The Aim of Christian Medical Foundation

On a recent broadcast of "Sunday Morning," Dr. Richard Selzer of Yale University School of Medicine attempted to portray a more humane, patient centered medical practice. He made one startling statement, that if an applicant to their medical school made an "A" in Organic Chemistry, he would tend not to accept him for admission. In a time when everything in our educational system points toward excellence in science, how could a professor of surgery at a major university make such a statement? What was he attempting to portray in his telecast? It must be that as he works with medical students and residents at Yale, he has noticed, as many of us have, that the type of students and trainees in Medical school and Surgical residency are sometimes lacking in the qualities which make good doctors. A Surgical colleague recently remarked to me concerning patient care, that young surgeons and residents had stated that the demeanor of the surgeon consultant is to be aloof and relatively non-communicative. To show compassion or feeling is to put himself on the level of the relatively uneducated country doctor - the "Uncle Tom" of modern medical practice. The less said to the patient and his family the better.

This tendency must have been seen by my forbears in Medicine at the University of Michigan. When I was a freshman Medical student at the University of Michigan at Victor Vaughn dormitory, one of the Surgical professors, Dr. Reed Nesbitt, arranged for the School of Music to conduct a series of lectures on music appreciation. I well recall Dr. McGee coming week by week, teaching such things as the way in which Brahms First Symphony was constructed, attempting to give a somewhat happy antidote to the strenuous ardor of freshman medical stress. One wonders what would have happened if we had been offered a similar series of lectures on spirituality.

It is in this latter area where Dr. Selzer's endeavor falls short. Nothing in the telecast indicated consideration of the spirit of the patient. Great compassion and concern were expressed toward his patients but there was no prayer, no attempt to convey assistance toward spiritual rebirth or mention of such an absolute necessity. Nevertheless, it was salutary to see credence given to the psyche of the patient which itself is neglected in modern medicine. As diagnostic procedures increase and therapeutic modalities become more specialized, concentration tends to become more and more restrictive and the whole patient increasingly lost.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the unfortunate victim lying by the roadside (or in the emergency room) could well be passed by, by the oncologist, the nephrologist, the cardiovascular surgeon, the plastic surgeon, the cardiologist, the head and neck surgeon, the psychiatrist, the endocrinologist, and so forth, because the patient was not in his field. Ultimately, care could be given by a medical assistant who is trained to take care of the whole patient and not just a part of his being. Dr. Frederick A. Colter, Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan taught his residents, "You are a doctor first and a surgeon second." Such a philosophy needs again to be perceived as Dr. Selzer shows us. However, the change must be more radical. In the future, the doctor needs again to perceive his spiritual role in total patient care. This means a willingness to discuss with the patient and his family, the problem and its answer and at times, the place of Christ and prayer and also eternal life. It means beginning surgery with prayer—and giving cognizance to the fact that the patient is always aware during surgery so that nothing negative is said during the procedure. In this latter regard, it is of interest that recent research at the University of California confirms this fact.

In the Epistle of James, there is the "Royal Law" (James 2:8) "Thou Shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." In Romans 8:2 this law is called "the perfect law of liberty" (the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus) which frees the Christian from the law of sin and of death. Modern man, doctor and patient, must be careful in this day of Humanism that he does not accept the partial or the superficial as he attempts to rediscover the whole person in Medicine and in society. Dr. Selzer offers a psychosomatic, caring approach—a definite improvement. However, he continues to neglect the eternal spiritual aspect of the patient. Therefore, his method leaves his students in the area of the psychosoma which is still "death," (Romans 8:6) and requires the Spirit of Christ in order to bring life and true hope.

Christian Medical Foundation has been attempting to bring forth in the first 25 years of existence, the spiritual consideration of patient care. Beginning in 1959 at Philadelphia, where doctors attending the Order of St. Luke Conference met together for prayer and guidance, we have attempted to bring the Holy Spirit back into Medicine and Nursing. It has been a hard task: with CMF's international center now estab-
lished in Tampa, Florida, plans are being developed for the building of the Bethesda Christian Medical Conference Center. Here the new Medicine will be taught. Prominent leaders in their fields will be invited to teach 3 to 5 day conferences and seminars on such topics as "Neuro-Ophthalmology", "Orthopedic Prosthetic Surgery", "Christian Psychiatry", "Demonism", and the "Treatment of Terminal Illness." At these seminars the spiritual aspect of patient care will be emphasized. It is hoped that we can also build guest townhouses where attending physicians and their families can stay during conferences.

Such conferences are a natural outgrowth of the Annual Medical Conferences held each year in Tampa in October. Also, Regional doctors conferences are now being conducted across the United States and Canada. In April and May of this year, CMF will have its first opportunity to carry its message to England when Kay and I visit Dr. Tony Dale and the Doctors of "Caring Professions Concern."

