

EDITORIAL

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A SUCCESS—HOW MUCH GREATER SHALL IT BE?

BASED on the money already collected, the amount now pledged and the present status of the campaign, as shown by the official reports to the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association at Buffalo, it can be said that an A. Ph. A. Headquarters Building is assured.

The important question now is how much farther shall this great undertaking be carried in order to adequately serve Pharmacy in all of its divisions. The campaign so far has been a financial success, and an even greater success educationally, convincing almost every one connected with it, not only that an A. Ph. A. Headquarters Building is a necessity, but also that its scope and its possibilities are far greater than at first conceived.

The interest, as well as enthusiasm, shown at Buffalo by the state chairmen and others present who are bearing the brunt of the work, was remarkable. The general opinion was that the task now is to make the results of the campaign so representative in the number of subscribers and so conclusive in the amount raised that they will insure such a building, equipment and endowment as is required for the best interests of pharmacy.

The results so far obtained were carefully reviewed, the inevitable misunderstandings and mistakes were frankly discussed, and so far as possible corrected, and plans for the future were considered and perfected. As a consequence, it is correct to state that practically every one left the Buffalo meeting with the willingness to do everything possible to complete this job as soon as possible, and with best possible results for pharmacy.

The present status was considered to justify the appointment of a special committee of five, including Chairman H. A. B. Dunning of the Campaign Committee and Chairman J. H. Beal of the Headquarters Building Committee, to collect the necessary data and to formulate preliminary plans for the Headquarters Building. This work will require some time and very careful study, but its inauguration indicates that actual work on the building will begin as soon as the results of the campaign justify and, much more important still, when they show how much money will be available and, therefore, how nearly the headquarters can be made to meet all the needs now realized.

Pharmacy is thus engaged in an undertaking truly national in its representation, scope and influence, one that has already attracted public attention and that is expected to do more than any other so far undertaken, to favorably establish Pharmacy in the public estimation; that has for its sole purpose the strengthening of Pharmacy, *including every division of it*, and the safeguarding and improvement of the Public Health in which Pharmacy has a very important responsibility.

The sooner this undertaking is completed, the sooner will pharmacy realize these expectations.

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\$400,000 SUBSCRIBED TO THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND.

SEVENTY state chairmen and associates met in special session at Buffalo during the Convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association, reviewed the progress of the Headquarters Building Campaign and pledged themselves to complete this great project at an early date.

The meeting was presided over by Chairman J. H. Beal, of the A. Ph. A. Headquarters Building Committee. Chairman Beal was assisted by Chairman H. A. B. Dunning of the Campaign Committee and Publicity Director E. L. Newcomb.

Chairman Beal outlined the organization of the general Headquarters Building Committee, and the results of work done during the first two years. He then referred to the work of the Campaign Committee by H. A. B. Dunning and E. L. Newcomb. He called attention to the fact that the campaign had assumed an "All Pharmacy" character and then introduced Dr. Newcomb who spoke on the work of the Publicity Department. In discussing the publicity work Director Newcomb paid a tribute to the splendid coöperation which has been given by the pharmaceutical journals. The publicity work which has been done was outlined. Attention was called to the fact that thousands of letters were now being sent out by state association officers, state chairmen, and others, urging pharmacists everywhere to give the undertaking full and liberal support.

Chairman H. A. B. Dunning spoke on the splendid work being done by the state chairmen in different states and outlined the method of organization. He gave in detail the manner in which all subscriptions and correspondence were handled. The opportunity for American Pharmacy was stressed and attention called to the large number of subscriptions already received from the different branches of the drug industry. He emphasized the fact that no attempt whatever was being made to consolidate all, or even part, of the national drug organizations into one association, but rather the undertaking was to produce a building and the machinery for the improvement and in so far as possible the correlation of the work of the different associations.

State chairmen from some twenty states made brief reports on the progress of the campaign in their respective states. Ideas were exchanged and arrangements made with the Publicity Director for assistance where needed. Full confidence was expressed by all, that now pharmacists have come to realize the great usefulness of the Headquarters Building, the entire sum of \$1,000,000 would be raised during the coming year.

