

a resolve to assist his fellows onward. As iron sharpeneth iron, so will such a fellow increase the usefulness of his section.

We hope to issue an advance notice of our season's course of study and invite your careful perusal thereof, and a regular preparation for each evening's task.

During the summer your officers have had a few matters of importance to transact. The commissioner invited us to a couple of final interviews upon the position taken up by the followers of the various cults seeking to assist us in the pursuit of medical truth, and we have reason to expect that his report has been finished and that its proposals will presently be laid before the Government and the public. There will be need of a close scrutiny of this report by every fellow, in a united endeavor upon our part to secure our one aim, that every student of medicine in the widest application of the term be required to take the full course of study and pass the required tests, after which he may practise as he may elect.

It is interesting to note in this connection that the labor and research of our past-president, Dr. Ferguson, in the preparation of the articles upon "False Systems of Healing" has been recognized officially by the American Medical Association's Council on Medical Education.

As you are aware, the Academy held a special meeting in July and placed upon record its views upon the failure of the Government to place the care of the returned soldier in such hands as the profession could trust and respect. I regret to say that matters, up to the present, have not been improved, nor have either the daily press or the Government shown any serious appreciation of the fact that the questions involved are primarily medical, and as such amenable only to a medical tribunal.

The Academy has also taken steps to meet the attempt to victimize the public by the exploitation of various alcoholic beverages known as "Tanlac", etc., etc., and trust that presently we shall see the termination of this newest method of trading upon our aches and ills.

The House Committee has made new arrangements regarding the caretaking, and measures to prevent a recurrence of the discomfort occasioned last winter through inadequate heating.

Shortly after the inception of our Academy, steps were taken to ensure for our citizens a supply of healthy milk, and a Milk Committee was appointed by this body. The result upon the milk was very beneficial, but the process has been costly to the public pocket. Is it not time that we as an Academy urged a further step forward, the municipalization of the entire milk trade of the city, including the control and ownership of the dairy farms, the purification and preservation of the milk, and its distribution to the citizens. This would greatly cheapen