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#### How Not To Get **More Doctors**

One of the most absurd arguments used in support of compulsory government health insurance is that it would help to cure the doctor shortage.

A 1948 report of the World Medical Association discloses that the United States has more doctors in proportion to population than any nation which has adopted socialized or regimented medicine-and in most cases we lead by a very wide margin. Furthermore, we have more doctors in proportion to population than any other nation in the world save for little Palestine, where there are great numbers of refugee Jewish physicians from Central Europe.

It is true that even this country needs more doctors-there are serious shortages in some sections, just as there are shortages of other desirable services and facilities. But it is impossible to see how placing the medical profession under what would amount to political domination would do anything but make the situation worse. It takes ten years or more of arduous and expensive training to become a doctor. Would young men find the profession more attractive if they knew they would occupy much the same status as civil servants, that advancement would largely depend on political favoritism, and that, in time, they might actually find themselves part of a completely socialized medical system? The obvious answer to that is an unqualified "No."

Measured by either the qualitative or the quantitative yardstick, the medical standards of the United States are unequalled in any comparable nation.

#### Give The Baby A Chance

The North Wilkesboro Junior Woman's Club is raising \$600 in this community for the Children's Home Society.

The following editorial in the Winston-Salem Journal gives some pertinent facts which show why the movement should have support of the public:

"Every year in North Carolina hundreds of babies are born to parents who are unable to care for them adequately, many to mothers who are unable to keep them.

"During the past five years over 8,000 white babies were born out of wedlock in North Carolina. What happens to these children? Who care for the unwanted child?

"The welfare and relief agencies maintained by local communities and the State carry part of the burden, of course. But there has existed in North Carolina for the past 50 years an organization, operating on an entirely voluntary basis, which has performed a remarkable service in behalf of homeless children. This is the Children's Home Society of North Carolina.

"The work of the society, which was organized in 1903 and is now one of the oldest and largest of its kind in the Nation, is well illustrated by figures which reveal that it has taken over 5,000 homeless children who otherwise would have had little chance in life, and given them a home and an opportunity to develop into good citizens.

"During the last five years the society has helped 646 babies, provided tempo-

rary shelter for 401. "The society helps mothers keep their

children if it is practicable. When it isn't, it endeavors to find good homes for them, thus preventing in many cases the translation of the homeless or unwanted baby into a juvenile delinquent and criminal.

"Thus, the value of the service performed by the Children's Home Society to the State and Nation is immeasurable. It is preserving and developing social values which lie far beyond the scope of statis-

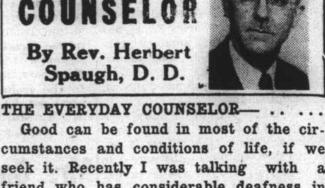
"But, being a purely voluntary organization dependent upon the contributions of sympathetic, humane, warm-hearted individual givers for its support, the society has never been able to care for all the babies it has wanted to help and who have needed help. The scope of its work has been limited by its resources.

"Those who are well acquainted with the society contribute generously to its cause and give it their moral support, knowing that it is efficiently managed and that it is performing outstanding service for the State. But there are myriads of North Carolinians perhaps who have never heard of the society, and know nothing of its great work.

"This year the Junior Woman's Clubs of North Carolina have selected the society as their State-wide project, with the aim of securing new memberships with increased funds. Their endeavor should receive the widespread moral and generous financial support of all North Carolina people who are possessed of the broad mind and the understanding heart.

"What of the unwanted child? Let's give it a chance!"





cumstances and conditions of life, if we seek it. Recently I was talking with a Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., friend who has considerable deafness in and was befriended by a young one ear. He told me that it had advant- Sunday school teacher, Mrs. ages as well as disadvantages. He said ed soon to England, became a that he had to be more attentive to the noted builder, was elected to conversation of others in order to hear. Then he said that there were many things which bothered others which he did not have to hear. In the day time he turned off his attention. At night, when outside noises disturbed his sleep, he turned over on his side and put his good ear in the

Many of my deaf friends have told me that their affliction brings to them certain blessings which they might not otherwise

Nature has a way of compensating for a deficiency in one of the senses by heightening the others. Those who have difficulty in hearing usually are better readers than those with normal hearing. What we see with the eye registers more than what we hear with the ear. Compare the attendance at motion picture shows with that at sermons and lectures.

