

EDITORIAL

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HAVE FAITH IN PHARMACY.

RECENTLY one of the large dailies carried an editorial entitled "Have Faith in America," another editor wrote of "Inventory Time," and both editorials implied that the American who "sells the United States short" is steeped in foolishness. This is the time for retrospection, introspection and prospecting, hence the title chosen is a timely one for pharmacists. The greater opportunities before us require that the belief and faith in pharmacy be put into more general practice, and within ourselves is every factor for successfully carrying into effect the plans made at the two last annual meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

The purpose of extending the services of the Association is closely associated with that of establishing headquarters so that the work demanded may be systematically carried forward; it requires that the faith of the members and pharmacists generally be evidenced in the mission and greater opportunities of pharmacy.

The message following this comment, and outline of some of the activities for creating the Headquarters Fund, expresses faith based on what has been accomplished, what should be done, and what it is possible to do and will be done. It is the custom of human kind before entering upon a new or important undertaking to pause for a little space and "take stock"—to look back at the past and consider the future. So in the résumé of some Association achievements the past and present and the greater future for pharmacy receive thoughtful consideration; it embodies a confession of faith in pharmacy, a call to duty which implies to do no less than has been done, and reveals greater possibilities for pharmacy in which all pharmacists should have a part, by sharing the responsibilities and profiting by the opportunities.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Pharmaceutical Association held in Washington, December 7, it was planned to add to the Headquarters Building Fund Committee, of which James H. Beal is chairman, a Campaign Committee of which H. A. B. Dunning was named chairman. It is contemplated to raise \$500,000 which will provide for the building and equipment and an endowment fund for maintenance and promoting the activities of the Association.

The Headquarters Building Fund Committee consists of J. H. Beal, chairman, John G. Godding, Leonard A. Seltzer, E. L. Newcomb, Charles H. LaWall, William B. Day, H. S. Noel, Jeannot Hostmann, W. H. Zeigler, Joseph L. Lengfeld, E. F. Kelly, H. M. Whelpley, George W. McDuff, F. H. Freericks. Provision is also made for an Advisory Committee, to be composed of more than a hundred leaders of American pharmacy and representative of all of its phases.

The Campaign Committee consists of H. A. B. Dunning, chairman, E. F. Kelly, S. L. Hilton, E. L. Newcomb, W. Bruce Philip; publicity editor, E. L. Newcomb; director of propaganda, A. M. Hayes; business manager, F. C. Bortner; treasurer, E. F. Kelly; and a chairman for every State.

While some large gifts have been made and others are in prospect, it is expected that all pharmacists will avail themselves of the opportunity of contributing to the

fund. Gifts of \$100 or more may be divided in ten semi-annual payments covering a period of five years. Contributions from non-members of the A. Ph. A. of \$25 or more will entitle the contributor to one year's membership in the Association, and all members contributing \$1000 or more, will be entitled to a life membership. Some of the gifts made to the fund and building are noted on page 837 of the October JOURNAL A. PH. A.

The individual or the profession renders the greatest service that coöperates to give the largest number the greatest opportunity for development, contributing the best service to humanity and thereby adding to the wealth and health of civilization.

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THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

THE worth-whileness of the project to establish a Headquarters Building to permanently house the various activities of the American Pharmaceutical Association must be self-evident to anyone who stops to consider its past and present services to pharmacy.

It fathered and created the State pharmaceutical associations, and has been the constant and consistent champion of the organization of all branches of the drug trade.

It formulated the first pharmacy laws, and its model drafts have been the source of the material embraced in practically all the State pharmacy acts of the present day.

It rescued the "United States Pharmacopœia" from comparative obscurity, and possibly from complete oblivion, and it is largely due to its labors that this book has become the leading official standard for drugs and medicines of the present age.

It created the "National Formulary" out of a work of purely local importance, and brought order and system out of the chaos of conflicting formulas with which the drug trade was formerly afflicted.

It was responsible for the adoption of the United States Pharmacopœia and National Formulary as the legal standards of the Federal Food and Drugs Act, thereby saving the entire drug trade from the burden of bureaucratically created standards for drugs and medicines.

It has not selfishly sought to monopolize the entire field of drug organization, but has encouraged the formation of national associations representing the separate branches of the drug trade, and has cordially joined hands with those divisional organizations in advancing their special lines of work.

It called into existence the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy that already has done so much to standardize and bring order and system into State board examinations, and to make inter-state recognition of certificates general and practicable.

It created the National Drug Trade Conference, composed of representatives of all national drug trade organizations, that has been so largely successful in adjusting and preventing antagonism between the different branches of the trade,

and has afforded the means of presenting the claims of the drug trade as a unit mass at Washington.

Its 59 volumes of ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS, 6 volumes of the BULLETIN, 10 volumes of the YEAR BOOK, and 12 volumes of the JOURNAL embrace a total of over 65,000 printed pages, which can safely be said to constitute the most complete and comprehensive compilation of information relating to pharmacy and its allied branches issued by a single institution in the English language, if not in any language.

There is no field of pharmaceutical endeavor in which this Association has not labored diligently and effectively, and there is no individual or institution that produces, buys, sells or uses drugs and medicines that is not indebted to the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in greater measure than it can ever hope to repay.

Its work has been altogether altruistic, without desire or expectation of material reward, and has been accomplished by the self-sacrificing endeavors of a host of earnest laborers.

It is, therefore, altogether fitting that those who have received so much from the Association should contribute to a *Headquarters Building*, both to serve as a monument to the many unselfish members who have served the cause of pharmacy so efficiently and to provide the facilities that will enable the Association to render still broader and more valuable services to coming generations.

Among the facilities intended to be provided in the Headquarters Building are the following:

(1) Office quarters for the General Executive Officers and Editors of its various publications, with ample storage room for surplus volumes of PROCEEDINGS and other publications.

(2) Office space for the Executive Officers of such other national drug organizations as may desire to avail themselves of such facilities.

(3) An Historical and Research Library where there can be gathered and preserved for reference the literature pertaining to pharmacy, both past and present.

(4) An Historical Museum where can be preserved the scattered implements and articles showing the development of pharmaceutical art, and which without such a place of permanent preservation will be lost forever.

(5) One or more specially equipped Research Laboratories for the study of research problems connected with the revision of the "United States Pharmacopœia" and "National Formulary," or researches having any other direct and practical application to pharmacy.

At the close of the last annual meeting at Asheville, something over \$50,000.00 had been pledged towards this splendid project, which should be swelled to at least \$500,000.00 by the opening of the Convention at Buffalo in September next.

The particular city in which the proposed Headquarters Building is to be located has not yet been chosen but, in accordance with the democratic theory and practice of the Association, will be selected by a free vote of the entire membership after a consideration of the claims and advantages of the several cities that may seek to become the site of this splendid monument to American pharmacy.
