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Medical Society



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doth lead God to bestow a second one."

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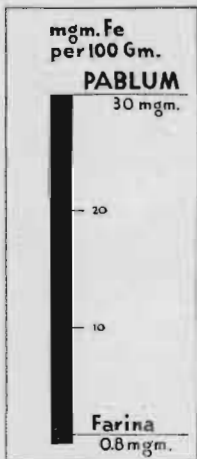
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

In the past I have often heard members of our Society complain because we received scant attention from the Ohio State Medical Association. On the eastern edge of the State in the tail end of the Sixth District, we were apparently considered of small moment in large affairs. Perhaps this was deserved in the early days of my membership when the chief activity consisted of a few members gathering in the basement of the public library once a month to hear a scientific paper. Not a very far cry from those earlier meetings in the doctor's offices where, our old minutes tell us, the speaker would be "thoroughly insulted."

But the underlying affinity of mind and purpose which drew those doctors together in their offices furnished the invisible spark which has kindled the warm fires of enthusiasm and accomplishment our present state presents. The history of the growth and increased activity of our Society is a romance I wish I had pen to write, but the subject must be left for someone who can do better. Suffice it to say that we have gone a long way since those early days and have now received substantial State recognition in the form of the election of our Secretary to the post of Councilor of the Sixth District.

The selection of Dr. William Skipp for this position is particularly appropriate. In every phase of this Society's activities in the past six years, he has been a prime mover. When this *Bulletin* was started he was responsible for putting it on a sound business basis and has never lost interest in it since. He organized and has operated the Speakers' Bureau. He was prominent in the establishment of the medical service under the Emergency Relief, forming a setup which has been used as a model for other cities in the State. He lent valuable assistance to the Cancer Education Campaign in 1933, the Immunization Campaign in 1934, and the present Public Health Campaign. Besides his other activities, he has been an exceptionally efficient Secretary who has set a high standard for his successor.

There was more than personal honor in the elevation of Dr. Skipp to this State office. It was a tribute to the Mahoning County Medical Society given in recognition of the progressive spirit this body has shown. Through our Councilor the State is going to hear more than ever from Mahoning County. I have the greatest confidence that what they hear will be worth while. Our objective has not been reached. We are only starting to go places.

This month we have the pleasure of acting as hosts to the members of the Sixth District Union Medical Association. Let us all do our utmost to make our guests welcome. The program is an excellent one and should insure a large turnout. The committees are working hard to make the meeting a great success. The Mahoning County Medical Society should be there one hundred per cent. and show our friends that we appreciate the honor they have bestowed on us.

JAMES L. FISHER.



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of the

MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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WELCOME SIXTH DISTRICT!

To Dr. Hendershott, President, and Mr. Nelson, Executive Secretary, of the State Association;

To President Sheets, Secretary Thomas, Delegate Powell, and Alternate Emery, of the Ashland County Society;

To President Clyde Bahler, Secretary C. T. Bahler, and your Delegates, of the Holmes County Society;

To President and Delegate Landsborough, Secretary Widdecombe, and Alternate Silbiger, of the Portage County Society;

To President Shreffler, Secretary Winbigler, Delegate Schiller, and Alternate Abrams, of the Richland County Society;

To President Scott, Secretary Beck, Delegates DeWitt and Basinger, and Alternates Lyle and Holston, of the Stark County Society;

To President Smith, Secretary McCormick, Delegates Potter, Steinke, and Lowe, and Alternates McMaster, Springer, and Hoyt, of the Summit County Society;

To President Fritz, Secretary and Delegate Paul, and Alternate Wright, of the Wayne County Society;

To each of you, and through you

to each and every member of your County Societies—We, the entire Membership of the Mahoning County Society, extend our most sincere welcome to the meeting of the Sixth Councilor's District, to be held in Youngstown on Tuesday, November the 19th.

The meeting, the details of which you will find elsewhere in this issue, we honestly believe will prove not only interesting but thoroughly worth your presence.

Mahoning County wants you to come. We urge each of you addressed, as leaders in your respective Societies, to act as enthusiastic advocates of attendance. We promise to leave nothing undone to gain your whole-hearted approval.

And to our other colleagues

You, hundreds of you, who have honored us with your presence at our Annual Postgraduate Day Meetings—who reside in other Districts of our State; and in other States—to You we again extend our most cordial invitation to join us on this important occasion. As always, we shall greet you with genuine pleasure!

WILLIAM M. SKIPP, M. D.,
Councillor, Sixth District.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The regular meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held at the Youngstown Club on October 15, 1935, when 135 members and guests were present. The Society was honored by a man who is outstanding in our profession, Dr. Charles Heyd, Professor of Surgery at Columbia University. He proved himself a master in presenting a very complex subject, "The Role Occupied by the Liver in Abdominal Surgery."

His discourse was more than can be absorbed in such a short time. He certainly knows all that is yet known on the physiology of the liver. Not only is he a learned teacher, but behind the scenes he is a real human being, a congenial gentleman. He understands the scientific side of medicine; but he also knows many of the problems that are facing the profession in an economic way. And he is not afraid to express his views. His understanding of dispensaries and hospitalization, in relation to the present day practice of medicine, indicates that he has given this problem much earnest consideration.

A communication was received from the State in regard to when the Annual meeting at Cleveland in 1936 should be held, whether in the Spring or in the Fall. The Secretary was instructed to notify the State Association that our Society desired the Fall date. The vote was 135 to 0.

The following applications for membership in the Society were read and referred to the Censors: Dr. Charles McReynolds, Poland, Ohio; Dr. Earl H. Young, 1050 Wilson Avenue; and Dr. Herman B. Kaufman, Home Savings & Loan Building.

