

Editorial Notes

CANADIAN CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE RELIEF OF THE BELGIAN MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PROFESSIONS

Editor, *Dominion Medical Monthly*, Toronto:

Dear Doctor,—The committee organized here for the purpose of raising funds for the distressed physicians and pharmacists of Belgium, has directed me to write each of the Canadian medical journals, setting forth what has already been done.

Following the experience of the Red Cross and the Patriotic Funds, it was felt best to have one Central Committee for Canada, with a small executive, composed largely of Toronto men, in order that meetings might be called with the least inconvenience. You will find a list of the committee enclosed.

You will notice that the names of practically all the Presidents of the Provincial Councils are omitted; the reason being that we have as yet, been unable to obtain them. Such a list apparently does not exist in Toronto.

Circular letters have been sent out to about seventy-five presidents of medical societies throughout Canada—all of which it was possible to obtain record, asking that the president call a meeting of his society and organize in such a way, as to secure as large a response as possible from his district. The committee having this matter in hand have been greatly impressed with the lack of any systematic organization among the medical men of Canada. There is, apparently, absolutely no machinery through which they can be rapidly interested, in any matter of common interest or protection. We have been assured of the ready co-operation of the medical journals. This assistance is greatly welcomed, as being likely to interest a large community unable to be reached in any other way.

A copy of the circular issued is enclosed; you will notice the executive has been increased and otherwise altered since this was printed.

Very sincerely,

WALTER McKEOWN,
Secretary.