

the general interest in reform in this line throughout the country. The problem is far from settled, and Dr. Bevan pleads for the united action of the organized medical profession to secure protection by law against the injury that drink has done and is still doing. Each individual member of the profession and each state and county society should take a part. The nurse problem is also mentioned, and he commends a movement by the Surgeon-General of the Army for the establishment of nurses' training schools at the cantonments. Other problems mentioned are the reconstruction and reeducation of the wounded and disabled coming back from the war, and the creation and maintenance of industries for the production of the necessary drugs and chemicals, surgical instruments and other medical appliances. It is important that the profession should not lose sight of the health needs of the civil population. They should demand state and national organization for keeping up and developing strong health departments in every section. The war makes this matter not less but more important. In organizing the medical profession there is one fundamental and basic condition that must be met. The profession must not go into the war as simply efficient but as 100 per cent. loyal to our national Government and its aims. If there are a few who are disloyal they should be sought out and interned where they can do no harm, and every individual physician and every county or state medical society should take part in searching these out. Dr. Bevan believes we owe it as a duty to ourselves and to the German medical profession to state clearly our feelings towards them. There is no question of the guilt of the Central Governments in this war, and their outrages and attempts on ourselves which have finally drawn us into the conflict are without the remotest shadow of an excuse. We have not been a military nation but have been forced to defend ourselves, and we have absolute confidence in the ultimate success of our cause.

ANTIGONORRHOEAL VACCINATION.

We have on various occasions discussed the question of antigonorrhoeal vaccination. It has been given a trial by numerous observers. For instance Dr. Maublanc is unhesitatingly hostile to the method "The vaccine, he remarks, often sets up violent reactions and in certain subjects, just as with the anti-typhoid vaccine, it is better abstained from". It is true that according to this observer it is possessed of numerous advantages especially that of calming the pain in orchitis.

"In short, an auxiliary sometimes useful medication which however must always yield precedence to local treatment".