

doctor aimed to restore to man the physical and mental "goodness" which God originally created. The good priest aimed to bring to new birth the spiritual body with which man had also been endowed. "Because we so often cannot say where the frontier line lies, it is the will of God that we labour together for the total good of all mankind, in time and beyond time. Men need both of us and we need each other."

Force for Healing

Mr. ROBERTSON recalled the optimism and the technical advances in the 1920s: the first hormone had been synthesized; the road to effective drugs was being opened up; the way to penicillin had been laid down. Many people had then accepted Freud and his disciples as the liberators of the day. Now reality had to be faced. Advances in technology and development of drugs had been beyond expectation. Who, for instance, would have expected tuberculosis to recede as it had done? But as quickly as beds had been emptied by antibiotics they had been filled by cases called psychosomatic. That was the contemporary description: a neutral word calling for no decision, no crusade, no self-condemnation at its rapid increase.

Mr. Robertson suggested that if the roots were exposed much disease would be found to be caused by fear, hate, greed, and lust. But people should not be misled by fear. Usually it was a liar. Fear was really a demand. Fear of being hurt was a demand that they should not be hurt.

Could doctors with hand on heart claim that to treat individuals was enough? Could they, after serving the men and women who entered their surgery doors, say: "Thank God I have done my duty?" What of Britain's symptoms of disease—the rising incidence of mental illness, the high level of

alcoholism, the increase in drug addiction, race hatred, divorce, and violent crime? Doctors might play a major part in developing a new society, a fresh and revolutionary philosophy, and a nation where technology remained the servant and not the master of man.

What was needed was to unite the radical forces in the Church, education, medicine, and art to heal the minds of men. "Then under God we can behave like His children and walk with dignity on this earth."

Hospitality

A French doctor's widow living in Brunoy, near Paris, would like her 21-year-old daughter to visit this country on an exchange basis between 10 July and 10 September.

A German doctor living in Verden an der Aller would like his 15-year-old son to stay with a British medical family for three weeks on an exchange basis during his summer holidays from 15 July.

A German doctor living in Ittling b. Straubing would be pleased to receive a doctor's son from 28 July to 18 August. In exchange the doctor would like his own son, aged 17, to stay with a British medical family from 18 August to 8 September.

A French doctor living in Tours has a 12-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son. The doctor would like his daughter to stay with a British medical family for four weeks in July, and at the same time would be pleased to receive a doctor's son aged 14 years. Then next year the doctor would like his own son to stay with a British medical family for four weeks in July or August and at the same time would be pleased to receive a doctor's daughter aged 12 years to stay with his own daughter.

A German doctor living in Karlstadt would like his 16-year-old son to stay with a British medical family from 15 August to 7 September. In exchange the doctor would be pleased to receive a British boy of similar age during July.

A French doctor living in Demont would like his 10-year-old son to stay with a medical family living in Scotland as a paying guest for August.

A German doctor's daughter aged 23 years, living in Bochum, would like to stay *au pair* with a British medical family from August to November.

A German doctor living in Düsseldorf would like his 16-year-old son to stay with a British medical family on an exchange basis during the summer holidays.

A Dutch doctor living in Heerlen would like his 18-year-old daughter to stay *au pair* with a British medical family for six to nine months, or on a paying-guest basis.

A Danish doctor living in Copenhagen would like to exchange his flat with a doctor living in London from 15 September to 15 November. The doctor would require accommodation for himself, his wife, and his three children. In exchange the doctor offers his four-bedroomed flat in Copenhagen.

Two Finnish doctors living in Helsinki would be pleased to receive *au pair* two doctors' daughters, either friends or sisters, from September for one year.

A German doctor living in Nordhorn would like his 11-year-old daughter to write to a doctor's daughter of similar age with a view to an exchange in two years' time.

Would anyone who is interested please get in touch with Dr. R. A. Pallister, Medical Director, International Medical Advisory Bureau, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

Association Notices

Petition for Formation of Group for Assistant Grade

A petition has been addressed to the Council by the members whose names are set out below for the formation of a group of members engaged in the assistant grade of the hospital service of the N.H.S., to deal with the problems of that grade.

Signatories: J. P. Capel (Bristol), Phyllis Acland-Hood (Glastonbury), G. R. Branson (Wells), N. Budge (Wells), M. Chaudhuri (Bristol), G. Stonehill (Bristol), A. Urquhart (Wells), and D. W. Wright (Bristol).

D. P. STEVENSON,
Secretary.

Diary of Central Meetings

JULY

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| 15 Mon. | Working Party on Amphetamine Preparations, 10 a.m. |
| 23 Tues. | Joint Consultants Committee (at Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, London N.W.1), 10 a.m. |
| 24 Wed. | Planning Unit, 4.30 p.m. |
| 25 Thurs. | Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (at 7 Drumshuegh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.15 a.m., followed by meeting with officials of Scottish Home and Health Department (at St. Andrew's House), 2.30 p.m. |
| 25 Thurs. | B.M.A. Emergency Treatment Service (Central Advisory Committee), 4.30 p.m. |
| 26 Fri. | Working Party on Computers in Medicine (B.M.A. Planning Unit), 4 p.m. |

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

Members proposing to attend meetings marked ● are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

EASTBOURNE DIVISION.—At Red Lion Hotel, Willingdon, Tuesday, 16 July, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

EAST SUFFOLK DIVISION.—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, Anglesea Road Wing, Tuesday, 16 July, 8 for 8.30 p.m., meeting to receive reports on Annual and Special Representative Meetings, followed by film: "Angina Pectoris and its Treatment."

HUDDERSFIELD DIVISION.—At George Hotel, Monday, 15 July, 8.15 p.m., annual general meeting.

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE DIVISION.—At Bedford Medical Institute, Thursday, 18 July, 8.15 for 8.45 p.m., general meeting to receive reports on Annual and Special Representative Meetings.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BRANCH.—At 64 St. James's Street, Nottingham, Wednesday, 17 July, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

Branch and Division Officers Elected

TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. C. D. L. Lycett. Chairman-elect, Dr. H. Conway. Vice-chairman, Dr. E. Moloney. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. P. A. H. Rivett.

Correction

Dr. R. P. HENDRY, in his reply to the debate on Rugby's amendment to the Recommendations in the Annual Report of the Council on the Procedure of Annual Representative Meetings (*Supplement*, 29 June, p. 224), should have been recorded as saying: "If the Representative Body wished judgement to take place in its absence and the Committee's opinions to be put forward without the division's views [not the Representative Body's as reported] being heard it should reject the motion."