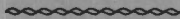


THE CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR THE CARE OF CRIPPLES

Patroness: HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

34 ECCLESTON SQUARE, LONDON, S.W.1



What Is It ?

It is the National body, without State subsidy, formed in 1919, to care for the interests of the physically handicapped in this country, and to be a rallying point for all who work for this cause.

It includes among its members a hundred voluntary organisations at home and overseas, and is itself a member of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples.

What Does It Do ?

It concerns itself with every possible aspect of work for the disabled, in theory and in practice, from the prevention and treatment of crippling conditions, to education, vocational training, employment and day-to-day welfare.

Its aim is to ensure that every disabled person shall have a chance to live as normal and independent a life as possible in the community of which he is a part.

Why Is It Needed ?

It is needed to keep alive the valued British tradition whereby voluntary service blazes a trail which the State, in due time, will follow.

The work of the Central Council—both in developing voluntary services for the welfare of the physically handicapped throughout this country, and in pointing to existing needs and showing, by pioneering projects, how such needs could be met—is welcomed and encouraged by the State.

There is no room here to list its many national activities, nor its international relationships, but all information will willingly be supplied by The Secretary, 34 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

The Central Council for the
Care of Cripples
imported this chair
and showed it for
the first time in this
country during the
International Congress
of the World Federation
for Physical Therapy
Central Hall

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Stair-climbing Chair

THE stone steps at the rear of the Middlesex Guildhall were pressed into service this morning for a demonstration of the new Danish electric "stair-

climbing chair." The brain-child of inventor Arno Johanneson, it is designed for infantile paralysis cases and all who cannot climb stairs. A comfortable wheel chair when used on the level, it calls for no strength in operation, but I was surprised to find that it is not self-operated but needs the assistance of "any adult or alert youngster."

An electric motor drives a gear transmission propelling a system of small "star wheels" which climb the stairs. In Denmark about a hundred have already been sold, and more in the United States, the buyers being mostly private patients and small clinics without lifts. Certainly to-day's demonstration by the maker, Mr. Ove Hauschild, of Copenhagen, seemed to prove that what is normally an uncomfortable and painful transport can become a peaceful ride. Representatives of the Central Council for the Care of Cripples were among the spectators, and to-morrow Ministry of Health officials will inspect the chair, which costs £150.

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