A Council meeting was held October 15, 1935, following the regular meeting. The Economics Committee presented three plans or possible ways of caring for the indigent unemployables of our County, when the Federal Government steps out of the

relief picture, November first. These have been mailed to each member of the Society with a return self-addressed card for a reply. Please indicate your choice, sign and return the card at once. This is important. The Committee also requested that this matter be turned over to the Committee representing the Allied Professions for its consideration, asking that the matter be presented with a total list, for the care of the unemployables to the County Government and to the Council of the City of Youngstown. The plan may be modified according to the wishes of the Society. The representatives of the Mahoning County Medical Society on the Committee of the Allied Professions were requested to work in conjunction with all other members of the Allied Professions to formulate a plan, with a budget, that would be agreeable to all, and acceptable to County and City Governments.

The Treasurer of the Society requested the Council to recommend to the Society that the dues for 1936 be \$12.00 instead of \$15.00 as set up in the Constitution. The Council, therefore, recommends that the dues for 1936 be \$12.00. Dues are payable December first, 1935, for the year 1936.

This Month's Bulletin

This month we are mailing the *Bulletin* to the members of the entire Sixth Councilor's District. That means that we are mailing it to the membership of each County Society within the District. In addition to this we are sending it to the State Officers, and the Secretaries of all the County Societies within the State, and to many doctors beyond the limits of our District. Some 1500 or more copies will be printed. PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPLENDID AND LOYAL ADVERTISERS WHO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

November

YOUR NEW COUNCILOR

For the first time "since the memory of man runneth," Mahoning County presents to the State Organization one of our number as the representative of the Sixth Councilor's District. Dr. Wm. M. Skipp, for five years the Secretary of the Mahoning County Medical Society, was elected Councilor by the House of Delegates, at Cincinnati, October 4. Thus Dr. Skipp becomes the youngest in years of the membership of the State Council.

BORN 42 years ago, in Pennsylvania, of good solid English and Welsh stock, Dr. Skipp has lived most of his life in Mahoning County. He attended public school at Dolby and high school at Coitsville, walking about 7 miles of "natural" road to and from school each day.

His pedestrianism seems to have prepared him for his first venture into the business world. It is related of him that, as a newsboy, he never failed to find a stirring headline to "bawl" at prospective customers, that he could make it seem very exciting, but that nobody ever caught him in a hoax. (Possibly for the reason that nobody could make out what he was yelling!) Anyway, he sold the *Vindicator* and *Telegram* in such volume as to render it necessary for both papers to modernize their plants!

All the while Dr. Skipp was pursuing his education. To get through

high school, he graduated from Rayen in 1913, he worked summers in the steel mills. Still grabbing off every available opportunity to "get across" he graduated from Ohio State College of Medicine in 1918. Among other activities contributing to this glorious triumph, he acted as Assistant Instructor in Anatomy during 1915-16-17.

In 1918 the Doctor was an interne in Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus. The years 1919-20, he spent as interne and Resident Physician in the Youngstown City Hospital.

Dr. Skipp is a member of many organizations. He is an Alpha Mu Pi Omega (medical fraternity), a Nu Sigma Nu, and a Mason. He is a member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church. His medical organizations include of

course the American Medical Association and its State and County affiliates. In addition he is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions.

For more than 15 years Dr. Skipp has been Assistant to Dr. Armin Elsaesser. This constant contact with one of our most eminent goitre surgeons has been an inspiration to Dr. Skipp, and the source from which he has acquired excellent training and experience in the field which challenges him most, thyroid disease.

In recounting these facts about our

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Dr. Skipp

Photo by Spratt

COUNCILOR (From p. 351)

new Councilor, we present him as an earnest, hard-working, and ambitious young man. We intended to do so. Bucking in a manly way all the adversities which confront him who must progress on "his own," he has shown courage and energy. He has them both and to spare. We believe these attributes are buttressed by the will and the ability to serve our District constructively.

Allied Professions Busy

The Committee representing the Allied Professions has held four meetings, at which most of the candidates for Mayor and President of City Council, have been consulted concerning plans for the caring of the indigent sick, at the conclusion of the present State-Federal set-up. In general the candidates are sympathetic. They wish to do what is best for those who are unfortunate. At the same time they manifest a spirit of fairness toward the Medical Profession and the other Allied Professions. It was impossible to interview all the large number of candidates, but the committee has covered the field as thoroughly as it was practicable to try to do.

The committee is composed of Dr. O. J. Walker, chairman, and Dr. A. C. Tidd, representing the Mahoning County Medical Society; Drs. W. H. Hayden and C. H. Clark, representing the Corydon-Palmer Dental Society; Messrs. Thomas Hewitt and A. G. Bittner, representing the Mahoning County Retail Druggists' Association; Miss Sarah Evans and Mrs. Cotton, representing the Ohio State Nurses' Association, District No. 3; Sister DeLellis, representing St. Elizabeth's Hospital; and Mr. B. W. Stewart, representing the Youngstown Hospital Association.

"Life is a perpetual instruction in cause and effect."—*Emerson*.

THE STATE MEETING

The 89th Annual Meeting of the Ohio State Medical Association, was held at Cincinnati, October 2, 3, and 4. This meeting will be remembered as a constructive and profitable milestone on the State Association's long highway of progress.

Although Cincinnati is situated on our extreme southern border, the attendance was the best in recent years. And to that City must go great praise for its hospitality, and the facilities well-adapted to the needs of a large medical convention. The excellent hospitals, so well-conducted by distinguished teachers, are assets not easily excelled. The local Medical Committees, such as those on arrangements, housing, registration, and clinics, proved themselves to be not only hard workers, but alert and intelligent. They did an unusually fine job. The Headquarters Hotel, the Netherland-Piazza, deserves special mention for efficiency, comfort, and courteous service.

