

# EDITORIAL

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## HOME FOR AMERICAN PHARMACY.

**A**N editorial of the *Pacific Drug Review*, of recent issue, states that the movement for establishing a Home for American Pharmacy has its enthusiastic and whole-hearted support and commends it earnestly to the attention of druggists everywhere. "What is proposed," the editorial continues, "is that pharmacy shall not only have a home but that this shall be the visible symbol of that which pharmacy means to the world. The urgent need of a headquarters such as it is now proposed to create has been repeatedly made manifest. But the opportunity now presented is far greater than the mere accumulation of steel, brick and concrete. It is a practical opportunity for united concentration of effort on the part of every drug interest in the country, including every individual. It is a golden opportunity to learn the real value of coöperation. Pharmacy in America will never make the progress that it should until we learn that true progress comes only when each puts his shoulder to the wheel and gives his best for the good of all."

This is the spirit that is evident in all pharmaceutical publications; there has been unanimity in action and a sincerity of purpose that have aided greatly in the promotion of the Headquarters Fund, the present showing of which is highly gratifying. When the work has been accomplished a great deal of credit will be due the pharmaceutical press, because of its enthusiastic and whole-hearted support.

Two of the presiding officers at the Buffalo meeting will be from the Pacific Coast and two from the East—Charles W. Johnson of the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties; Frank E. Mortenson of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; L. L. Walton of the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A.; and H. V. Army, President of the American Pharmaceutical Association. The American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties had its beginnings within the American Pharmaceutical Association; as Ex-President James H. Beal has so well said of the A. Ph. A.—"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 interstate 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."

Quoting Ex-President L. E. Sayre: "The American Pharmaceutical Association has naturally a unitizing influence. With the establishment of the Home for American Pharmacy, the A. Ph. A. will become to a certain extent automatically

the welder of never-before-connected drug activities—to the advantage of all units involved.”

Dr. Arno Viehoever in an editorial of the May JOURNAL A. PH A., p. 396, pointed out that as early as 1841 British pharmacists established a home, when the number supporting the movement was less than a thousand; he also briefly referred to some of the results accomplished. The home for American Pharmacy expresses pride in our own institutions, industries and American pharmacy in general.

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#### COÖPERATION OF THOSE ENGAGED IN THE MEDICAL ARTS AND SCIENCES.

**R**ESearch is bringing the laboratories of the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Schools—the hospitals and the pharmaceutical and chemical laboratories of the industries—into closer relations for more effective work in behalf of humanity, plant and animal life. The coöperation exists, but the fact should be more generally known and impressed. The public as a rightful beneficiary has a right to expect and investigate the coöperation of industries and professions, the service of pharmacies and of hospitals. E. H. Lewinski-Corwin, Ph.D., in a book about to be published, in which important hospital functions are discussed, says: “A hospital is more than a hotel for sick people; it is a social institution. Among its responsibilities that which pertains to the training of physicians, nurses and *other professional workers* is second only to the care and treatment of patients. The graduates of medical schools after the completion of their college course come to the hospitals as internes with the aim of obtaining experience and an opportunity to apply, under competent direction and guidance, the principles of medical science to the treatment of the sick. Unless this guidance be provided, a large part of the opportunity has been wasted, and the scientific attitude toward the problems of disease, which has been instilled in them during their medical course, is transmuted into mere routine performance of tasks.

“The hospital ‘history room’ should be a repository of carefully recorded medical experience which, when properly analyzed and coördinated, will enrich medical science. The hospital neglects its obligations if it does not provide a statistical service through which scientific correlations of facts can be worked out as a matter of routine by a competent medical statistician.”

The points are well presented; our comment is solely for the purpose of having pharmacy recognized in the service.

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#### THE COMMENCEMENTS—A WELCOME TO RECENT GRADUATES IN PHARMACY.

**A**MONG the many young men who have recently or will soon commence their professional or business life there is a relative number of pharmacists. Every graduate who goes out from an institution teaching pharmacy is either an asset or a liability to it and the profession for which he has been educated—the values may in a way be estimated; they cannot be determined definitely. Colleges or universi-

ties which are largely responsible for the education of these students continue to have more or less of an influence on the lives of those who have now become attached to the profession of pharmacy; at any rate, they are concerned in their welfare and good behavior. The students have been impressed with these facts and encouraged by counsel and advice to uphold the ideals of pharmacy.

We are prone to say that the necessity for adhering to a certain policy or teaching has never been greater; whatever the significance, it is probably safe to say that it is a repeated relative statement of our forefathers—they had their problems which were paramount in their time, and have been solved or thrown aside as faulty; we have ours, some of which disturb us; others are about to be solved, while our activities are productive of others; both our duties and opportunities are in the adjustment of them for our uplift and advancement and the better service of humanity.

The credentials given to the recent graduates in pharmacy not only testify to their educational qualifications, but also to their fitness for assuming professional obligations. The encouragement will be permitted—that they can best carry out the duties assumed by them, achieve success and contribute to the advancement of pharmacy and its service, by coöperating with those who now welcome them as associates and invite them to share in the work of local, state and national organizations. It is expected that many of the novitiates will prefer business to professional activities and so direct their efforts; all of the bodies referred to subserve these interests and within the American Pharmaceutical Association all the members of the represented associations have their "home." E. G. E.

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#### RAILROAD RATES TO THE BUFFALO MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Summer tourist rates are given in Board of Directors Letter, printed in this issue, p. 570.

Rates from other cities follow:

|               |         |              |         |               |         |
|---------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Wichita       | \$68.90 | Asheville    | \$49.85 | Memphis       | \$53.65 |
| Tulsa         | 65.60   | Atlanta      | 52.85   | Mobile        | 68.45   |
| Oklahoma City | 72.35   | Augusta      | 59.20   | New Orleans   | 73.60   |
| Fort Worth    | 80.30   | Charleston   | 58.23   | Savannah      | 64.33   |
| San Antonio   | 94.45   | Chattanooga  | 44.95   | Tampa         | 86.10   |
| Galveston     | 91.00   | Jacksonville | 72.40   | Winston-Salem | 45.05   |
| Dallas        | 80.30   | Knoxville    | 42.40   | Birmingham    | 53.20   |

Slightly lower rates can be obtained from Chicago and St. Louis on the Wabash, and New York on the Lehigh. Tickets must be validated at Niagara Falls.

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#### A STUDY IN PHARMACY.\*

##### NATURE'S PERCOLATION PROCESSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMATION AND EXCRETION OF DEW, VERSUS ARTIFICIAL PERCOLATION.

(Continued from p. 422, May issue.)

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\* The first part of this contribution by J. U. Lloyd ended on p. 422 of the May number, which please refer to so as to have the continuity. The article is continued on next page.