

eight members of the union out of over 1,100 physicians throughout the country. Besides this there are two medical student members. It has to date not accomplished anything for the public, but has distributed a certain number of documents on the alcohol question among members.*

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In this country the scientific study of alcoholism is somewhat overshadowed by the interest and publicity given to legislative and other practical measures of temperance reform. Still, good work is being quietly accomplished. The gathering of the International Congress against Alcoholism at Stockholm in 1907 did much to stimulate thought and quicken action. Alcoholism widely prevails in Sweden, and there is much need for serious scientific study of the subject.

The Swedish Medical Temperance Association, founded in 1902 by Professor E. Almquist, Professor J. Widmark, the late Dr. E. Mitander, the late Dr. E. W. Wreflind, and others, conducts its work in accordance with the principles of medical science. Both qualified medical practitioners and medical students can join the Association. The number of members now amounts to forty-four. The members pledge themselves "to abstain from the use of alcohol as a source of enjoyment." The headquarters of the Association is in Stockholm, but the members are to be found in different parts of the country. The President is Professor C. Wallis, and the Secretary and Treasurer Dr. A. Alfven, 32, Odengatan, Stockholm. Regular gatherings are not held. When a meeting takes place a paper is usually read, and discussion follows. A small library containing works dealing with the alcohol question is being formed. The Association has on several occasions arranged for the delivery of lectures on alcoholism to medical men and students. Support has also been given to legislative efforts to improve instruction regarding the action of alcohol given to school-teachers and school-children, and also to a Bill providing for the care and control of inebriates. Arrangements have been made for the posting of placards against

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the misuse of alcohol in the waiting-rooms of the railway-stations and elsewhere.

The Association has given pecuniary assistance to one of its members to represent the Association at one of the recent International Anti-Alcohol Congresses. The Association belongs to "Internationaler Verband Abstinenter Aerzte," founded in Stockholm in the summer of 1907.

Other organizations undertake a certain amount of what may be considered scientific work. "The Swedish Association for Temperance and Education of people" ("Svenska Sällskav pet för Nykterhet och folkuppfostran") arranges popular lectures on intemperance, etc. This body was founded in 1837. The President is Mr. S. Wieselgren, late Director of Swedish Prisons, and the Secretary, Mr. C. O. Mannstrom, 18 and 20, Stortorget, Stockholm.