

tive work. The session will be presided over by the Chairman of the Legislative Committee and any druggist will have the privilege of the floor at this time.

"We have invited the president of every pharmaceutical association in the United States to send a delegate to attend that particular session. I want to invite all of you gentlemen, especially those who have never attended the N. A. R. D. to meet with us this year.

"While we do not go into the professional part of pharmacy, we do try to do everything we can for the retail druggist in a commercial way. We are officered by retail druggists for the interest of retail druggists, and our association was never in a better condition financially or in membership than at present."

T. V. WOOTEN: "I, too, have been much interested in the relation of the two organizations, the A. Ph. A. and the N. A. R. D. I am inclined to agree that there are so many things to be considered by the two organizations that it is almost impossible to form one organization that can adequately accomplish the business of both. It does seem feasible to me, however, that these two organizations should hold their annual meetings quite close together, if not the same week, then parts of two weeks which come together; one meeting the latter part of one week and the other the early part of the next week, or some similar plan."

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#### THE DRUGGIST'S PLAIN DUTY.

When a piece of drug merchandise is labeled "consumption cure" or "cancer cure" is it not at least as much the business of the druggist to know whether it is what it pretends to be and to refuse to offer it for what it is not, as it is the hardware man's business to know the difference between stamped sheet-iron, tinned, and block tin? And are there not "shoddy" goods in cod liver oil preparations that are as far from being true to label as their congeners in the dry goods world are from being first-class woven worsteds? Then what about the preparations advertised in the fake beauty column of the daily papers, the poisonous mercuric freckle removers, and the others which are positively harmful or just plain humbugs? That a great many people want, or think they want, these things, is true; that they expect the druggist to supply them is also true. A third truth which should be considered in this connection is that the public are influenced in their estimation of the value of such preparations by the attitude toward them taken by the druggist. The public believe, and have a right to believe, that the dealer is in a position to know, and does know, better than they the value of the goods he handles. If he endorses an article, actually or tacitly, he should know that it is worthy of his endorsement. If he knows, or feels, or has good reason to suspect, that the piece of merchandise asked for by a customer is not what the customer believes it to be, it is his duty as an honest merchant to advise the customer.—*Druggists Circular.*

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#### MORBID FAITHFULNESS TO DISCIPLINE.

"They tell us of the 'sublime nobleness' of the Roman soldier at Pompeii, whose skeleton was found centuries afterward, imbedded in the once molten lava which swept down upon the doomed city. He was still standing at one of the gates, at his post of duty, still grasping a sword in his crumbling fingers. His was a morbid faithfulness to a discipline from which a great convulsion of nature had released him. An automaton would have stood there just as long, just as boldly, just as uselessly."—*William George Jordan.*