

the channels of interstate commerce except to properly licensed pharmacists, under the strictest supervision.

Previous to the hearing, discovery was made that a surgical supply house was selling narcotics and poisons. A case was made, and after much delay and difficulty, a conviction was obtained in court, under the wholesale section of the law, upholding the contention and thereby strengthening the position of the Board of Pharmacy.

At the present writing, the Senate Committee has not reported on the bill; the dental supply houses are continuing their sales. The fact remains, and one for this Section to consider, as brought out at the hearing, that in other states there is no law prohibiting dental or surgical supply houses from selling all of the narcotics and poisons they desire. Therefore, I believe this question should be taken up and considered by the Section on Education and Legislation, State Boards of Pharmacy and State Pharmaceutical Associations, and an endeavor made to amend the present laws so that narcotics and poisons can only be sold by licensed pharmacists or under their supervision.

I believe it is clearly within the province of this Section to take up and consider this proposition, discuss it fully, and to recommend that all state laws be amended so as to prohibit the sale of drugs, poisons and narcotics, whether at wholesale or retail, except by licensed pharmacists, thereby closing all irregular avenues for supplying habit-forming drugs, except for legitimate use.

The medical, dental and veterinary laws are rigid and well enforced for the reason their respective organizations are giving their constant attention to what may affect their interests. The pharmacist of the past has neglected the opportunities offered along these lines; consequently he has suffered and has been made to stand the burden of many laws that are inadequate and burdensome; therefore, then, the time has arrived when he must look into these questions and use his influence through cooperation and association to obtain better laws and to protect and safeguard his interests.

THE DRUGGIST'S CONSCIENCE.

I believe I am not a pessimist, yet I believe the majority of men are in business to make money without regard to conscience or morality; otherwise the drug business would be conducted far differently than it is by the large majority of proprietors.

What proportion of stores do not sell emmenagogues, narcotics, such as morphine and laudanum, certain classes of rubber goods, baby syrups containing morphine, etc., without an order from a physician? And how many of the stores that do sell them would do so if the proprietor used his conscience?—*H. C. Blair in N. A. R. D. Notes.*