Grant us therapeutic forces,
Better uses of resources.
If we can't convert our peers,
Grant, instead, some volunteers.

Each to each will be essential
Realizers of potential.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and bless
This, Thy ailing NHS.

9. Professor W. Trethowan then said a piece that passeth all understanding, and the blessing was given by Sir Henry Yellowlees himself.

Readers of *News and Notes* will know that services such as these, of essentially the same form and content, are being held up and down the country all the time. What is unusual about this one is that it has been published in full—no doubt because of the distinguished people taking part.

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A CORRECTION

In the August issue there appears on page 14 an Appendix to the Mental Deficiency Section's Memorandum, consisting of submissions stated to have been drafted by the 'Western Regional Division (Mental Deficiency Section)'. We have been asked to explain that this did not come from a Division of the College, but from a body set up in the area of the former Scottish Western Regional Hospital Board and continuing as an advisory body. Its proper title is 'The Western Regional Division of Mental Deficiency'.

ASSOCIATION OF THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITIES

During 1976 meetings have been held at Highcroft Hospital, Birmingham, in February, when general problems for therapeutic communities in the mental hospital were discussed, and at St Luke's Centre, Kensington, in June, when the application of therapeutic community techniques to a community-based project was examined. The Autumn meeting will be held at St Bernard's Hospital, Southall, on 9 October, under the title of *The Madness of the Therapeutic Community*.

A draft report on the provisions for therapeutic communities in the psychiatric service has been submitted to the Conservative Party inquiry into the Mental Health Service, and a similar offer of evidence has been made to the Royal Commission inquiring into the NHS.

Introductory information on therapeutic communities in Great Britain has been collected and is available to anyone requesting it.

Three issues of the *Bulletin* have been published and a compilation of selected articles on Therapeutic Communities which have appeared in it is planned for production in book form in 1977.

Membership of the Association is open to all professional disciplines in the psychiatric field. There are now 178 individual members, and 35 hospitals and other organizations hold a group membership entitling them to send representatives to the thrice yearly meetings. Membership fees are £2 per annum for individuals, £10 per annum for group membership, and 50p surcharge for overseas members on either individual or group membership. Anyone interested is invited to contact Ruby Mungovan, Nursing Officer, Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge (Membership Secretary), or Dr J. Stuart Whiteley, Medical Director, Henderson Hospital, 4 Homeland Drive, Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5LT (ATC Secretary).

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