

EDITORIAL

In this issue an attempt has been made to cover some of the so-called "physical" types of speech defect.

Greater emphasis is being placed on a wholistic approach to these problems, where the individual is treated as a whole and all his needs, not merely his handicap, are taken into account. It is generally considered that, where doctors and medical auxiliaries work together as a team, a fuller picture of the individual's needs is obtained, and a more comprehensive therapy programme can be planned.

Drs. Jacobson and Dreyer in their article on cleft palate have stressed the need for teamwork in this field, while Mrs. Vorweg has shown how it is being employed in centres for the Cerebral Palsied throughout the world.

Mrs. Bauman, too, shows the need for considering the patient's psychological reactions to his handicap, as well as the actual teaching of speech and voice to the laryngectomee.

This edition therefore, indicates the need for the speech therapist to relate her work to that of other workers in the field of rehabilitation.

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