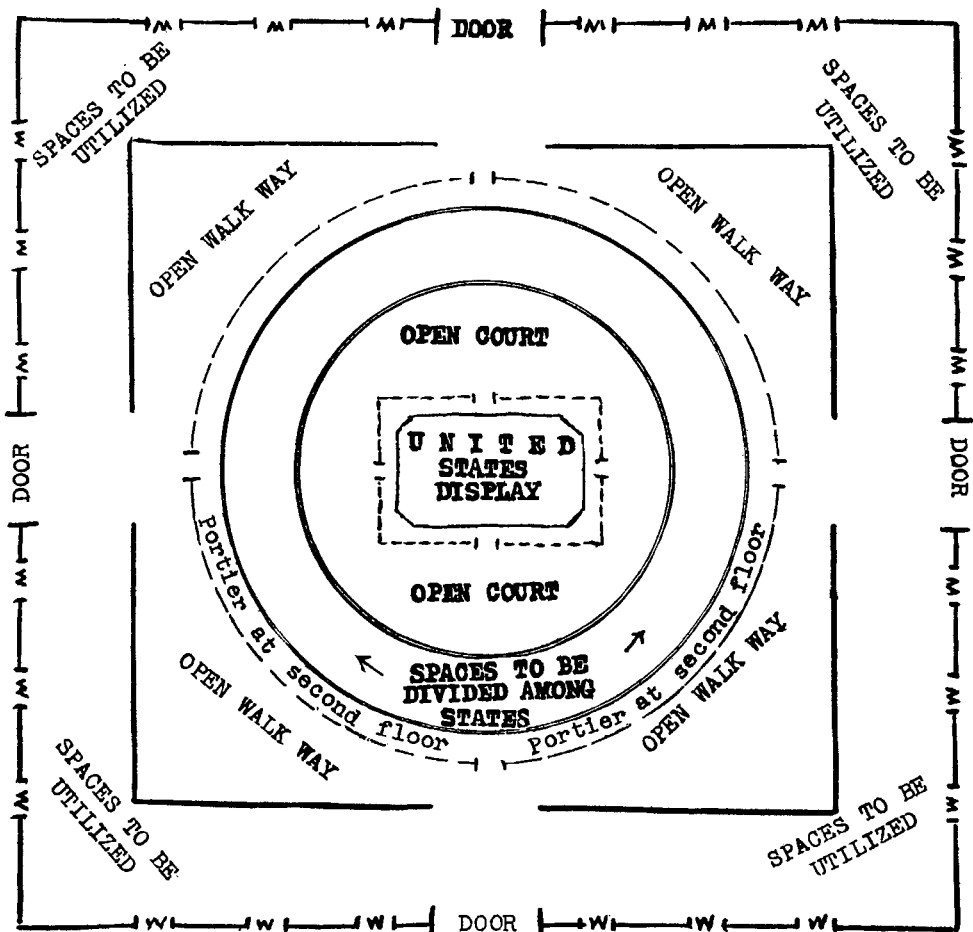


The A. Ph. A. Headquarters signifies a central place for pharmaceutical research work, for pharmaceutical historical data, for a national pharmaceutical library, for national pharmaceutical publicity, and for a national pharmaceutical museum.—*Otto J. S. Boberg.*



A Plan for Museum of A. Ph. A. Headquarters

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A NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL MUSEUM.

ITS VALUE AND IMPORTANCE TO ALL BRANCHES OF PHARMACY.

BY JOSEPH JACOBS.

It was my privilege and pleasure to be present at the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association at Asheville, in 1924, at which time the suggestion of erecting and maintaining a Pharmaceutical Headquarters Building was made, and my voice and vote were heartily joined in the unanimous resolution which inaugurated this movement.

The general approval which this suggestion has elicited from every organized unit of pharmacy and from the elements of the profession at large, has called forth the naming of nearly every species of benefit that might arise from the success of this undertaking.

Hence, I will confine my remarks to a discussion of what might be accomplished by a special effort to build up a complete and instructive Museum of Pharmacy within such a building and in connection with the other features that will afford profit to our profession and promote the general welfare of our country.

An architectural idea is submitted which, I think, should be considered by those who are to make and decide upon the structure and character of the building. (A very rough, outline, drawing accompanies this, which embodies the basic purpose of the plan.) Either under the main roof of the building, or in a structure attached to and forming a part of the whole, there should be a room, either of quadrilateral or square form, or conforming in external exposure to the arrangement within, a series of storage sections, each being a place for exhibits for the States of our Union, which should be divided—the larger states will require one or more sections, and some of the smaller states one section or less.

In suggesting this arrangement it is thought that friendly rivalry and competition between the various States of the Union, enlisting state pride and love,

would conduce to a contest that will encourage a display of the natural drug resources of all the states.

This would impress our own pharmacists, and especially student pharmacists, as an object lesson of the nature and character of our government, "E Pluribus Unum."; and a real education for visitors from foreign countries, relative to its unity and dignity.

At each of the state displays should be catalogues, descriptive brochures and other pertinent literature calculated to explain and emphasize the value of these exhibits.

The custodian of these exhibits could arrange all the articles in such a way as to show successively those items that would fall into the classes—historical, educational, botanical, and relating to processes and every other variation.

Space should be allotted in the center to a display by the national government, of a character conforming to the activities of our profession and business, in the way of patents, trademarks, and proprietary provisions; and here also, specimens, books, pamphlets, or other matter obtained from foreign countries relating to drugs and medicines. The United States display should be administered by government supervision.

Such a Museum, the writer believes, would call forth an interest as wide as our great country, and, in time, should become the depository of a display that would prove of universal educational value, increasing the knowledge of all and adding to the patriotic pride and fervor of all our people.

THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WILL SOON BE A REALITY.

BY CHARLES H. LAWALL.

Slowly but surely, as the returns come in and the possibilities are checked up, the Headquarters Building for American Pharmacy is looming up as a definite reality. Those who have never been connected with organized efforts to raise money for a building or an endowment, those who are merely the contributors, have no realization of the amount of self-sacrificing work that is done by the individuals who direct the campaign—then too, there is gratification at the size of the fund that has been pledged. No professional or scientific organization has ever done the like before—to obtain pledges aggregating nearly half a million dollars without the need of selling bonds is an unusual achievement in itself.

At the next meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in Des Moines, in August, we should be prepared to plan our building, select the site and then, on the basis of a project actually under way, have a whirlwind clean-up which will assure us of an adequate endowment for its perpetual upkeep in spite of fluctuations in membership or other causes of variation in income.

But the Building will do more than this. It will center the eyes of the professional and scientific world upon pharmacy and will add new lustre to our organization which has done so much for pharmacy in the past and can still do so much more for pharmacy in the future.

All Hail the Headquarters Building for American Pharmacy; may 1925 see the conclusion of our intensive efforts and the consummation of our hopes and dreams.