

THE FORM

The last issue of the Syntonogram was delayed by the illness and death of the Director's father-in-law. As an organization, and individually, we express our heartfelt sympathy to Dr. McCormick and his family.

This is a postscript which was omitted from the last issue. Without doubt, we have members who do not read the Syntonogram (I can't blame them) so I'll back track just a little. The Forum editor described at some length a very annoying visual condition. A shower of Muscae-Volitonties and a developing polar cataract. The P.S. was intended to assure you that the statements were accurate and truthful. The shower of reflections and the cataract were eliminated within a period of five weeks. During that time the diet remained the same. No vitamins were taken and there was no change in the ingredients of the ginger ale. Syntonics and syntonics alone were used. The reason why I knew the statements to be true was obvious. The old Forum editor was describing his own visual problem. I am not very tolerant when a Syntonic case report includes ocular dynamics and all the bad optical techniques in the book.

In the last issue we had this question.

Q. When everything appears most favorable including health, heredity and cooperation, I have difficulty at times in even making the slightest dent in a cataract?

ANS. By Dr. Spittler. "Check for high blood sugar. Certain food allergies. Trauma and high concentration of acid or radiation".

Q. I am beginning to wonder if we as optometrists should be so concerned regarding diet? Can we legally prescribe a diet and by so doing have we improved the Opto.-Physician relationship?

ANS. Strange as this may seem the President has recently appointed a committee whose duties will include the above question. Also, the committee must edit any article for publication; any mass material to prospects; any requests for mailing lists; any publications on equipment or otherwise; any vital information relative to the College of Syntonics which is to be presented during the next Assembly. This is a responsibility which only a few members will care to attempt. To censure Syntonic material submitted for publication may back fire and cause a loss of membership or unpleasant relationships. It does appear that recently we have been annoyed by conditions or procedures which should have been taken care of a long time ago. I think that if every contributor would stop and make a few mental notes before submitting articles for publication, this committee could be eliminated.

1. What I am writing may go to prospects. Optometric Schools. Trade or professional publications as well as members.
2. Are we optometrists or legalized health authorities?
3. Is our primary interest in Optometry or to promote the sale of publication who thrive on the sale of vitamins, etc?
4. Make the work for this committee easy. Stick to Syntonics and Optometry. We are not called on to rescue humanity from an early grave. Our field is optometry. Let's leave it that way.
5. Your committee is bound to be unhappy and view your efforts with disfavor, if your contribution is not limited to the broad and interesting field of Optometry.

In the last issue we mentioned that our good friend from way down in Alabama was sending a "raspberry tree". Well it arrived and it is now being watched daily for signs of life. I think it will grow and I can report later.

I am looking forward with keen interest to the Pittsburgh Assembly June 2, 3 & 4. A good attendance will give us quite a lift. We need just that.

Your anonymous Forum Editor.