INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE, 1952

This Congress will be held from July 14 to 18. The headquarters will be King’s College, London. The following items from the programme will be of special interest to rheumatologists.

July 14 (Afternoon): Opening of Scientific and Historical Exhibition by the President, Lord Horder.

July 16: Symposium on Rehabilitation and Resettlement. Films of interest to rheumatologists.


Further particulars may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Dr. A. C. Boyle, 45 Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

HOSPITAL REPORTS

That important work is being done in many hospitals in London and throughout Great Britain may be gathered from the publication in the Annals of the results of researches in these centres. In these days costs limit publicity, but if the hospitals could bring this need to the notice of their supporters and benefactors of the days before the National Health Service took over, it is likely that private benevolence might be attracted to assist. The munificent support of the Nuffield Trustees must be recognized and appreciated, especially in the Unit established in connection with the University of Manchester. The Empire Rheumatism Council does important work in organizing and endowing research, and other sources of benevolence might be quoted.

Research into the use of cortisone and ACTH has been a notable feature at the Rheumatism Department of the West London Hospital, which has issued an interesting Report, part of the cost having been defrayed by the Trustees of the Dan Mason Research Foundation.

For the fourth year in succession the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath, has presented a Report of the investigations carried out by members of the staff and other research workers. Clinical studies of hydro-therapeutic treatment in rheumatic diseases would be of value from this hospital which has facilities lacking in many research centres.

The Department of Rheumatism of the Royal Free Hospital, London, has also presented its fourth Annual Report, in which extensive statistics, in the preparation of which the assistance of Dr. Lewis-Faning is acknowledged, are a valuable feature. As in the past, rehabilitation and resettlement are receiving special attention; this work, though often difficult and sometimes disappointing, is well worth while.

Restrictions in the size of the Annals of Rheumatic Diseases for reasons of expense prevent a more comprehensive review, but copies of these Reports could be obtained on application to the appropriate physician in charge. It is hoped that in future reports of the work being done in many other centres will be made public.