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## ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF PHARMACY.

BY WILFORD HARRISON.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy:*

I am pleased to greet you in convention assembled on this the twenty-fourth birthday of our organization, and to here give you an account of my stewardship as your President for the year just closing.

First of all, however, I feel that I should here pause and pay tribute to one who has crossed to the realms of the Great Beyond; to one whose going can but remind us that in the midst of life comes death. One whose memory we cherish and whose honor we revere has crossed the narrow isthmus that marks the dividing line between earthly life and that mystic land beyond the dark and solemn veil called death. Friends, I refer to an adopted son of the great Commonwealth of Missouri, Henry Milton Whelpley, from whose fertile and tireless brain came the idea upon which this organization was founded. Nearly a quarter of a century ago this genius, whose busy hands are stilled, set forth in clear-cut terms the things that should be done collectively by the boards of pharmacy of the United States of America. This idea was the acorn planted by a handful



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of the pioneers of pharmacy from which has grown the sturdy oak that you behold to-day. Although the pharmacists of the nation and the city of St. Louis may

erect a marble shaft that pierces the great blue dome and stands as a sentinel on the path of flying years, it can never compare with the monuments that Dr. Whelpley erected to himself in the hearts of men.

In every niche and corner of this continent may be found those who mastered the art and science of our craft under the tutorship of this good man to whom the pharmacists of this country owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid. Although famed as an educator, known around the world as a teacher, and praised for his wonderful knowledge he remained a student to the day of his death, claiming always that pharmacy is progressive and that eternal vigilance is the price of proficiency in its practice. Called from his labors by an All-wise Creator at the very noontide of his usefulness, we can but mourn his loss to our profession, to the drug industry, and to the people of a nation.

His lovable character, his self-sacrificing life, and his interest in the young men and women of pharmacy have been imprinted in the hearts of those who knew him and he has left behind a memory that will endure through the years. I realize that my attempt to pay tribute is futile and without force when compared to the testimony of students everywhere in America, who speak as one man in praise of the character of Henry Milton Whelpley, a beacon light of pharmacy.

Within this city, the commercial metropolis of the Missouri Valley, is located the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, the oldest school in the Middle West, an institution that has wielded a far-reaching influence in the advancement of pharmacy for over sixty years, and where for many years the late Dr. Henry Milton Whelpley presided as Dean. It is indeed fitting that this organization and the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in its seventy-fifth convention—Diamond Jubilee—should hold their sessions in this city at this time.

#### AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR.

The Executive Committee held its annual meeting in the Secretary's office in May. After a thorough inspection of the Secretary's office and a check of his records, we were pleased to find the affairs of the Association in a healthy and prosperous condition. From the number of requests for information on every conceivable phase of pharmacy that are asked of the Secretary's office, and the fund of information available through that office, it is conclusive that this Association, during the past year, has more than ever before become a recognized factor in the pharmaceutical field. We are indeed fortunate in having as Secretary of this organization one of the best posted men in America on pharmacy in all of its phases. The growth and prestige of this organization is in the greatest measure due to the capable and efficient manner in which the Secretary's office has been handled.

I will not attempt to go into detail in regard to our financial condition as this will be fully covered in our Treasurer's report. Our total cash balance on hand June 30, 1927, was \$18,177.71 which, together with office equipment and advances, gives us total assets of approximately \$22,550.00. You will note that the Association's cash balance is not as large as it was a year ago. This can be attributed to two causes: First, to the increased expenses in connection with the holding of five district meetings during the past year. These meetings were all joint conferences of the members of boards and college faculties and the results of these meetings fully justify the expenditures. The second cause in the decrease of our

cash income from the previous year was the decrease in the number of reciprocity applications issued to one State, namely, Florida. During the year 1925-1926 because of the influx to that State, something like three hundred applications were issued to Florida above the normal number. Taken as a whole, the year just closed has been a normal year, as far as receipts are concerned. In fact, the number of applications for reciprocity issued exceeded the years 1924 and 1925.

