

Correspondence

WHAT THE DOCTORS THINK OF THE INDEMNITY DEFENSE FUND

San Francisco, Feb. 10th, 1920.

To the Editor:—

Enclosed please find my check for \$15.00 together with my note for the further sum of \$15.00 for the Indemnity Defense Fund and I wish to thank you for the reminder sent me.

I believe that the present method of bringing it to the attention of all the physicians is going to be productive of good results. I know it was just what I needed—although I had been thinking seriously of it for some time.

With best wishes for the success of the Indemnity Defense Fund, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Los Angeles, March 6, 1920.

To the Editor:—

Enclosed find check for Thirty Dollars that I may become a member of the Indemnity Defense Fund, as per letter of February 9, 1920.

Thanking you for calling my attention to my laxity in not joining earlier, still today I have a clean slate regarding malpractice suits but one can never tell.

Sincerely yours,

Gilroy, Calif., April 5, 1920.

To the Editor:—

Inclosed my check for \$15.00 and my note for the same amount to cover membership in the Indemnity Defense Fund of the Society.

I should have taken this step before but have put it off and then forgotten it.

Yours very truly,

Los Angeles, Feb. 10, 1920.

To the Editor:—

Please find enclosed check in your favor for \$30.00 being my contribution in full to the Indemnity Defense Fund. I have always meant to join this Fund and have delayed it from mere oversight. Your letter just received reminded me of my duty in the matter.

I am, yours faithfully,

Bakersfield, Cal., April 5, 1920.

To the Editor:—

Find enclosed Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for cash indemnity against malpractice.

I have been intending to do this for a long time; finally got to it.

Very truly yours,

ANOTHER FRAUD

To the Editor:—

We are advised under date of March 31, by Miss M. E. Murphy who conducts a corset store at No. 241 Geary Street, that an individual who posed as Doctor H. M. Mead, Pixley, Calif., had presented a check for \$100 in payment for merchandise, and it was later found that the individual had no funds in the bank, nor was there any one by that name known at Pixley.

Perhaps it might be well to give the item a little publicity, so that perchance some reader of the Journal may not be victimized.

Yours very truly,

L. B. PINKHAM, M.D.,

Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Medical Examiners, State of California.

DR. GRETH ON CHIROPRACTIC

Extract from letter of Dr. August Greth, of Los Angeles, dated March 1, 1920:

"I deem it timely to write setting forth clearly the precise place that so-called Chiropractic fills. I

took this course years ago and happen to know many of the more successful chiropractors here. Their Pathology is, as you know, remarkably simple, i. e. All diseases are caused through spinal nerve subluxation or erosion of vertebrae and their interv. cartillages. Many are convinced of that, others not so much; but all know a good thing when they see it; for there are among them many only out for money; it is a gold mine, as I know some that made for years from \$50 to \$75 per day, and that in a few hours of not very hard physical work, and minus brain strain and C. O. D. in addition."

HOSPITAL HEADS FAVOR PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL

Sacramento, Cal., March 29, 1920.

To the Editor: At a meeting of the Medical Superintendents of the California State Hospitals for the Insane, held at Stockton State Hospital on March 16th, the enclosed Resolution offered by Dr. Robert Lewis Richards of the Mendocino State Hospital and seconded by Dr. F. O. Butler of the Sonoma State Home, was passed, and as per the terms thereof, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the same for your publication.

Very respectfully,

E. S. BIRDSALL, Secretary,
California State Commission in Lunacy.

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this meeting of Medical Superintendents of the California State Hospitals that the mental problem of California requires preventive measures, early treatment, research, and convalescent care, as well as the intensive, prolonged treatment of State Hospitals; that, therefore, a State Psychopathic Hospital, in San Francisco, under the direction of the Regents of the University of California, is urgently needed for research, teaching and social service; that the teaching facilities should be offered to the two medical schools of the University of California and the Stanford University, and that this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Board of Control and the California State Medical Journal.

HOW TRUE!

San Francisco, March 30, 1920.

To the Editor:—

In your March number you brought a very moderate answer to a circular sent to numerous physicians in this State, by the W. C. T. U. in re the U. S. Pharmacopeia and the well known food expert Dr. Harvey Wiley, and the prevailing epidemic of influenza.

The last few days brought us, however, some pleasant news, which the ladies of the W. C. T. U. should share with us, so as not to deprive them of a chance to bring their activities to play in the favor of their good cause.

A gentleman well known to the public and the citizenry of the State of California as a legislator, ex-member of the State Board of Pharmacy, pharmacist, physician, and undertaker, announces per the circular route to the physicians of this city, that owing to the fact that so few of the pharmacists carry a federal license for supplying liquor, he will fill the much needed want of supplying distilled spirits:—whiskies, wines, brandies, and such like upon a prescription, supplying only government stamped goods direct from the bonded warehouse, at reasonable prices.

Following the example of a southern state, he names his place of business—a dispensary. No distinctive adjuvant or corrective seem necessary to the name.

Thus the druggist is at one stroke relieved from the odium of being a whiskey peddler, and the physician is duly given a new position as prescribing clerk, in due accordance with the law, if the same is not filled by the owner.