The Program Committee did excellently. The papers and addresses were of exceptionally high quality.

One result, very gratifying of course to us, and an honor to our Society, was the election by the House of Delegates of our Secretary, Dr. William Skipp, to represent the Sixth District as State Councilor. Dr. Skipp has the distinction of being the youngest member of the State Council.

The House of Delegates dealt very kindly with the resolution presented by Mahoning County relative to a lien law to protect physicians who do service in automobile accident cases. The resolution, as adopted, was modified but accepted in principle.

Another action, by the new State President, Dr. Hendershott, in honoring Dr. W. H. Bunn, also honors our Society. Dr. Bunn was selected as a member of the Committee on Medical Education and Hospitals.

MEDICAL FACTS

By J. G. B.

In reporting a case of a 28-year old, rather obese, woman, who died of thrombopenic purpura, George Reynolds remarks: "We do not know the cause of this disease, but the more I see of blood diseases, the more I wonder if semi-starvation over a period of weeks does not do something to the bone marrow. This individual had frequently lived for days, or even weeks, on nothing but orange juice or a similar dietary insufficiency. Moreover, her diet for the last two years was inadequate in protein."

Cheever of Boston, in speaking of congenital syphilis, observes: "I rarely have seen any evidence younger than two or three weeks. The books give one the idea that the child is frequently born with early syphilis and has the wizened old man look, but I have seen only one or two. I think from two to three weeks is about the time these rashes start."

According to Eli Moschowitz Grave's disease, essential hypertension and peptic ulcer are of psychogenic origin.

Mallory of Harvard says: "A lot of interest has developed in the last two or three years in the question of so-called rheumatic pneumonia and any time a rheumatic case dies with anything in the lungs everybody wants to know whether it is rheumatic pneumonia. I find it very difficult to get any idea what rheumatic pneumonia is."

Discussing the same case, he continues: "One always thinks of pulmonary infarcts as a surgical or rather post-surgical disease. As a matter of fact pulmonary infarcts are fairly common on the medical wards but are almost impossible to diagnose except in very characteristic cases where you have a localized pleuritis and frankly bloody sputum or a lead in the form of an obvious phlebitis. One certainly can have thrombosis in the

deep veins of the leg which is absolutely silent."

Henry A. Christian in pointing out the expected lags between clinical diagnosis and x-ray confirmation, has, among other things, the following to say: "Pleural fluid recurring several times following paracentesis, in a patient without evidences of cardiac insufficiency, justifies a clinical diagnosis of neoplasm as the cause even when the roentgenologist reports no evidence of tumor.

Prolonged fever often is difficult to explain. In the absence of demonstrable causes of various sorts, neoplasm should be considered as the cause and diligently sought for by all possible methods of examination, including, of course, x-ray studies such as may be applied. Sometimes such x-ray studies are negative, when later they demonstrate a neoplasm.

Osteomyelitis is another condition in which there should be recognized a very considerable lag between symptoms and x-ray confirmation of diagnosis, whether we are dealing with long bones or flat bones. In mastoiditis, not realizing this may cause serious delay in performing the needed operation. Cause of symptoms indicating septicemia may be missed by reason of x-ray not showing osteomyelitis, let us say in the femur. The lag in osteomyelitis is variously stated as one to several weeks.

There may be a lag between symptoms and x-ray demonstration of cancer of the stomach or bowel. Sometimes the clinical story is so suggestive as to point definitely to the diagnosis and yet x-ray is not confirmatory; much more often the clinical picture is only definite enough to suggest some disturbance of stomach or bowel."

"That very law that molds a tear
And bids it trickle from its source, —
That law preserves the earth a sphere.
And guides the planets in their course."

—Samuel Rogers.

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. AND MRS. GIBSON!

Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Gibson recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Hundreds of their friends called to congratulate them. Dr. Gibson was the first to specialize in medicine in Youngstown—his specialty being "OALR."

We, all of us, wish for this lovable young couple many, many more years of good health and happiness.

Youngstown, O. 35/10/18.

Dr. Wm. M. Skipp, Secretary
The Mahoning Co. Medical Society.

My dear Dr. Skipp:—It is with a deep sense of appreciation that I wish to acknowledge the beautiful basket of flowers sent us on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Gibson joins me in an expression of our thanks, and we hope many of you will be able to celebrate 50 years of connubial bliss.

Yours very truly,
R. D. Gibson

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Professor of Medicine

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1. Malignant Disease of the Intestine. Dr. Babcock.
2. Important Considerations in the Administration of Fluids.
Dr. Fay.
3. Vaccination Against Infantile Paralysis. Dr. Kolmer.

DINNER AT 6:00 O'CLOCK

EVENING, FROM 7 O'CLOCK

1. Common Errors in Surgical Practice. Dr. Babcock.
2. Cerebral Injuries and Management of Intracranial Pressure Problems.
Dr. Fay.
3. Some Principles and Practical Applications of Chemo-therapy.
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The Sixth Councilor's District

Afternoon Session

- 2:00 Esophageal Disease: Clinical and Roentgenological Presentation. Dr. E. C. Goldcamp.
- 2:30 The Picture of Acute Mesenteric Adenitis in the Child. Dr. E. R. Thomas.
- 3:00 Upper Abdominal Distress in the Ambulant Patient. Dr. C. R. Clark.
- 3:45 Business Session.

Papers will be limited to twenty minutes; opening discussion five minutes; others two minutes.

This Meeting Will Be Held

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Dinner: at 6:30

YOUNGSTOWN CLUB

Evening Session

DR. H. L. BOCKUS

Professor of Gastro-Enterology, Graduate School of Medicine,
University of Pennsylvania

"The Role of Infection and of Disturbed Cholesterol
Metabolism in the Genesis of Gall Stones."