Other representatives who participated in the discussion were equally enthusiastic in their expressions relative to the Headquarters; some gained points of value for the continuation of their efforts to assist in bringing up the quota of their respective states; some had not fully realized the great importance of the work but were now fully convinced and pledged their most active support; the enthusiasm that prevailed was general and the meeting was full of interest and gave encouragement to everyone present. The committeemen were well pleased with the meeting and felt assured that further impetus was given by this conference in which were represented the various divisions of the pharmaceutical activities.

The Committeemen passed a motion requesting the General Secretary of the A. Ph. A. to send an official communication to each of the ten national drug associations, requesting approval of the project. The American Pharmaceutical Association adopted the resolutions herewith:

RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE PHARMACY HEADQUARTERS CAMPAIGN.

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the State chairmen engaged in the Pharmacy Headquarters Campaign under the auspices of the American Pharmaceutical Association held in the City of Buffalo, August 27, 1924, the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved that the Secretary of the American Pharmaceutical Association be directed to send a communication to each of the ten National drug associations expressing the hope that each will approve, and will become active in promoting the success of the Pharmacy Headquarters Campaign now being conducted under the auspices of the American Pharmaceutical Association for the purpose of purchasing a site, erecting and equipping a permanent Headquarters Building for the American Pharmaceutical Association, which will serve all phases of pharmaceutical interests.

Be it further Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to furnish a carefully prepared statement giving information respecting the purposes of this great project.

THE BUFFALO CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

WITH the wonderful progress now being made in American Pharmacy, even a brief review of the recent pharmaceutical meetings is impossible and only a few outstanding matters can be touched upon in this running comment. The proposed Headquarters of the American Pharmaceutical Association was the topic of general discussion—on other subjects the interest of members was divided; some had a larger part in one section and others in another, but the Headquarters was the one issue in which all in attendance were interested; the project concerns all of them, and their enthusiasm found expression in every meeting in the lobby, and at the table. The "experience" meeting reported in another article gives only an outline of what was said and done at a conference of State Chairmen, to which all in attendance were invited—there were so many to be heard that all speakers were brief in their remarks, but there was the evidence of "pep" of determination, to bring the Headquarters Fund to the Million Dollar goal before convention time at Des Moines, in 1925. An analysis of Chairman H. A. B. Dunning's report will be found in the minutes of the Council, printed in this issue of the JOURNAL.

The convention in Buffalo provided for more preliminary meetings than ever before in the Association's history. On Thursday, August 21, a Pharmaceutical Laboratory Conference was held at Foster Hall of the University of Buffalo; mention of a few of the subjects considered must suffice instead of comment. Those who participated were laboratory instructors, workers or directors, and that the closing session adjourned after midnight speaks for the interesting program on—"Training Laboratory Aids," "Methods Followed in Teaching Actual Dispensing," "Model Prescriptions," "Incompatibles," "The Value of Hospital Affiliation," "Laboratory Desk Arrangement," "Handling Supplies," "Power Machinery Suitable for Retail Manufacturing," "Grading Preparations," "The Manufacturing

Pharmaceutical Laboratory for College Teaching," "Laboratory Furniture and Arrangement."

Pharmacognosists, botanists and others in related lines of work met for discussion of matters relating to these branches and made arrangements for a laboratory seminar during a week prior to the A. Ph. A. convention in Des Moines.

The third annual meeting of the National Conference of Pharmaceutical Research was held on Saturday, August 28. The reports of the ten standing committees on—"Dispensing Pharmacy," "Manufacture of U. S. P. and N. F. Galenicals," "Standardization of U. S. P. and N. F. Galenicals," "Manufacture of Medicinal Chemicals," "Standardization of Medicinal Chemicals," "Sources and Identification of Botanic Drugs," "Standardization of Botanic Drugs," "Chemistry of Drug Plants," "Biological Products," "Business Research in Pharmacy"—gave the participants a full day of intensive work and discussion. The incumbent officers were reelected. A well-deserved tribute was paid by the Conference to Dr. H. H. Rusby by the adoption of the following resolution:

We, the undersigned members of the NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH, have been authorized by the conference to extend to you its greetings in the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, after having accomplished the great feat of exploring the Amazon Basin in quest of new species of plants, you have nobly proceeded with the task of classifying and describing a huge collection containing many new forms previously unknown to science, and

WHEREAS, in the face of extreme obstacles, you have labored modestly, incessantly and heroically upon your collection, observing and recording data of fundamental character,

Be it Resolved that we highly value and appreciate the work you have thus far so ably carried on, a task which is of marked significance to pharmaceutical research, since it will open the way for many future investigations of allied character.

