

He said he had not been here in England for ten years and was not in a position to give a report of the last years, but that he could offer some suggestions for improvements and make proposals for the future.

He felt that the work here ought to be carried on by the people in this country and that we ought to be free and make our own decisions and accept no kind of authority in what he himself had to say. He would resign and we could discuss as friends what should be done in future. He would do his best to help, but the work here ought to be carried on by those who work here.

He then spoke of how he had to co-operate with people in America on a factual and business and a spiritual basis. The manager of a large fertilizing company had said: if we accept your ideas we should have to give up a five billion dollar business and some 300,000 persons would be unemployed the bottom would have fallen out of their lives - and you would have socially to take care of the unemployed. This shows how, to guide things in the right way, it is necessary not only to transform industries but also to assume social responsibilities.

Dr Pfeiffer referred to Rudolf Steiner and spoke of how looked on every human being as having a place to fill. In our Bio-Dynamic Movement we must enable each human being to fulfil his own aim and to find a place in and be a part of this Movement. We should be able to find ways and means of uniting the Bio-Dynamic Movement, of working on the basis of acknowledging achievements, not looking at differences but at what has been done and acknowledging it. Just as in a living organism the organs do not criticize but help each other.

Dr. Pfeiffer expressed the wish that the Bio-Dynamic Association and the Anthroposophical Agricultural Foundation might be united. He would suggest that the Bio-Dynamic Association's News Sheet should still be carried on as the one more suitable for the outside work and the public, whereas the magazine of the Anthroposophical Agricultural Foundation might be more for internal work and a refining of what we present outwardly. He referred to the good bio-dynamic work Mr. David Clement is doing on his farm (Broome Farm, Clent) and said he had seen none so good in the Organic Movement. He thought Mr. Clement should be the representative of our Movement to farmers and he hoped Mr. Gardiner would be willing to do the same in forestry.

He considered that the Council or Board of the proposed new organization might consist of the Chairmen of those groups or bodies which would be particularly concerned with different aspects of the work such as science, publications, preparations, farming and gardening, and that a Central Secretary might receive all correspondence and forward it to the Chairman of the specific group for attention. Then those, for instance, who were taking care of land would deal with the enquiries in that direction, etc. He himself would give what help he could.

He stressed the importance of investigating the financial position before advising conversion to

bio-dynamic treatment. We had been too idealistic about this in the beginning and it had taken twenty years to learn to come down to the soil. Dr. Steiner had said: "*To overcome materialism you must fight it with its own weapons.*" To fight science with its own weapons is to go into the materialistic culture of the age ; to go through the depths and rise again. As a younger man, Dr. Pfeiffer said he looked upon Parsival as a hero, or ideal. In a deeper sense Parsival means "*to go through the depths.*" When we enter into the depths in our Bio-Dynamic Movement we have to get to grips with the problem of survival. If one really does this in biodynamic work the reward will be thorough.

Dr. Pfeiffer told how an agricultural school, started in America with substantial financial backing, had had to be discontinued, and that he had since had to prove that a poor man can take over a farm and have it 100 per cent. bio-dynamic in five years and economically sound from the start. He mentioned his recent illness and consequent inability to do any work for two years, and finished by saying that even under severe difficulties a bio-dynamic farm can be carried on.