Tuesday, November 19th

DR. H. L. BOCKUS

"My life history has been uneventful!" Thus speaks Dr. Bockus, Professor of Gastro-Enterology, of the Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. (Perhaps you have already discovered that Dr. Bockus is to be our "feature" on



Dr. Bockus

the evening of November 19th!).

Well, maybe so. It is said that "happy is the nation whose history is uninteresting." Those who ponder that epigram, however, interpret it to mean that the people of that nation have thus been vouchsafed the opportunity for constructive living! May we have more uneventful lives if to do so will result in more men like Dr. H. L. Bockus!

Those who have heard Dr. Bockus say that he can pack more valuable and practical medical information into one hour than is usually heard from other able men in three! What finer testimonial can a man have?

We gladly offer Dr. Bockus to the large audience that will come to us from the Sixth Councilor's District, and from "all over" our terri-

tory of friends. He speaks on the subject—oh, well—look at the display page! But the subject is "hot," as Dr. Bockus so well says. You'll be happy to have heard him—and that, after all, is the main thing.

Harken to this, Brethren

A card will be found inclosed with this issue of the *Bulletin*, addressed to Dr. M. H. Bachman, Youngstown. **FILL IT OUT, NOW.** Do that, won't you? Because it will greatly aid the local Committee—so please be a good sport and send it right in. Atta-boy!

And the program: Not high-brow, but practical. That's what you want, isn't it? Of course. You may depend upon it, it's to be a great day. Turn out, come to Youngstown, whether you're from Mansfield, New Castle, or—well, no matter; you're welcome, and we'll see that you're glad you came!

We're Early This Month

In order to give suitable publicity to the splendid Postgraduate program of the Summit County Society, to be held at Akron on November 7th (see display pages), we are issuing the *Bulletin* 10 days early this month. To this end the printers, The Youngstown Printing Company, the advertisers, and our contributors, have all cooperated beautifully!

Thanksgiving

"And though I ebb in worth, I'll flow in thanks."—*John Taylor*.

Gleanings

By S. J. T.

Drs. J. G. Brody and E. H. Nagel addressed the regular September meeting of the Staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. They presented papers on "The Nephroses and Nephritides."

Dr. John Heberding attended the recent meeting of the American Roentgen Ray Society in Atlantic City.

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Next Month

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
SOCIAL HOUR

Tuesday, December 17th, 8:30 P. M.

YOUNGSTOWN CLUB

"It's Always Fair Weather When Good Fellows Get Together"

January

ANNUAL BANQUET

Speaker

DR. JOHN L. DAVIS

Pastor, Washington Square Methodist Church
New York City

Tuesday, January 21st, 1936

YOUNGSTOWN CLUB

GLEANINGS (From p. 357)

Dr. J. E. Hardman is still convalescing. He is feeling very much better.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Colla announce the birth of a baby girl August 4th, 1935.

Dr. Joseph L. Nagle has departed for Baltimore where he is entered at Johns Hopkin's University Hospital. He plans to spend a year or more in surgery under Dr. Dean Lewis.

Drs. T. K. Golden, C. S. Lowendorf and Samuel Tamarkin presented papers on "Tuberculosis of the Spine" at the October meeting of the Staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Dr. B. B. McElhanev opened the discussion.

Drs. C. D. Hauser, J. N. McCann, J. M. Ranz, W. E. Ranz, A. M. Rosenblum, Dean Nesbit, D. M. Rothrock, L. G. Coe, and I. C. Smith attended the Interstate Meeting at Detroit.

By C. A. G.

Drs. Allsop, S. W. Goldcamp, Morrall, and Baker recently spent a week in postgraduate study at the Mayo Clinic.

Dr. A. E. Brant has just returned from three weeks of vacation on Long Island.

Dr. Noll has returned to Youngstown after a year of postgraduate study at Boston and Saranac. He will resume practice of medicine at 101 Lincoln Avenue.

Dr. Charles Warnock will do postgraduate work in Cleveland.

Dr. John J. Brown, who interned at the Youngstown Hospital last year, is practising medicine at Fulton, Missouri.

By W. M. S.

Dr. P. J. Fuzy is now located at the New York Polyclinic Hospital, taking Postgraduate work in Proctology.

Dr. Morris Deitchman is taking Postgraduate work in Gastroenterology in Philadelphia.

Dr. Sherbondy is out these bright days in his auto.

Dr. C. M. Reed is welcomed back after his recent illness.

Drs. Gordon Nelson and F. F. Piercy are candidates for membership in the American College of Surgeons. They, with Drs. W. B. Turner and Richard Gross of Hubbard, are attending the Convention in San Francisco, Calif.

Dr. Earl Brant has just returned from a vacation in Atlantic City, and after returning to the city was confined to his home with a severe grippé.

Dr. Harry Welch is up and about his home. Please drop in and see him.

Dr. A. W. Thomas was a welcome visitor here over the week-end of October 26.

The doctors from Youngstown attending the Ohio State Meeting in Cincinnati on October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, were: Drs. Bunn, Fisher, Sedwitz, McCurdy, Norris, Piercy, Walker and Skipp.

Speakers' Bureau

By W. M. S.

During the month of October, the following addresses were made over the radio:

October 1st, Dr. Charles Scofield, on "Diphtheria."

October 8th, Dr. M. E. Hayes, on "Communicable Diseases Among School Children."

October 15th, Dr. H. E. Hathorn, on "How Mothers Can Help Prevent the Spread of Contagion in School."

October 22nd, Dr. A. C. Rinehart, on "Common Colds."

On October 29th, Dr. E. J. Reilly on the subject, "Your Doctor."

