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BILL'S address to the American Psychiatric Association is now available in pamphlet form at five cents a copy. (Bill is the first layman ever to speak before this distinguished professional group.) Entitled "The Society of Alcoholics Anonymous," the address was read at the 105th annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Montreal. It appeared in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, November, 1949. Bill gives a brief account of his own release from drinking after being introduced to the principles later embodied in AA. He describes his own spiritual experience and discusses the vari-

eties of this basic aspect of the program as they occur in our fellowship. He tells of his meeting with Dr. Bob, of the early struggles and the later phenomenal growth of the society of alcoholics who had at last found a way out of their nightmare and were finding effective ways of passing the good news along to other alcoholics. Addressed to a professional group, this paper nevertheless makes easy reading; to quote from the pamphlet: "Being laymen, we have naught but a story to tell, hence the quite personal and unscientific character of this narrative." This seems a *must reading* for the well-informed AA.



Wallet cards, with the *Twelve Steps* printed on one side and the *Twelve Traditions* on the other, are now available at \$3.50 a hundred. These cards are laminated so they'll wear well.