But physical deafness is dwarfed by spiritual and psychological deafness: unwillingness to hear those things that we don't want to hear, which if heard and taken to heart would make us change our

It is said that the deaf often hear things said in their presence which they aren't supposed to hear, and don't hear some other things which they should hear. This is by no means limited to the physically

Many times I have heard some man or woman comment on a sermon and say, "Didn't that fit, So-and-So. I wish he could have been here and heard it." All the while the one who said it needed to apply it much more to himself, but it Support the Y. M. C. A bounced right off.

The ears of the mind and soul are far more important than the ears of the body. It is what we hear in our minds and apply in our hearts which determines our happiness and destiny.

The Prophet Isaiah plead with his people to see the national degradation about them and the coming destruction of their national life, but he said that their "ears were heavy." And so their land was ravaged and they went into exile. Prophets today in the land are making the same appeal, pointing to national decay of morals, neglect of the Lord's day and the Church, but our ears are heavy.

Remember, it is far more important to hear the voice of God than the voices of men. Which do you hear?

# Imply 4 Mary Pooler

Miss Kate Cooper, of Atlanta, Georgia, missionary in Seoul, Korea, reports that missionaries and Christian ministers are now working for the rehabilitation of women prisoners and ex-prisoners from the infamous West Gate Prison. Formerly all released women convicts were for long periods under the strict surveillance of the police and were often rearrested for slight deviance from the straight and narrow path. Now increasing numbers of them are being released to Christian workers, and they are directed to the church and to its organizations as a means of rehabilitation. Some of them have been so influenced by the church and its teachings that they have asked for membership, Miss Cooper says.

Amazement that so few American women are active in political life while such great opportunity for it is theirs was expressed by Frau Dorothea Groener-Geyer, of Wurtemberg, Germany, recently after she c pleted a two-month's visitation to American communities under the sponsorship of the United Council of Church Women. Frau Groener-Geyer is the founder of the "Fellowship of Protestant Women for Political Affairs" in her home state of Wurtemberg; its aim is to bring church women and women active in politics together for mutual understanding and exchange of ideas, and for the building of world peace and order. Certain rights of German women, now written into the new constitution, were first advocated by the Fellowship. German women, she says, are becoming more and more effective in political and social affairs, and she pelieves more American church women should also be active in these fields.

Half a century ago, a lonely young English lad, Sydney Walter Robinson, became associated with the Hemenway Avenue Myra L. Thomas. The lad return-Parliament, and was knighted. In 1932, Sir Sydney erected a church in Ilford, Sussex, in honor of Mrs. Thomas who was then still living. She died in 1942. Now Sir Sydney is providing a stained-glass window as a memorial to her in this same church; and three of her children will be in England this summer to see it dedicated. The central figure is that of the Good Samaritan. Mrs. Thomas never saw the English church erected to her honor.

#### **Rhodes Rites Held** Tuesday Morning

Elkin, Sept. 8 .- Funeral service for Mrs. Alevia Elizabeth Rhodes, 78, was held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Pleasant Hill Baptist church. The Reverend David W. Day and Joe Wright officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Rhodes died at her home nere Sunday after an illness of one year.

Survivors include four sons, William Rhodes of Ashland, Kentucky, Quincy and Barney Rhodes of Elkin, Crommie Rhodes of Perryville, Maryland; five daughters, Mrs. J. M. Bell and Mrs. Clifford Norman of State Road. Mrs. Ira Stamper of Wilkesboro, Mrs. Morgan Handy of Moxley and Mrs. Marshall Soots of Elkin; four brothers, John Felts of Wilkes county, Jake Felts of Mountain View, Will Felts of Brooks Cross Roads and Harrison Felts of Cycle; two sisters. Mrs. George Combs of Mountain View and Mrs. Glenn Blackburn of Kentucky; 44 grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren.



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