

REHABILITATION

WELCOME

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IT IS my very pleasant duty to start these proceedings by welcoming all our members, and more particularly our guests, on behalf of the South-east England Faculty, to this symposium on a subject so important to all of us in practically every branch of medicine—rehabilitation. It remains for me to introduce the chairman of our morning session, Lord Robens, Chairman of the National Coal Board, who is also a governor of the College at which we are holding this meeting, and to hand over the conduct of this session to him.

Lord Robens: In my capacity as a governor of the Queen Elizabeth Training College for the Disabled, I give you a warm welcome indeed to the College and say how much we appreciate the selection of the College for this particular symposium. Stanley Evans and I have worked together over many years at the College, but I did not think at the time I joined him here that I would eventually become the biggest supplier of material. This is unfortunately the case. Probably my industry injures more people in the course of a year in proportion to the numbers of people employed than any other single industry in Britain, and therefore the question of rehabilitation, a subject which has been of tremendous interest to me from the days when I was Minister of Labour and tried to do something in the department about improving the position, has become a constant one with me; today it is even more important in