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EDITORIAL

THE Third International Congress of the World Confederation of Physical Therapists is to be held in Paris from September 6th to September 12th this year.

Miss J. Blair, Chairwoman of the Central Executive Committee of the South African Society of Physiotherapy and Mrs. M. Levy, Honorary General Secretary of the Society are the two official delegates from this country, and there are a number of other South Africans attending the Congress as well.

We are proud to know that two papers have been accepted for the Congress from South Africa. Miss Blair and Mrs. Wenham are both reading their papers personally and we are sure they will deliver interesting and stimulating addresses.

The National Council for the Care of Cripples have kindly lent us two films which will be shown at Congress. These we hope will be seen by Physical Therapists and others from all parts of the world who will be interested to know what South Africa is doing in the field of Rehabilitation.

Miss Griffin, from Great Britain, has been the President of the World Confederation of Physical Therapists for these past three years and during this time she has been very active in every way,

working for the betterment of Physical Therapy and the Physical Therapist throughout the world.

Below are re-printed parts of Miss Griffins' farewell message sent out just before her retirement at the Congress in Paris.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all her untiring work and interest and congratulating her on her successful term of office.

"The General Theme of the Congress is Physical Therapy, its importance in Human, Economic and Social Development. The contribution which is made by the Physical Therapist is a growing one and the knowledge of our professional work is becoming more widely known and appreciated.

We are concerned with nearly every aspect of maintaining and restoring health, whether it is in the countries now more concerned with the diseases of metabolism, cancer and the degenerative diseases, or in the countries where the standards of health protection are lower and the problems are different. Whichever the setting, there is a place for physical therapy.

Thought is turning more to the preventative aspects of medicine. Here, too, physical therapy