

tant position. His address speaks for the devotion which he has given to the onerous duties imposed on him and constitutes an evidence of the efforts which he has expended on behalf of the Association's interests. Your reference committee is in accord with the ideas expressed in the address and commends in particular his refutation of the arguments advanced in THE JOURNAL article to which reference is made, written by a prominent advocate of socialized medicine who himself is not a physician. Your reference committee believes that this refutation deserves careful attention by the medical profession.

Your reference committee desires again to express to the House of Delegates its appreciation of the excellent service rendered by this faithful officer in presiding so efficiently over the deliberations of this body. (1-3) (76)

The Speaker resumed the Chair and Dr. Kosmak presented the balance of the report, as follows:

## 2. ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT, DR. JAMES E. PAULLIN

It is a privilege to have listened to the extremely able address of our President, and your reference committee desires to make the following comments on its principal features:

(a) Wartime Graduate Medical Meetings: It is a great satisfaction to note the extended attention which has been given to this important activity by the American Medical Association and the personal interest of the President in it. The lecturers who have given their time and effort as a contribution to the war effort are to be highly commended, and approval should be given to the decision that the Association has contributed the necessary funds for this activity in cooperation with the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Physicians. Your reference committee regards this as money well spent and agrees that this type of instruction should be carried to the smaller hospitals and other medical communities distantly removed from the larger medical centers. This activity points the way for the development of more effective post-graduate instruction in the future, and the process of decentralization involved in this type of teaching is to be commended. (3) (76)

(b) Postwar Planning: Your President calls attention to the necessity for developing the proper type of instruction for medical men discharged from the armed services. Your reference committee commends his suggestion for the establishment of a bureau of information in the central office in Chicago and likewise the effort to stimulate the state and county societies to establish local offices which are to cooperate with that bureau in bringing the necessary information to those who desire it. This central bureau might also serve the purpose of affording to practitioners of medicine the opportunity for location in new communities, and this matter should be given adequate publicity. It would appear desirable if this particular activity could be developed into a permanent establishment under the immediate control of the Board of Trustees. Your reference committee suggests that steps be taken to carry out the recommendation. (3-4) (76)

(c) The Supply of Medical Students: This matter is dealt with under separate resolutions which have already been given consideration. Nevertheless, your reference committee desires to stress the importance of the movement for a continuing supply of students adequate for all anticipated medical needs. (4) (76)

(d) Rehabilitation of the Disabled: Your reference committee desires to commend the unification and expansion of efforts in this direction and suggests that the American Medical Association should be prepared to offer its services to implement this program whenever requested. (4) (76)

(e) Provision of Medical Care: Your reference committee desires to call the attention of the House of Delegates to remarks of the President with reference to the necessity for formulating policies for the guidance of the various officers of the Association and the House of Delegates in dealing with all questions concerning medical care. Such a statement should note the extent to which the federal government and other agencies interested in medical service have entered various fields and enlist the cooperation of the profession in a com-

bined program, the fact being borne in mind, however, that the control of funds and other details should be left to the state and local agencies. (4-5) (76)

(f) Unity Within the Organization: This seems to your reference committee to constitute a very important item in the President's address and calls for a unanimity in whatever official action may be taken by the Association through the medium of the House of Delegates and the constituent bodies of the Association. Your committee feels that it is desirable to iron out differences of opinion as to policies and other matters on the floor of the House rather than independently, so that the spirit of unity may be observed in those great questions which involve the entire profession. (5) (76)

In conclusion, your reference committee desires to compliment again the present incumbent of this high office for the faithful attention he has given to his important duties and for the carefully thought out recommendations contained in his report. It bespeaks for them the well deserved attention which they merit. (3-5) (76)

## 3. ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, DR. HERMAN L. KRETSCHMER

Your reference committee desires to commend the outspoken address of the President-Elect and to submit the following comments:

This suggestion that the education of the public particularly in social medical questions be more freely participated in by the general practitioner and family physician is endorsed. It would be well if every member of the profession would make a personal effort to explain to patients, whenever the opportunity offers or can be made, the problems with which medicine is faced, and particularly the results of governmental dictation and supervision of medical practice.

The President-Elect calls attention to the prevalence of neuropsychiatric problems in the life of the nation. This situation seems to be of great proportion, and your reference committee commends his suggestion for the comprehensive study of the mental health of our people by all branches of our profession.

Your reference committee also desires to endorse his suggestion that the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals give further consideration to improvements in the teaching of pharmacology in medical schools, particularly as this applies to prescription writing and drug therapy.

Your reference committee commends the suggestion that, in addition to the preliminary program devoted to the interests of the general practitioner, consideration be given to the recommendation that each of the special sections devote one of its sessions to the presentation and discussion of papers devoted to matters of interest to the general practitioner. The American Medical Association, among its other responsibilities, should retain as one of its signal aims the conception that it constitutes an important educational institution both for the medical profession and for the public at large. (5-6) (76)

Respectfully submitted,  
 GEORGE W. KOSMAK, Chairman.  
 CARL R. STEINKE.  
 ARTHUR S. RISSER.  
 THOMAS A. PITTS.  
 WALTER G. PHIPPEN.

On motion of Dr. Kosmak, seconded by Dr. Thomas A. Pitts, South Carolina, and carried, the first section of the report of the reference committee, referring to the address of the Speaker, was adopted. (1-3) (75-76)

Section 2 of the report of the reference committee, dealing with the address of the President, was adopted on motion of Dr. Kosmak, seconded by Dr. John Z. Brown, Utah, and carried. (3-5) (76)

It was moved by Dr. Kosmak, seconded by Dr. John J. Pflock, Illinois, and carried, that the third section of the report of the reference committee, with respect to the address of the President-Elect, be adopted. (5-6) (76)

On motion of Dr. Kosmak, seconded by Dr. Harry V. Paryzek, Ohio, and carried, the report of the reference committee was adopted as a whole.