

The Association is greatly in need of funds for other reasons, one of which is to rescue our profession from being exploited by the commercial enterprise of certain drug houses. Abraham Flexner ("Medical Education in Europe," page 90), speaking of this evil under the head of medical education in Germany, pertinently remarks, "The critical pharmacologist has discredited the old wives' tales that kept up the traditional pharmacopeia. Meanwhile the manufacturer is spinning a new superstition; the chemical industry of Germany is aggressively and intelligently directed. Only a critical pharmacological sense can enable the practising physician to know when to doubt and how far to believe the sanguine and assertive claims made upon him by the manufacturing chemist." The American Medical Association, through a committee on pharmacy, has undertaken to investigate some vaunted claims of certain drug houses with beneficial results to the profession in general. May I ask, are all the medical publishing houses with their endless padded encyclopedias on every conceivable branch of medical science, not likewise guilty of exploiting our profession? Nothing can be done against these exploitations, unless we have paid, skilled and scientific censors. For this purpose, funds obtained through increased membership are urgently needed. Above all, we need the influence of all "the respectable and redeemable members of the medical profession in the remote districts as well as in the great centres of our Commonwealth," that they may have a hand in shaping all legislation affecting the future of our profession and the public health of our country.

The committee of this Association has been promised by the Right Hon. R. L. Borden that there will be created in the near future a portfolio of Public Health. Inasmuch as these changes take a long time in coming, it behooves us to keep urging the authorities. We cannot get a pure food law or federal control of vaccines, serums and drugs, such as has been in operation in the United States during the past ten years, without such cabinet appointment. There they have a fine of five hundred dollars or one year's imprisonment for conviction of adulteration.

Like several of my predecessors in office, I desire to refer to some phases of medical education. The Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching medical education has done great service for medicine on this continent. Out of its criticisms has arisen, almost everywhere, improvement. Not the least valuable part of its contribution is this, that it gave support to that faction of every medical faculty desirous of being abreast of modern edu-