

Dear Doctor,—At the request of Sir Rickman Godlee, of London, a meeting was held and a Central Executive Committee for Canada appointed to undertake the raising of funds to assist the Belgian physicians and pharmacists who are in dire distress.

We will co-operate with Sir Rickman Godlee's Committee for Great Britain and Ireland, and the Committee in the United States and other countries which are neutrals or allies in the war.

Our Committee considered the best way to get at the entire profession in Canada would be to have associated with us on this Committee the President of the Canadian Medical Association, and the Presidents of the various Provincial and County Medical Associations, as well as the Presidents of the Medical Societies in the various centres, and the Deans of the Medical Colleges throughout Canada, with the addition of representatives of the Canadian pharmaceutical profession.

That some immediate help is urgently needed will be made evident by reading the enclosed copy of a letter from Prof. Jacobs, the delegate from the Belgian Committee having similar aims. The Belgian Committee will act as the intermediaries through which the help will be sent, and are now despatching to Belgians in portable form, packets of medical and pharmaceutical material, as well as surgical instruments.

This appeal for funds to the medical and pharmaceutical profession is to enable Belgian practitioners and pharmacists to carry on their work effectually, as soon as military and political circumstances will permit. Further money is required to help the refugee Belgian doctors in England, most of whom have nothing in this world left to them.

Will you undertake to arrange a meeting and the appointment of a Local Committee, at as early a date as possible, to raise subscriptions from the physicians and manufacturing and retail druggists in your locality. Subscriptions collected should be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer of the Central Executive Committee, Dr. D. J. Gibb Wishart, 47 Grosvenor Street, Toronto.

Should circumstances not permit your active participation, may we ask that you so inform us at as early a date as possible, that we may appoint a substitute to undertake the work in your district.

Any amount that the doctors or druggists feel like contributing will be gratefully accepted. For your information we might say that many of the medical men here are contributing \$25.00, others \$5.00 and \$10.00, but any subscriptions of a smaller