Association is now established on a
permanent basis by law, and has a separate entity; this is also the first
step towards a Charter, which is the ultimate aim of the Association. The
Chairman thanked Mr. Wiseman both for attending the Meeting to discuss
any points which the members might wish to raise, and for the very great
amount of work he had done for the Association in connection with the
incorporation.

A vote of thanks to the Council was proposed by Mrs. M. S. Jones.