

the "dead beat" way, paying for the service for the public, who might as well expect us to pay their gas, milk and meat bills.

I emphasize the work of Mr. Henry, a diplomatic, tactful official of the N. A. R. D. and am frank to admit that as a diplomat I am a fizzle. I rather prefer a fight in the open than a smooth process of persuasion, but it seems that the blend of these two proceedings worked well. The druggists now do not have to pay a flat rate, in most cases have to guarantee a certain amount and on all receipts over that sum receive a commission.

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### THE CHICAGO VETERAN DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.\*

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The Section on Historical Pharmacy of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION should not only record history, but should make history, and this is my notion of doing it.

The commercial interests of the drug trade are being taken care of very efficiently by the great N. A. R. D. The intellectual interests are in charge of the pharmaceutical colleges and handled so forcefully that the "standard" has been raised so high that it takes a strong telescope to see the tail end of the dear thing.

In 1898 Chicago launched a veteran druggists' association, taking care of the sentimental interest of the craft, and that's where your Section should come in to *make* history. Blast the bugle call to all *city* and *state* associations who have not already started veteran associations to do so at once.

We found in Chicago when T. N. Jamieson conceived the organization of the C. V. D. A. that the druggists who had been in business for over twenty-five years would have become estranged had they not met regularly for the purpose of keeping the home fires burning. They would, perhaps, meet occasionally on the street, ask "How do you do" and hardly have time to tell each other "how they *did*." Since we have our regular weekly Round Table of the C. V. D. A. we are so interested in each other that we have an average of 80 per cent of our membership at each meeting. We decorate the members and celebrate the anniversaries of their births during the week on which they occur, taboo discussion of religious, political and business topics and gather old records for the future historian of pharmacy by filing our biographies and photos. We attend funerals of our members in a body and drop a carnation—just one—as a last tribute to our deceased member. The carnation was made our emblem by our gracious patroness, Mrs. Jamieson, when she decorated us at our first meeting.

No discord has ever marred the symphony of our lovefeasts and our platform has proved such an iron wall against disharmony that we went through the terrible World War without a break in our platform, although our members being made up largely of American citizens of foreign descent had friends on both sides of that deplorable holocaust.

Therefore, my brethren, be ye steadfast and immovable and abound in the work for love, friendship and humanity by going to it in the cause of veteran druggists' associations.

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