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BY-LAW IV.—THE PUBLICATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS.

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NOTICE FROM THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.

The Registration Committee is exceedingly disappointed to be obliged to give up the plan of registering by mail. It was believed that by that plan the members would be saved a great annoyance and the work of the meeting of the Association very greatly facilitated. Accordingly the matter was brought to your notice in THE JOURNAL, the necessary blanks printed and forwarded to Chicago. Arrangements had been made with the editor of THE JOURNAL by which it was agreed that an enclosure should be sent to each member two weeks before the meeting, but at the last moment it was found by the editor that the

postal regulations made it impossible to send such enclosures. We regret the fact, but experience thus learned shows us that next year the plan can be carried out by making certain modifications. The accommodations for registration at Detroit will be made as complete as possible.

DAVID INGLIS, Ch'm. Registration Com.

“OPIOKAPNISM” OR OPIUM SMOKING.

With the evils attending the habitual use of opium, by the mouth and through the hypodermic syringe, we are in this country already sufficiently familiar. These forms of the abuse of opium, which have been grouped under the term “opiophagism” (that is to say, opium-eating), may be found in all parts of the country and in nearly every walk in life.

That other form of opium misuse, “opiokapnism,” or opium-smoking, is as yet comparatively infrequent. It is resorted to somewhat in our cities by foreigners, orientals chiefly, and by the vicious classes. If the statistics of the Treasury department are not misleading, this form of indulgence has a growing tendency. With the duty upon the drug, as prepared for smoking purposes, placed at twelve dollars per pound there was taken into the Treasury last year, \$750,000. This means that 62,000 pounds entered the country through the Custom House. In addition to this enormous importation, there is reason to believe that there was smuggled into the country many thousands pounds more. It is further stated that a million pounds of the stuff has been imported in the last eleven years, at the port of San Francisco alone.

The time has come to call a halt, and if necessary to prohibit the entry of the material altogether. We think it can be shown that this particular form of the drug is never used for any legitimate purpose. We never knew a physician to prescribe it, or to be charged as the responsible cause for opiokapnism. Its sole uses are as an intoxicant or as an aid to the perpetration of illegal and vicious acts. Would it not be well that Congress should interdict absolutely the importation of smoking-opium?

As to the injury wrought by opiokapnism there can, we believe, be little room for argument. We have recently seen a copy of a document, signed by fifty native, qualified physicians of Bombay, which testifies that the opium-smoking habit among their Hindoo patients and others is an unmitigated evil to mind, body, estate and the family. This paper states that “among the consumers of opium, even when they see that the habit is undermining their constitutions and observe the sad effects in those around them, they are unable to discontinue their daily portion. One evidence of the strength this habit exerts is seen in the fact that when the means of purchase are exhausted, rather than endure the physical torture caused by its discontinuance, a man