

The medical profession in the United States is doing excellent work for the relief of Belgian doctors. Up to January 16th the sum of \$1,414 had been collected.

In his stirring appeal for aid for the Belgian physicians, Professor Charles Jacobs, of Brussels, states that 1,000 doctors are poverty-stricken, and that 2,000 to 3,500 doctors are suffering cruelly through this war. That 2,000 physicians need to be supplied the necessities of life would seem a low estimate. It seems probable that the physicians' families will average four members. That means that 8,000 members of physicians' families are dependent upon outside contributions; \$4.40 will supply sufficient food to sustain life for four for one month. Belgian physicians and their families, therefore, absolutely need at least \$8,800 worth of food every month.

Professor James Swain, M.D., M.S., surgeon to the British Royal Infirmary, has been appointed to the War Office as consulting surgeon to the troops serving in the southern command, and his duties will be in the south and west of England.

John Wyllie, professor of medicine in the University of Edinburgh, has resigned on account of ill health. He was appointed to the chair in 1900. He was assistant physician to the Royal Infirmary for seven years, then full physician for fifteen years, and for fifteen years professor of medicine.

Dr. Henry Jellett, master of the Rotunda Hospital, has resigned. He offered his services to the army medical service, but the governors of the hospital would not release him, and consequently he resigned.

Mr. Thomas Bryant, F.R.C.S., the noted surgeon of London, died recently, at the age of 87.

Dr. E. F. Bashford has resigned the post of general superintendent of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, which he has held for the past eight years.

Dr. William Hallock Park has resigned as dean of the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College in order to devote all his time to the duties of director of laboratories of the Department of Health.

On December 10th the House of Representatives passed a law putting many restrictions on the sale of cocoa leaves or opium or any of the alkaloids and other preparations made from them. The bill provides that "every person who produces, imports, manufactures, compounds, deals in, dispenses, sells, distributes, or gives away" any of these drugs shall register with the collector of internal revenue of his district and shall pay an annual tax of one dollar.

Mrs. Luther S. Johnson, of Lynn, Mass., has given \$100,000 to the Lynn Hospital corporation to be used for the erection, furnishing, and partial maintenance of a nurses' home.