

## CORRESPONDENCE

## SOLDIER AND SAILOR PHARMACISTS

CINCINNATI, OHIO, January 31, 1919.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION:

Doubtless you have heard about the work of this Committee. It is first of all an A. Ph. A. Committee, engaged in a service to the young men who have been called out of Pharmacy by their country, many of whom must look for new positions and new openings when they return to civil life. While it is our primary mission to help in re-establishing the returning soldier and sailor pharmacists, we are thus at the same time serving the cause of American pharmacy.

We have undertaken an enormous task, the scope of which can hardly be realized by those who are not directly engaged in it. What real need is there for the work which this Committee has undertaken? Frankly, we do not know how many of the more than ten thousand pharmacists and drug clerks, most of whom are still in the service, will be in need of help to become re-established, but we do know that it is our mission to find out, and we do know that it is too late to undertake helping them when they are all back, and when possibly a good part may not know where to turn. When the last half of the men return, those men who have been longest in service, who have been subjected to the greatest hardships, then particularly will American pharmacy be called on to show what it can do. Let us hope that not a single American pharmacist who is in the service will find difficulty in becoming re-established, but let us be ready to help, if necessary.

Many of the A. Ph. A. members have already filled out and returned their report card. Some of the members have aided by contributing toward our Expense Fund, and we accept this opportunity to thank them. The Committee has been greatly hindered because of the lack of ample funds. The scope of our work necessarily has been controlled by such lack and our ultimate, complete success is absolutely dependent upon having sufficient funds. The work must be systematically arranged, and must be systematically carried on, and a clerical force is necessary for that purpose. We are assured now that we have undertaken a worth-while cause, but the complete and creditable success of our work will depend largely upon sufficient financial assistance to assure thoroughness. We maintain that American pharmacy can take care of its own, and we ask you to help prove it, if we are called upon to do so.

THE A. PH. A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SOLDIER AND SAILOR PHARMACISTS.

(Signed) FRANK H. FREERICKS, *Chairman*.

## THE PRESCRIBING AND SALE OF REMEDIES FOR VENEREAL DISEASES.

PITTSBURGH, PA., February 10, 1919.

THE EDITOR:

Your Editorial Note\* on "Venereal Diseases" in January issue records complaints on the part of the medical profession on the loss of profitable clientele. This is so contrary to the usual attitude of said profession in the past that one wonders if it, like the Germans of old, has undergone a regeneration.

It appears to me that if the Government's object is to be successful, treatment of this class of diseases must be properly regulated, and the establishment of maximum fees to be charged will prove no small factor towards its accomplishment. In the past patients of this class of diseases frequently have been victims of malpractice as well as robbery.

Pharmacists are asked to discontinue the sale of medicines purporting to cure venereal diseases, would it not be well for Surgeon-General Blue to help them act the good Samaritan by furnishing the following data in zones of, say, one hundred miles' radius?

1. A list of physicians who are competent to treat venereal diseases.
2. A list of physicians who made pledge to treat these diseases according to Government rules and the fee charged for treating same.
3. A copy of the state law controlling the treatment of venereal diseases.
4. A supply of literature for customers applying for medicine for the cure of said diseases.
5. Location of approved clinics.

(Signed) LOUIS EMANUEL.

\* January issue JOURNAL A. PH. A., p. 78.