During October, Dr. Wm. M. Skipp made the following addresses to graduate nurses, at the Tod Nurses Home on the North Side Unit Hospital: October 17, "History of Endocrinology"; October 24, "Pituitary Headache"; October 31st, "Menstrual Dycrases." He also addressed the Vienna P. T. A. on October 22, on the subject of "Pure Foods and Drugs."

"HARPING"

Webster defines the verb harp as follows: "To dwell tediously upon something." We have tried to avoid harping upon the subject of *Bulletin* advertising. However, at times it becomes necessary.

If you do not tell the advertisers, they will not know that their ads in the *Bulletin* are paying dividends. Unless they can see a return they obviously will not care to spend the money for advertising. If we do not sell the advertising we cannot publish the *Bulletin*. It becomes a case of "For want of a nail the shoe was lost."

The worst of this situation is that we are giving the advertisers the business anyway. Let us not have a battle lost for want of a nail.

MENTION THE BULLETIN.
I. C. S.

Law and Medicine

"The thesis I desire to maintain in this paper has at least the merit of simplicity. It is that the individualistic organization of these professions (medicine and law) is now fatal to the fulfilment of their function. They cannot, I shall argue, give of their best to the civilization in which they play so large a part so long as their members offer their services for private hire and sale. In a world organized as our world is organized the result is that only the exceptional man can give his best to a community which needs his best."—HAROLD J. LASKI, *Harper's*, Nov. 1935.

"In everything give thanks."

—1 *Thessalonians*.

CO-OPERATION

Two foolish asses, now get this dope,
Were tied together with a piece of rope.
Said one to the other, "You come my way,
That I may nibble at this new mown hay."

"I won't," said the other; "you come with me,
For I too have some hay, you see."
Well, they got nowhere, just pawed up dirt,
And pulled each other with a rope that hurt.

Then they turned about, those foolish mules,
And said, "We're just like human fools;
We must pull together; I'll go your way,
Then you come with me, and we'll both eat hay."

They ate their hay, and they liked it too,
And swore to be comrades, good and true.
And as the sun went down they were heard to say:
"Ah, this is the end of a perfect day."

Now get this point, don't let it pass;
Learn this lesson from a stubborn jackass:
Doctors pull together, 'tis the only way
To put medicine on the map so it will stay.

—*Bulletin of Summit Co. Medical Society, Akron, Ohio.*

DR. WILLIAM P. LOVE

1870-1935

By SIDNEY M. McCURDY, M. D.

Parental aspirations have always ploughed deep into their structure, and ambition that the children shall grind out a more useful position in life than has been their lot to achieve. The father of Dr. Love dreamed, as he tilled the soil in Poland Township, that his son might be of greater service to society than he. The educational environment of Poland and Canfield stimulated thoughts of learning and fixed the impression that to be successful one must be well and thoroughly educated.

Dr. Love, at 18, entered the Canfield Normal School and following a course of instruction there, matriculated at Grove City College from which he graduated in 1893. It was at Grove City that he developed his military interest and there he received his first military honor by being recommended as a "distinguished cadet" for the Military Department of the State of Pennsylvania. He graduated as Captain of the cadets and enlisted in the State Guard as a private. He was a participant in the great Homestead strike, a bitter quarrel between the American Federation of Labor and the United States Steel Corporation.

Medicine vied with military affections and he now studied at the Baltimore Medical College. At its conclusion he entered Western Reserve from which he graduated in 1896.

While in Cleveland Drs. Darby and Ashmun were officers in the Fifth Ohio, and under their guidance we find him enlisting again. He did Postgraduate study at New York and Philadelphia colleges and finally

considered himself ready to open his office in Youngstown.

Dr. Love had difficulty in selecting his vocation since he was so interested in two distinct careers, the military and medical. The military perhaps was more spectacular, as it involved titles and thrilling experiences; medicine was more drab, because of the stillness of its service. Both, however, were related to preparedness and security and social peace. He cast his lot with each and intermingled them so nicely that they allowed him to

round out a most worthy and useful life.

In 1897 he was a Captain in the Fifth Ohio. One year later he became Assistant Surgeon and a Major. He was very active during the Spanish-American war in 1898 and of great service to his government. He was in the South and mustered in and out the troops in his command. Peace time found him organizing the Third Field Hospital and this hospital served on the Mexican border in 1916 and 1917. He organized a regiment of infantry to complete the 37th Division, which distinguished itself over-

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Dr. Love

DR. LOVE (From p. 361)
seas during the World War.

He enjoyed promotions which finally gave him the honor of being a Brigadier General in the Spanish-American Veterans Association. In 1934 Dr. Love retired from military service. His objective had been honorably reached.

His knowledge of medicine dovetailed nicely with his military career. The assimilation of knowledge concerning the physical condition of vast numbers of normal men, made him very valuable to life insurance companies. His honesty and careful work caused his opinion to be sought, since, by this means, the element of insurance fraud could be eliminated. He specialized in life insurance examinations, and for accuracy of prognosis of longevity, he attained third place in the list of insurance examiners in the United States.

So, one can see the unfolding of a useful life from adolescence to maturity. His goal was set early and the objective, a useful service to society, was reached and consolidated. He was a member of the Mahoning County Medical Association and lent his influence for medical organization whenever it was needed. He was faithful to his ideals, loyal to his profession, and fulfilled his responsibilities to society. His life was unassuming but his accomplishments many.

A Greeting to the Leaders in Medical Organization from

THE PRESIDENT

"Every organization must have its key-men."

"The success of every organization depends to a degree on the quality of leadership. You and your colleagues will be expected to produce the kind of leadership that will insure new achievements and substantial progress on the part of medical organization.

"If we do our work well and work together, the standing of our organ-

ization will be enhanced; its achievements more numerous.