Signed, HEBER W. YOUNGKEN, *Chairman*,
P. HENRY UTECH, E. L. NEWCOMB,
Committee, N. C. P. R.

The annual meetings of the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties and National Association of Boards of Pharmacy were well attended and represent a volume of work that requires much more than a comment for mention; both are in a way reported by the respective presidential addresses printed in this issue of the JOURNAL.

The attendance at the Buffalo meeting was not as large as many had expected, but certainly every one present participated in the sessions of the Association and its sections. Although, at times, three sections were convened during the same hours there were always a number in attendance, with practically every seat taken during some of the meetings.

The opening session of the Association was called to order Tuesday, August 26, by President H. V. Army. Few associations, with as long a list of Ex-Presidents, can show such a general attendance of past officers as the American Pharmaceutical Association; only two Ex-Presidents, by election, were absent—the veteran member Joseph L. Lemberger, 91 years of age, whose condition of health would not permit of the journey, and the loss of his mother, by death, prevented the attendance of Ex-President Julius A. Koch. Honorary President W. L. DuBois, 86 years of age, and the veteran of the Ex-Presidents, John Uri Lloyd, were seated with other past officers and officials on the stage; there were with them also, Prof. George A.

Burbridge and Mr. Alexander Stewart of Canada, and Dr. I. M. Kolthoff of Holland, who was elected an honorary member.

The address of President Army is printed in this issue; in its general divisions he discussed the American Pharmaceutical Association, its operative agencies, its affiliations, its publications, its achievements and its problems and, finally the Pharmacy Headquarters. Many subdivisions were dealt with in this comprehensive address and speak for most careful study by the President. The transactions of the General Sessions were handled with dispatch by the latter and Secretary Wm. B. Day, so that no unnecessary delay was occasioned. A like record was made in the House of Delegates and, as a result, much business was expeditiously carried through in regular order by Chairman L. L. Walton; there were present 48, or more, voting delegates, exhibiting a growing interest. Other details must be left to the minutes which record the transactions of the General Sessions and the House of Delegates and will be published in the October issue of the JOURNAL.

The Sections held profitable sessions. The Scientific Section considered its papers under subdivisions as outlined in the program of a prior issue of the JOURNAL. Among the contributors may be mentioned Dr. I. M. Kolthoff of Holland, who was present. The Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing held a joint session with the former; one session was devoted largely to hospital pharmacy; among the reports heard by this section were those of Chairman Lascoff of the A. Ph. A. "Book of Unofficial Formulas," whose presentation was enhanced by an exhibit of a hundred or more preparations made according to the formulas, and of Chairman W. L. Scoville of the National Formulary Committee. The Section on Education and Legislation received a number of contributions; the report of Secretary Mansfield and the paper by W. F. Rudd have statistical value. The Section on Commercial Interests devoted the greater part of two sessions to the discussion of a questionnaire submitted to retail pharmacists as outlined on p. 661 of the July JOURNAL. The Section on Historical Pharmacy gave further consideration to the History of American Pharmacy and the authors are now constituted a committee with Clyde L. Eddy as the presiding Editor. No attempt has been made to make a comparison of the activities of these Sections; only brief mention is possible in this comment; the minutes and papers will speak of the transactions, all of which proved interesting and profitable for those in attendance.

The Ebert Prize was awarded to Henry V. Army for his work on "Standardized Colored Fluids"—the contribution on pp. 839-849, JOURNAL for 1923, is the ninth of a series of papers on the subject. The presentation was made by Chairman Paul S. Pittenger of the Scientific Section. The presentations of grants from the A. Ph. A. Research Fund were made by President Army to Dr. David I. Macht and John C. Krantz Jr., jointly, and Dr. Charles C. Haskell.

The general entertainment features included the President's Reception; a beautifully illustrated lecture on native plants used in medicine by Prof. William Mansfield, was open to the general public; Saturday was spent at Niagara Falls; other entertainment features were enjoyed by the ladies during the week. The hotel service was of a high order. Local Secretary Gregory and his co-workers managed affairs without a hitch and contributed largely to the success of the seventy-second annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

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