

that the findings of the practitioners of these districts may be before the Medical Council at its coming meeting in June. If it is possible and legal the Medical Council should use a portion, yes, a liberal portion of its funds, in an effort to secure satisfactory medical legislation. No better use could be made of the money in the control of the council. These funds have come from the medical profession in the form of fees as students or annual dues as practitioners, and we venture to state that to employ some of the accumulations in this way would meet with unanimous approval.

But the people must also be reached. This may be done in several ways. In the first place every practitioner should make it his business to act as missionary among the people and give them to understand clearly the true situation with regard to the irregular cults. In the next place each local association should appoint a committee to interview the editors of the local newspapers and furnish them with correct information for use in their papers. Thirdly, a properly prepared statement of the position assumed by the regular medical profession should be sent to all clergymen, lawyers, bankers, members of the legislature, business men, postmasters, labour organizations, and so on. This would require money, and we appeal to the medical men for help. There is still a fourth way by which the public may be reached. Statements should be regularly given out to the press. If necessary, these statements should be paid for, but the essential thing is having them appear frequently in the lay press.

The irregular cults advertise a great deal. They are most persistent in their efforts to discredit the regular medical profession. If these statements are not contradicted, they soon become accepted as truths, for there is much force in the adage that "silence means consent."

We have now fully placed the matter before the medical profession, and suggested what appears to us as the best course to follow. This is the year to act; next will be too late. What the medical law will be will largely depends upon the medical men themselves.

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### MUSHROOM HEALERS

The following item appeared in the daily press recently:

"Bill to license all Chiropodists. J. W. Curry, K.C., moved measure in legislature.

"Statutory recognition of the practice of chiropody is sought in a bill introduced in the House by J. Walter Curry, K.C., and given first reading.