"None of us can accomplish hoped-for results without the help of others in equally strategic positions. Much that we plan and initiate will fail unless we secure the active assistance of the rank and file—the real force which keeps the machinery of medical organization in operation.

"The first big responsibility confronting us is to arouse the membership generally to taking a greater interest in the work of medical organization."

"Let us put more members to work. In my opinion, the easiest way to win the enthusiasm and support of a member in any organization is by giving him something to do; delegating to him some responsibility; appealing to his pride by letting him know he will be expected to produce results which will gain him the commendation of his colleagues and broaden the influence of his organization.

"Our second immediate task is to bring about a better correlation of the local and state activities of organized medicine.

"We should work in unison. There should be an exchange of ideas and information. Let us help each other. Make use of our State Headquarters Office. Use it as a clearing house and means of coördinating our activities."

"Progress can be made through coöperation. I am confident you will meet this challenge."

"Cordially and sincerely yours,

H. H. HENDERSHOTT, M. D.,
President Ohio State Medical
Association."

Oct. 4, 1935.

"Life is short, and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind."

—Amiel.

November

REPORT ON PATHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

By C. A. GUSTAFSON, M. D.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13, 1935.

An interesting case was presented at this Pathological Conference: The patient was a white female of 64 years of age who entered with the complaints of pain under the right costal margin, pain and swelling of the legs, loss of weight, nausea, green stools, chills, afternoon fever, and night sweats.

On examination she was found to have a blood pressure of 150/70. The abdomen was quite distended; the liver was palpable four fingers under the right costal margin and one finger under the left costal margin. Peristaltic movements in the intestines could be heard. The liver edge was rounded and smooth. There was pitting edema of both legs. X-ray showed the gall bladder was not filling.

Provisional diagnosis of chronic cholecystitis, with abscess or malignancy of liver, and phlebitis was made.

While in the hospital the temperature had ranged from 99 with a rise to 102 degrees in the afternoon. Patient was nauseated. Glucose was given intravenously. The liver volume changed almost daily.

On the ninth day of her stay in the hospital she had a sudden, severe pain in the base of the left chest following which rales were heard. The next day the same thing occurred in the right chest. On her thirteenth day she was suddenly unable to speak and the tongue protruded to the right. The right face was drooped. Reflexes were not affected. The next day she had a paralysis of the left extremities and on the following day of the right. On her twenty-second day in the hospital she expired.

Postmortem examination showed phlebitis; infarction of the lungs; the heart showed an acute vegetative endocarditis; the spleen showed multiple infarctions; large and soft kid-

neys contained multiple infarcts; in the stomach near the pylorus was a carcinoma about 5x5 cm.; the liver weighed 3,000 grams and was studied with carcinomatous nodules; and the brain contained several infarctions with focal softening.

Staff Meeting

The regular staff meeting for September was held on Thursday, September 26. This being the night of the prize fight very few of the staff members were present.

The program for the meeting was under the direction of Drs. Buchanan, Skipp and Staff. They showed motion pictures pertaining to the gall bladder. These films were made at the Yale Medical School.

At the business meeting Dr. Morrall made a motion that Staff members no longer be divided into Junior and Senior members; that there be one kind of membership only, and that the dues be changed to \$10.00 a year, the reason for increasing the dues being that the Library is in need of funds for current periodicals. In view of the increase in dues an amendment to the motion was made that the motion be voted upon at the next meeting.

Dr. E. C. Baker was elected Financial Secretary.

A radio had been installed and the meeting was interrupted to listen to the prize fight—all the members had ring-side seats.

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The regular October Staff meeting was postponed due to illness of Dr. Middleton, who had charge of the scientific part of the program.

"The natural flights of the human mind are not from pleasure to pleasure, but from hope to hope."

—Samuel Johnson.

OPINIONS OF OTHERS

By P. J. F.

Under the headline "Consumers Have Own Cabinet Now," *Plain Dealer*, page 3, October 12th, you could have read the following:

"MICHAEL M. DAVIS of Chicago, medical administrator and director of the Julius Rosenwald Foundations medical activities."

"Davis will concentrate on bringing the cost of hospitalization and medical care 'within the price range of the great middle and poor classes'."

(Whether or not it conforms to our ideas of what *ought* to be, consideration of this subject is going to continue. The only question is: Are we to have a voice in what is done, or is it all to be decided by laymen?)

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Hospital Ethics

"The early Christian ages had no hospitals. The pilgrims had shelter where they could receive hospitality in the name of Christ. They were received as a hospes, or as a guest of Christ. Their shelters became a hospice or a place of hospitality in the name of Christ. In due time these places of hospitality for pilgrims became places of refuge for the sick, and the sick in place of the pilgrims, became the guests of Christ and the hospice became the hospital.

"The guest of Christ, the house of Christ, and hospitality of Christ developed into hospital service through the ages. We may smile at the crude limitations of science in that ancient hospital service but we should do well to match their cleanliness, devotion, and serene peace. Then a decline set in. Hospitals became thoroughly disreputable and hospital service was held in contempt."

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"Let us then define ethics.

"Ethics is the science of human acts in relation to their ends. The acts of a hospital must be in the right relation to the ends or purposes which

the hospital wishes to attain. The science of that right relation is called ethics. It must be obvious that the acts of the hospital may have various ends or purposes. Thus there are moral ends, legal ends, professional ends, and social ends. Accordingly, we have moral ethics, legal ethics, professional ethics, and social ethics. Our contribution, then, to the progress of the upward movement in hospital service will depend very significantly on what ethics we hold and keep.