Medicine as practiced today is undergoing change. The swing toward Humanism and toward the psychic (Holistic) is alarming. Foreseeing this, CMF has been ardently at work for a quarter of a century advocating the Christian Spiritual consideration of patient care. In order for this to occur, there must be a renewed total dedication to our cause. We must be ready to step into the void as present-day Medicine falters. We must not allow Humanism and Holism to insinuate itself into Medicine masquerading as they do for Spirituality. We must emphasize the Word of God—The Logos and the Spirit of God—as we promulgate the answer to the dilemma of modern Medicine and Nursing. We offer a new Medicine—Logo-Psychosomatic—the Medicine of the Whole Person.

William Francis Reed

Regional Vice Presidents, Dr. William Reid of Sheffield, Alabama and Dr. Walker McGraw of Atlanta, Georgia are co-hosting the first Southeast Regional Conference under the auspices of Christian Medical Foundation International. The Conference will convene at 6:30 p.m. Friday with a talk by Harrison Rogers, M.D. on "The Medical Revolution" and will end after Holy Communion on Sunday noon. Other topics to be discussed throughout the weekend include: "Fetal Experimentation"—Dr. Michael Powell; "Sports Medicine"—Dr. Fred Allman; and an afternoon seminar on "A Christian Psychiatrist's Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment" led by Dr. Franklin Jones. There will also be an opportunity to view the Shroud of Turin exhibit at the Omni International.

Application has been made for 8 hours Category I continuing medical education credit for this meeting through the Florida Medical Foundation who will sponsor the conference with Christian Medical Foundation.

Make your plans now to join Dr. and Mrs. Reed at the beautiful Atlanta Downtown Marriott Hotel for this conference where the best in medical practice and spiritual excellence will be discussed. For more information and/or a registration packet, call the CMF office at (813) 932-3688.

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NOTE CONCERNING CMF FINANCIAL NEED

Since the first of the year, for some reason, financial giving to Christian Medical Foundation has fallen off. Our running expenses are in the realm of $15,000 per month. Dr. and Mrs. Reed and our CMF Board Members are not salaried. Major portions of the budget include our newsletter mailing and printing costs as well as salaries. If our newsletter and the Foundation with its endeavors to upgrade American Medicine and Nursing in a Christ oriented direction are important to you, please consider making Christian Medical Foundation a part of your giving. Also, consider naming CMF in your will. CMF has not been mentioned in any major bequest for several years. If Christians would mention organizations such as CMF in their wills, this money which would ordinarily go to the government in many instances, could be utilized to help the Christian work which you love. Christian Medical Foundation also needs to purchase a labeler which would expedite adherence to mailing labels on our mailings which amount to over 20,000 now. A labeling device costs approximately $5,000. I know some CMF members across the United States and Canada would be interested in contributing toward this purchase.

As previously indicated, we have begun 1984 with all of our major mortgages and obligations paid. Our only problem is CMF's running expenses. In this area, we ran behind in the latter part of 1983 and continued to run behind in 1984. Our present financial need is $15,000. If every person who receives the newsletter would sit down and write a check for ten dollars or more as the Holy Spirit leads, our financial need would be met. Will you prayerfully consider this and consider including CMF in your will.

In this latter regard, someone or a group of people who have benefitted from CMF and loved the Foundation over the years, could make it possible for the Bethesda Christian Medical Conference Center to be constructed. The plans for this center have already been completed. The stained glass windows are purchased and the water, electricity and other connections are in the ground ready to be connected. We have contacted Physicians to conduct seminars for doctors from United States, Canada and around the world, to instruct in the highest and best in their specialty with an emphasis on Christ and the Holy Spirit. Someone who receives this newsletter could make the Conference Center possible. The land for the Bethesda Center is already purchased, the zoning has been granted and everything is in readiness. May the Lord Jesus Christ through His Holy Spirit speak to the hearts of those who receive this letter and may God richly bless you as you pray about what God would have you do.

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TAPE OFFER

Our featured tape for this newsletter is "The Quickening Spirit" by W.S. Reed, M.D. and J. Robert Ashcroft Ph.D. Dr. Ashcroft is the president of Valley Forge Christian College.

In this tape Dr. Ashcroft and Dr. Reed discuss the need for the Spirit of Christ to be present in the Medical and Educational systems in order to bring life and true hope.

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BOOK OFFER

HEALING THE WHOLE MAN — MIND, BODY, SPIRIT, by William Standish Reed, M.D.. Published by Fleming Revell Power Books, the book is available through CMF or your local bookstore. You may contact CMF if you wish to obtain a copy. Please send $4.95 ($5.95 Canada) per copy plus postage and handling of $2.00.

