

Donations to National Fund.

It is the experience of the Headquarters of the British Empire Cancer Campaign that in the formation of a Provincial Branch one question concerning finance early attracts the attention of the Committees at Provincial Centres. It is "Why does Headquarters lay claim to 10% of all monies collected in our district?" In order to clear the air in this respect the following statement has been prepared.

(1) Headquarters suffers a financial loss when a Provincial Centre is formed because, by agreement, it loses the corresponding area for the collection of funds. Obviously, if the entire Kingdom were divided into Provincial Branches under these conditions and no Branch contributed its quota, Headquarters would be debarred from collecting funds altogether and the activities of Headquarters would come to an end from financial starvation. It is to obviate this that the 10% quota is imposed.

(2) Headquarters activities benefit Provincial Branch Centres in ways that offer a substantial return for the 10% over and above desistance from collection in any particular district.

- (a) It places all its experience at the disposal of the district organisers.
 - (b) It often advances the necessary funds prior to the launching of a local appeal.
 - (c) It forms a link between the various Branches thus avoiding overlapping in lines of investigation and producing economy in working expenses.
 - (d) It pools the accumulated knowledge and experience of special schemes of Research it has financed to all the Branches for the benefit of any particular Branch.
 - (e) It is open to receive application for financial assistance from any Branch or any individual Researcher in a Branch towards the expense of an approved investigation which cannot be wholly subsidised by the Provincial Branch.
 - (f) It bears the entire expense of preparing and publishing the "Cancer Review" a monthly journal on Cancer Research which is the most complete of its kind in the world and is invaluable to every investigator on the subject throughout the world.
 - (g) It has established the Garton Prize Essay of £500 in 1931 and £500 in 1933 in order to stimulate Research upon special subjects in Cancer.
 - (h) It bears the main expense of all advertising and propaganda for the entire Campaign.
 - (i) It frequently bears the entire expense of very special lines of Research. The Scientific Committee of the Campaign consider alone the best place for the work irrespective of all others considerations. These are sometimes carried out where no Branch of the Campaign exists in different parts of the Country.
 - (j) During the past eight years Headquarters has distributed over £157,000 towards the Maintenance of Cancer Research Centres and individual workers in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.
 - (k) It organised the International Cancer Conference of 1928 and the Informal Cancer Conference of 1930.
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