

done in a large county. I have no doubt I could pick out more than one town in Kent where I could give exactly the same record; I can only say, if Hastings is able to do this then they are extremely fortunate in the number of residential homes they have got in relation to the demand. It may well be that they have got a bonus in accommodation as compared with the more densely populated areas, particularly along by the river where the demand is very great indeed.

Summing-up

Dr J. H. Hunt (*Chairman*)

I am sure you will all agree we have had a most interesting and constructive symposium. We have discussed certain important clinical aspects of old age—rehabilitation, occupational therapy and social problems—and this afternoon, the way local authorities' residential, nursing and domestic help services can help.

An old and wise doctor once said to me, "If you don't know what to do to help a patient, or when you know you cannot do anything, just sit down, cross your legs, have a cup of tea and chat with him; and you will have done more than you could have believed possible". This applies to our management of old folk more than to any other group of patients, and every year that passes makes me realize how wise that advice was. I know that your provost wants to wind up this symposium and to thank those who have helped in arranging it, but before that I want to thank on your behalf your provost, Stanley Cole and your honorary secretary John Squire, for all they have done to make this symposium the success that it has been.

Closing remarks and thanks

Dr S. Cole (*Provost, South-east England Faculty*)

At the start of this symposium I forecast that we were in for an intellectual feast, I think that was the understatement of the year. We have enjoyed a succession of thoughtful and stimulating papers culminating in active discussion. On your behalf I would like to express our gratitude to all the speakers for their magnificent contributions, and to Lord Amulree, Dr Ronald Gibson and Dr John Hunt for chairing the sessions.

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Within the faculty, Dr Hardwick initiated the whole programme, and our honorary secretary Dr John Squire has put in a prodigious amount of work in organizing and correlating. To all these people go our sincere and grateful thanks.