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## MASSACHUSETTS PHYSICIANS IN THE WAR.

In this issue is published a list of the Massachusetts physicians who volunteered in the service of their country during the World War. The list was prepared from the card catalogue that was made by the volunteer secretary of the Massachusetts State Committee, Council of National Defense, Medical Section, and her corps of helpers, and was checked by the official files in the offices of the surgeon-generals of the Army and Navy, and the Red Cross at Washington. The total number of names is 1,700. The Directory of the American Medical Association, published in the spring of 1918, gives the total number of physicians in Massachusetts as 5,494. Therefore, of the physicians of this State who offered their services to the Government in this time of need, 30.9 per cent. were accepted. If we deduct the 132 names of those who were offered commissions in the medical corps but were not called to service, 1,568 men actually served, or 28.7 per cent. of all in the State.

It is to be borne in mind that the entire personnel of physicians in the State includes the women, the disabled for active duty, the retired from practice, and those too old for military service. Of those in the printed list 19 died while in the service. The list does not include those physicians who labored on the draft boards, the specialists who acted as contract surgeons, the members of the state and city boards of health, the indispensable members of the faculties of the medical schools, nor those who, staying at home, looked after the practices and the families of their brothers who were afield. The showing is most creditable to the patriotism of the medical profession of the Bay State.

## VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL.

In order to secure the success of the campaign for the control of venereal diseases in the United States, the coöperation of medical, dental, and pharmaceutical schools, the hospitals, clinics, and the training schools for nurses is important and necessary. The Bureau of Public Health Service has announced in a circular letter that this may be accomplished by calling a convocation of faculty, staff, and student body, by giving exhibitions of educational photo drama films, by arranging meetings to be addressed by the president of the State Board of Health, the local, municipal or county health officer, the Public Health Service representative appointed to the State, and the United States Public Health Surgeons in charge of the clinics established in the State; and by complete permanent exhibits of official literature issued by the United States Public Health Service and State boards of health.

The work already accomplished in venereal disease control has been considerable. When the Chamberlain-Kahn Act created the Division of Venereal Diseases in the United States Public Health Service and the great work of venereal disease control was inaugurated, the plan of procedure formulated was grouped under three headings, as follows:—

1. Medical measures.
2. Law-enforcement measures.
3. Educational measures.

The educational measures include the dissemination of information by leaflets, lectures, ex-