"Moral ethics. The acts of a hospital touch on morality, a question of right and wrong that has its sanction in conscience, that holds itself accountable to a Supreme Lawgiver. The conclusions of moral ethics are not the prescriptions of religion. They are conclusions arrived at by sound reasoning. Owing to different training, moods, and points of view, some will accept and others will choose to reject the conclusions of moral ethics. The point I make is, they cannot successfully refute them with sound reasoning, and that sentiment or expediency are not a valid basis for right and wrong. In moral ethics the problems that confront the hospital move round these three principles:

"1. The right to life.

"2. The right to the integrity of the body.

"3. The right to place a cause that has a two-fold effect, one good and the other harmful.

"On the right to life, I hold that this right rests with the Creator of life. Man does not hold dominion over his own life. This right rests with the Creator and the only time he cedes or grants this right to life is against the evildoer or malefactor. That is a conclusion of right reason. From that premise it follows necessarily that no man can ever do any act which directly injures that right to life of any human being. No in-

dividual, no code of ethics, no expediency, no necessity can ever bestow, under any circumstances, the right to directly injure the right to life. That principle comes up for application in abortion and craniotomy. It makes no difference whether the abortion is malpractice or therapeutic. It makes no difference whether craniotomy is indicated or expedient to save another life or you incline to recognize a prior right to life. Any act of a hospital aiding and abetting the direct injury to life under any pretext whatsoever is morally wrong.

"Second, the acts of a hospital have relation to legal ends. Consequently, we have legal ethics. At the outset let me state that there is some confusion between legal ethics and moral ethics. Thus an act may be legally right and ethically wrong, such as therapeutic abortion and sterilization. The acts of the hospital must help to attain the common good. Birth registration, qualification of doctors', nurses' keeping of records, and a world of hospital acts have relation to the public welfare as embodied in the law. I am of the opinion that we make a contribution to hospital progress when we know these laws and keep them and that we are not legally ethical when we ignore them or evade them.

"Let the organized body of doctors and nurses deliberate for their own good. Let their conclusions be definite and compelling. Then let the organized body coordinate the ethics of an ethical hospital with the ethics of the professional body. That is my conception of a hospital professionally ethical. It promotes, cooperates, and enforces, to the end that those high ethical standards adopted by professional bodies shall prevail against the professional chiseler of every stripe. Lastly, there are acts of the hospital that relate to the patient and to other hospitals. Thus we have social ethics.

"Hospitals are but lengthened shadows of the people who keep them.

We have religious hospitals, clinical hospitals, municipal hospitals, and industrial hospitals. But in the final analysis the hospital is for the patient. There have been eminent surgeons who have successfully indicted hospitals as unreasonably expensive. There are hospitals committing themselves to bargains for patients and a sort of lottery for sickness. There are hospitals that reflect unduly the bias of the management. There are too clinical, too financial, too mass-productive, too everything, in fact, but hospitable to the patient who is sick. The social relation of the hospital is not to the clinic, the board of directors, the staff. In any case the social obligation cannot be with any interest that conflicts with that of the patient.

"The patient is entitled to justice, competency, and devotion. The charges must be just. Shiftiness in the matter of rendering what is fully due for the price paid is as reprehensible in a hospital as in any other form of service. The personnel should by all means be competent and qualified according to accepted standards.

"There must be devotion. The patient is sick and needs it. I have the woman's point of view. I think devotion for the sick means womanhood at its best in all contacts of hospital and patient from the switchboard to the front office. The hospital has social obligations to the community. Small hospitals are good hospitals. They can be as good as any in the world if they are properly correlated to the talent and facilities of great hospitals. Thus there would be no ill in the community with whom the small hospital could not cope if our social ethics had compelling force.

"Finally, our hospital acts relate to other hospitals and to the general hospital movement and organization for hospital progress. Invidious competition is absurd. To be reactionary and obstructive to light and leadership is dishonorable and an active negation of social ethics.

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OPINIONS (From p. 365)

"Moral ethics and legal ethics, professional ethics and social ethics, that are held like a creed and kept like a vow—let them be our contribution to progress and the more abundant life that came to man through the wondrous mission and dedication of healing." — SISTER MECHTILDIS, sup't. St. Anthony Hospital. (From *Bulletin, Okla. County Medical Society.*) * * *

Preventing Automobile Accidents

The appalling record of automobile casualties, which reach their peak each year during the Labor Day week-end, demands stricter control over drivers of motor vehicles. Most accidents are due to carelessness: owners neglect to correct serious mechanical defects in their cars or are reckless in the operation of sound machines. The responsibility of a driver in these respects cannot be gauged until after a license has been granted. There are, however, large groups of people who should never receive permission to drive because of physical or mental defects. At the present time no effective precautions are taken to keep such drivers off the road and effective preventive measures are possible in this direction.

At the Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association, the Section on Laryngology, Otology and Rhinology urged the examination of all motor vehicle drivers. Such examination should take the form of a thorough study of physical and mental qualifications and not limit itself to the cursory tests of vision which are now required in some states. Sight and hearing are by no means the only factors to be considered. Persons with severe cardiac lesions and marked hypertension, epileptics, sufferers from labyrinthine disturbances, to cite just a few examples, cannot safely be entrusted with the operation of automobiles. The same is true of certain psycho-neurotics and individuals of low grade mentality. Licenses should

not be granted to such persons and a thorough medical examination is the only way to exclude them.

With its steadily mounting toll of death, disability and disfigurement, the automobile is more to be feared than many serious diseases. No group that is interested in the preservation of life and health can ignore this condition. The medical profession urges the examination of all applicants for operators' licenses as one step in the reduction of the present shocking rates of automobile injury.—*N. Y. Medical Weekly.*

Our Nurses

Miss Nina White, St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing, is a patient in the same hospital. Miss White is with the local Visiting Nurses Association.

