

## Correspondence.

*To the Editor of CANADIAN PRACTITIONER AND REVIEW.*

DEAR SIR,—At the last (fifty-third) meeting of the American Medical Association, held at Saratoga Springs, June 10-13, 1902, a joint resolution from the Sections of Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery and Hygiene and Sanitary Science was introduced in the House of Delegates as follows:

*Whereas*,—There is a burning necessity to check the spread of venereal diseases, and, assuming that the States cannot with impunity ignore the condition, it lies in the province of the medical profession to discuss and recommend to the respective State Legislatures and Municipalities means not regu-menta-tive, but social, economic, educative and sanitary in their character, to diminish the danger from venereal diseases.

*Resolved*,—That the Section on Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery of the American Medical Association invite the section on Hygiene and Sanitary Science to co-operate with the Section on Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery in bringing about a propaganda in the different States, looking toward a proper recognition of the dangers from venereal diseases, and to arrange for a national meeting under the auspices of the American Medical Association for the prophylaxis of venereal diseases, similar to the International Conference for the Prophylaxis of Venereal Diseases, which meets again this year at Brussels, under the authority of the Belgian Government."

This was later submitted to the House of Delegates, which endorsed the action of Section and adopted the following:

*Resolved*,—That a joint committee of six from the sections on Hygiene and Sanitary Science and Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery be appointed by the president to stimulate study in and uniform knowledge of the subject of the prophylaxis of venereal diseases and to present to the American Medical Association a plan for a national meeting, similar to the International Conference for the Prophylaxis of Venereal Diseases, which meets again this year in Brussels, under the auspices of the Government of Belgium."

The Committee on Prophylaxis of Venereal Disease consists of: Dr. Henry D. Halton, Chairman, Brattleboro, Vt.; Dr. Ludwig Weiss, Secretary, 77 East 91st Street, New York; Dr. George M. Kober, 1600 "T" Street, Washington, D.C.; Dr. W. H. Sanders, Montgomery, Ala.; Dr. L. Duncan Bulkley, 531 Madison Ave., New York City; Dr. Frank H. Montgomery, 100 State Street, Chicago, Ill.

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