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March 13 and 14, 1984  LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

"Your Spiritual Needs & Your Physician's Response"—Dr. Reed
PLACE: Way of the Cross Television Facility
TIME: Tuesday, March 13 7:00 p.m. (open to public)

AGLON—Kay Reed
PLACE: Springs Hotel, Harrodsburg Rd. Lexington
TIME: Wednesday, March 14 9:30 a.m.
CONTACT: Joan Brunes (606) 277-2543

Lecture to doctors, COS members — Dr. Reed
PLACE: Univ. of Kentucky Medical School (Main Lecture Hall)
TIME: Wednesday, March 14 NOON

"The Spiritual Nature and Needs of Our Patients"—Dr. Reed
(Dr. and spouses dinner meeting.)
PLACE: Radisson Hotel $12.50 per person
TIME: Wednesday, March 14 7:00 p.m.
For info. on the above meetings, call Christian Life Ctr. (606) 276-5302

March 17  CLEVELAND, OHIO

Third Annual Ohio Regional Conference—Dr. and Kay Reed
PLACE: Harley Hotel (South) 5300 Rocksides Rd., Independence, OH 44131
TIME: Saturday, March 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
CONTACT: Dr. Harry or Mariel Hall Off. (216) 886-3150 or home 845-0264

April 6 – 8  LAKEMOOD, FLORIDA

"Absolutes for Crisis Living"—Kay Reed
PLACE: Mennonite Women's Retreat, Lakewood Retreat, FL
TIME: Begins 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 6
CONTACT: Doris Horst - 955-3928

April 13 – 15  NEWARK, OHIO

Teaching Seminar—Dr. and Kay Reed
PLACE: Christ U.M. Church, 10 North Cedar Street, Newark
CONTACT: Church office - (614) 345-0360

April 21 – May 6  ENGLAND and SCOTLAND

DR. AND MRS. REED to join CARING PROFESSIONS CONCERN for Conference Series
2 Day Conference — Dr. and Kay Reed
DATES: April 21 and 22
PLACE: Plymouth, England

Conference with Caring Professions Concern
DATES: April 24 – 28
PLACE: Kinnel Hall, Abergale, Clwyd, N.Wales

Conference in Scotland
DATES: May 4 – 6
CONTACT: Caring Professions Concern
302 The Highway
London, E1 01-481-8072
OR: CMF of Tampa for details
CHRISTIAN PHYSICIANS WANTED

Family physician wanted: Christian partner is needed to aid in growing solo practice in Laurel, MD (outside D.C.) Should be Board eligible or Board certified in F.P.. Practice includes Gen. Practice, Internal Med., Pediatrics, and Gyn. as well as general nutrition and nutritional therapies. New attractive office, ideal for family environment. Please send resume: Paul V. Beals, M.D. 9101 Cherry Lane Park, Suite 205 Laurel, MD 20708

Spirit-filled Otolaryngologist head/neck surgeon needed to join colleague in Bryn Mawr, PA. Please contact: A. Joseph Woodring, M.D. F.A.C.S. Associates Bryn Mawr Medical Bldg. Suite 101 Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Christian F.P. to join growing practice in rural area. Unique opportunity in excellent area for raising a family. Interested in missions. Please contact: Alan Hunt, M.D. P.O. Box 2135 Wrightwood, CA 92397 Ph: (619) 249-3271

Need partner in Family Practice. Spirit-filled, Board certified, Osteopath. Extended hours in F.P. Clinic. Teach residents. Please contact: Scott Keller, D.O. CliNicCare 7575 Covington Hwy. Lithonia, GA 30058

Spicer, a resort city in farming area of West Central, Minnesota seeks a Family Practice physician. The clinic, in a shopping mall has offices for 2 doctors. Please contact: Marlys Orred Box 496 Spicer, MN 56288 Ph: (612) 796-2535

Woman OB/GYN physician to join two Certified Nurse-Midwives in low-risk practice. Well-established free standing Birth Center and nearby hospital where CNM’s have privileges. Please contact: Ruth Halvorson, CRN, CNM. Mt. Vernon Birth Center 321 E. Division Mt. Vernon, WA 98273 Ph: (206) 336-6683

POSITIONS DESIRED

I am 27 and in my last year at Marquette University. Upon graduation from dental school, I would like to associate in practice with a Christian dentist. Please contact: Mr. Joseph C. Ferraro 8500 West Grantosa Drive Milwaukee, WI 53225

Senior Psychiatry Resident about to complete training at University of Chicago, desires to affiliate in a private practice setting with another psychiatrist and/or multi-speciality mental health setting in a form of Christian ministry. Please contact: Kenneth P. Phillips, M.D. 458 W. Roslyn Place #1W Chicago, IL 60614 Ph: (312) 962-1552
Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel:

Spring has arrived in Florida and things are abuzz at the Littlest Angel. My buying trip was a success and fresh new stock is coming in daily. Beautiful silk flowers that defy description—really very unusual. Jan Harris from Little Rock is my flower buyer—and she does a terrific job!

At the Doctors' Conference in October, we sold every one. Our new stock is more beautiful than ever. One stem makes a beautiful arrangement. Let us select one for you in your color decor. You won't be sorry.

Remember when ladies carried handkerchiefs? Well—they are back and we have a lovely selection. Also, handdipped candles from Denmark, all in spring colors, as well as hand-engraved serving trays and many, many, other gift items. The Book Nook is brimming with selected books to help your Christian growth. We have some lovely crosses and other Christian items as well.

We will be happy to mail order your choice of books or gifts.

Remember, the Littlest Angel was created to help the running expenses of CMF. When you buy from us, you help the Foundation.

Until next time...Love,

Kay

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