Miss Catherine Lockwood, St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing class of 1933, was married September 28 to Mr. Richard Knirk, Jr. Mr. Knirk is associated with the East Ohio Gas Company.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Anne Howe to Mr. Lester R. Hendricks. Mrs. Hendricks is a graduate of the Youngstown Hospital School of Nursing class of 1921 and Mr. Hendricks is with the Pennsylvania Rubber Company of Warren.

Miss Margaret Umphrey, Youngstown Hospital School of Nursing class of 1932, was married recently to Mr. Paul D. Cooper. Mrs. Cooper is employed in the office of Dr. C. R. Clark, and Mr. Cooper is associated with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

Miss Mabel W. Burns, Youngstown Hospital School of Nursing class of 1928, was married recently to Mr. E. T. Allen. Mrs. Allen has been connected with the Sharon Steel Hoop Company as industrial nurse.

Miss Jane Clash was married September 26 to Mr. William B. Wright. Mrs. Wright, a graduate of Youngs-

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Ohio Nurses' Association

(District No. 3)

ANNUAL INSTITUTE

PROGRAM

November 13, 1935

- 1:15 p. m. Surgery of the Heart. Claude S. Beck, M. D., Cleveland.
- 3:30 p. m. Social Usages and Customs. Theodosia Crosse, Chicago.
- 8:00 p. m. Subject continued.

November 14, 1935

- 3:30 p. m. Red Cross Nursing. Miriam Dailey, Field Representative American Red Cross.
- 8:15 p. m. World Betterment. Rabbi I. E. Philo, Youngstown.

*Members of the Mahoning County Medical Society
are most cordially invited.*

November 13th and 14th

ELKS CLUB

Doctor Porembski

While the *Bulletin* is, both by choice and by necessity, non-political and non-partisan, we are nevertheless glad to record that one of our number is a candidate for Mayor of our City. Doctors have as much right and obligation to participate in community affairs as any others. Dr. Joseph Porembski's aspirations are entirely worthy.

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NURSES (From p. 366)

town Hospital School of Nursing class of 1932, has been associated with the Visiting Nurses Association of Youngstown.

Miss Marion Robinson, Youngstown Hospital School of Nursing class of 1932, was married on October 15, to Mr. William Patton, Jr. Mrs. Patton has been associated with the Visiting Nurses Association and Mr. Patton is with the American Optical Company, City Bank Building, Youngstown.

Miss Charlotte Miller, assistant night supervisor at the South Side Unit, Youngstown Hospital since January, 1933, has resigned to take a postgraduate course in Orthopedics at New York Orthopedic Hospital, New York City. Miss Margaret Tury, Youngstown Hospital class of 1935, succeeds Miss Miller.

Miss Jennie Baker has been appointed to the position of night supervisor at the North Side Unit, Youngstown Hospital, to succeed Mrs. Rose Britt who resigned recently. Miss Baker, a graduate of the Lutheran Hospital, Cleveland, has had postgraduate work at Woman's Hospital, New York City.

Miss Olive Hoose succeeds Mrs. Dorothy Jones as supervisor of I West, North Side Unit, Youngstown Hospital. Miss Hoose, who has been a member of the nursing staff of the North Side Unit since August, 1932, is a graduate of Corry Hospital, Corry, Pennsylvania.

HEALTH NEWS

By H. A. K.


Septic Sore Throat.

1. *Recognition of the disease.*— Acute sore throat appearing in epidemic outbreaks, often of a highly virulent character, and accompanied by various general septicemic manifestations. The onset is likely to be abrupt with chill, high temperature, and vomiting.

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HEALTH (From p. 369)

2. *Etiological agent.*—Streptococcus (hemolytic type).

3. *Source of infection.*—The human naso-pharynx, usually the tonsils, any case of acute streptococcus inflammation of these structures being a potential source of infection, including the period of convalescence of such cases. The udder of a cow infected by the milkster is a common source of infection. In such udders the physical signs of mastitis may be absent.

4. *Mode of transmission.*—Direct or indirect human contact; consumption of raw milk contaminated by case or carrier or from an infected udder.

5. *Incubation period.*—One to 3 days.

6. *Period of communicability.*—In man, presumably during the continuance of clinical symptoms; in the cow, during the continuance of discharge of the streptococci in the milk, the condition in the udder tending to a spontaneous subsidence. The carrier stage may follow convalescence and persist for some time.

7. *Susceptibility and immunity.*—Susceptibility general, but somewhat less, in young children. Immunity, either natural or acquired, is rare and uncertain, if it occurs at all.

8. *Prevalence.*—Usually in epidemics, in any geographic area except where milk supply is pasteurized. Most cases in adolescent and adult milk drinkers. Most often in spring and early summer, but may occur at any season.

9. *Methods of control:*

A. The infected individual, contacts, and environment:

1. Recognition of the disease and reporting: Clinical symptoms. Bacteriological examination of the lesions or discharges from the tonsils and naso-pharynx may be useful.

2. Isolation: During the clinical course of the disease and convalescence, and particularly exclusion of

the patient from participation in the production or handling of milk or milk products.

3. Concurrent disinfection: Articles soiled with discharges from the nose and throat of the patient.

4. Terminal disinfection: Cleaning.

5. Quarantine: None.

6. Immunization: None.

7. Investigation of source of infection: Search for cases and carriers among milkers and other handlers of unpasteurized milk, and for mastitis in milk cows.

B. General measures:

1. Exclusion of suspected milk supply from public sale or use until pasteurized. The exclusion of the milk of an infected cow or cows in small herds is possible when based on bacteriological examination of the milk of each cow, and preferably the milk from each quarter of the udder at frequent intervals. Exclusion of human cases or carriers from handling milk or milk products.

2. *Pasteurization of all milk.*

3. Education in the principles of personal hygiene and avoidance of the use of common towel, drinking and eating utensils.

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