During the year one State, New Jersey, has been added to the active membership of this Association. We greet you heartily, New Jersey, and congratulate you because you have availed yourself of the privilege of membership in this organization which is dedicated to the advancement of pharmacy to that economic position which it, as a profession, so justly deserves. We sincerely hope that during the coming year the three remaining States, California, New York and Rhode Island, will find some solution of the difficulties, whether imaginary or real, that have prevented them from joining hands with this Association. Without doubt, prompted by a spirit of fairness to his fellow man, there originated in the fertile brain of the founder of this organization the idea of reciprocal relations between State boards of pharmacy, that those who had dedicated their lives to this ancient and honorable profession might be relieved of any unnecessary embarrassment or anguish should they, in the pursuit of their profession or, perchance, even in pursuit of a livelihood, desire to change their abode to another State. With this thought in mind, I appeal to those holding the balance of power in those States which remain without our ranks, to weigh this matter from this angle, rather than to be prompted by any other motives whatsoever they might be.

#### DISTRICT MEETINGS.

There were a greater number of district meetings held this year than in any other year in the history of the Association. The following districts held meetings:

District No. 2, Philadelphia, Pa., March 10th and 11th; A. C. Taylor, Chairman.

District No. 3, Indianapolis, Ind., May 6th and 7th; Bernard M. Keene, Chairman.

District No. 4, St. Paul, Minn., February 9th; Hugo Peterson, Chairman.

District No. 6, Kansas City, Mo., April 12th and 13th; A. H. King, Chairman.

District No. 9, Sacramento, Calif., May 20th; A. G. Hulett, Chairman.

The Chairmen of these districts are to be commended for their untiring efforts resulting in so many very successful meetings. We are also indebted to Dean D. B. R. Johnson, President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and to those serving as vice-chairmen of the respective districts of the colleges, for their splendid coöperation in making these meetings so beneficial. The meetings differed somewhat this year from those previously held in that they were joint meetings of the boards and college faculties. From the reports that have been received all of the meetings were very helpful to the progress of pharmacy in that they created a much better understanding between the boards and colleges. At the proper time the chairman of each district will be called upon for a report of the meeting in his district.

#### LEGISLATION.

During the early part of this year, forty-four State Legislatures held sessions with the usual result that only a few States were successful in enacting any legis-

lation that would advance the progress of pharmacy. California, District of Columbia, Delaware and Wisconsin were successful in having laws enacted requiring college of pharmacy graduation for entrance to examination for registered pharmacists. Michigan and Pennsylvania were successful in having Ownership Laws enacted. I will not attempt to go into detail concerning the accomplishments of those States which were successful in enacting beneficial legislation, as this will be fully covered in the report of the Legislative Committee.

It has always been difficult to enact constructive legislation, due, no doubt, to the complexity of our legislative bodies. But the fact that pharmacy has suffered from the lack of such legislation should not be discouraging.

As a rule, those working for the enactment of pharmacy legislation incorporate too many propositions in one law. While there are many features that would be desirable in all States, such as an ownership clause, limiting the sale of drug store items to drug stores, and other features that would safeguard the professional side of pharmacy, experience has proven that it is impossible to incorporate all of these features in any one law and have it enacted. Those States contemplating an entire new law should follow as closely as possible the Model Law as outlined by this Association, with such variations as may be necessary to meet local conditions. Any State that is successful in the enactment of a pharmacy law that will require college of pharmacy graduation for entrance to examination for registered pharmacist and a law that will provide alternating terms for its board members, which will as nearly as possible take the board out of politics, has indeed not only made wonderful strides from a legislative standpoint, but also has established a foundation to which other desirable features may be added by amendment as the situation may demand. If the pharmacy law of your State is as a whole satisfactory and will stand the tests of the courts, it will be far easier to incorporate by amendments those propositions which are desirable and which you do not have, than to attempt the enactment of an entire new law.

There are thirty-one States which now have enacted laws requiring college graduation, and four States requiring some college attendance. Those States which do not have such legislation are placed at a disadvantage, not only in the matter of reciprocity with other States, but also in their inability to keep pace with the advancement of pharmacy. The longer those States delay, the more difficult it is going to be to enact needed legislation. It is more difficult now to enact prerequisite legislation than it was before the three-year course was adopted, and it is going to be even more difficult when the four-year course is adopted, which is inevitable.

#### AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION Headquarters project is another step nearer completion. By a very close vote, Washington, D. C. was selected as the location for this building which will stand as a monument to pharmacy. Regardless of our preference in the selection of a site for this magnificent building the city selected was the choice of a majority and all members should now give their hearty support and cooperation toward the completion of the project. The importance and necessity for the establishment of an All-Pharmacy Headquarters has never been questioned; it did require a great deal of courage and foresight on

the part of those who fostered the idea. Such a building will unite more closely all the interests of pharmacists. It will do much toward the development of scientific commercial and educational pharmacy and the development of uniform legislative requirements.

#### THE CHARTERS' SURVEY.

Prompted by the incentive to determine "What Pharmacists Should Know," a survey extending over a period of three years by Dr. W. W. Charters and his co-workers was made possible through the good offices of the Commonwealth Fund. The report is now available in book form entitled, "Basic Material for a Pharmaceutical Curriculum." Quoting from the introductory section: "The content of this curriculum has been derived functionally from a study of the needs of the profession. The functional approach is objective. Completely applied, it accepts the opinion of no one person or group of persons. It seeks to determine with care and exactness the duties of the profession, and by objective methods to derive with accuracy and definiteness of detail the facts and principles necessary for the mastery of these duties. Such is its ideal—to substitute fact for opinion."

Owing to the general adoption of the three-year course, and the advent of the U. S. P. X and the N. F. V, the report undoubtedly comes at a very opportune time and will be of great value to the Syllabus Committee in outlining the minimum standard curriculum in the three-year college course for the new Syllabus. This book should be also of great assistance to board members in preparing their examinations, to advanced students of pharmacy, and to every retail druggist.

The proposed survey to cover the commercial or business side of pharmacy has been unavoidably delayed. This survey, which will undoubtedly prove as valuable to pharmacy as the survey of the professional side will, in all probability, be started this year with the anticipation that it will be completed in time for the Syllabus Committee to make use of it in determining the minimum requirements, in this respect, for the three-year course. All will agree that there are certain fundamentals of business training just as essential to successful pharmacy as professional training.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

It is with extreme regret that each year when this convention assembles it becomes our sad duty to call the roll of our friends and co-workers who have finished their earthly work and passed to their reward. Since our last meeting we have been called upon to mourn the passing of five of our beloved members:

James L. Avis, Harrisonburg, Va., February 3, 1927

Francis J. Hedquist, Provo, Utah, March 4, 1927

B. H. Newmayr, Vermilion, So. Dakota, December 14, 1926

Chas. E. Huhn, Minneapolis, Minn., May 24, 1927

Robt. L. Morland, Worthington, Minn., October 21, 1926

At the appropriate time during a later session fellow board members will be called upon to pay tribute to those departed to their final reward.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

At the recent meeting of the second Pan-American Standardization Conference in Washington, the metric weights and measures were endorsed as the standard. It was brought to the attention of this Conference that all American Republics are on the metric basis in trade except the United States. Testimony presented to the delegates by the Metric Association and the All-American Standards Council also pointed out that complete standardization of commodity units will not be possible in trade between the United States and these other American Republics until the metric units are the legalized standards used by all. With this condition existing, and in view of the fact that such organizations as the American Chemical Society, National Research Council, National Wholesale Grocers' Association, American Institute of Architects, American Home Economics Association, and many others, are active in the advocacy of metric standardization for the United States, I believe that it would be well for this Association to go on record as favoring the early adoption by the United States of the decimal metric system of weights and measures as the only legal standard.

The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has accomplished, directly and indirectly, more for the upbuilding of pharmacy in America than any other organization. It is the mother association of nearly all pharmaceutical associations. In order that it may continue to serve pharmacy and serve it well, it needs the loyal support and coöperation of every member of this Association, and I would recommend that every member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, who is not now a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, affiliate by membership with our parent association, and in this small way at least acknowledge our debt of gratitude for the invaluable services rendered. Every member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION receives a copy of the JOURNAL, a monthly publication of that ASSOCIATION. The department maintained in the JOURNAL by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy contains items and news of great value to board members.

With the advent of the U. S. P. X and N. F. V and the adoption of the three-year course, the Dr. W. W. Charters report, "Basic Material for a Pharmaceutical Curriculum," should be of great assistance to board members in preparing their examination questions, and I should like to recommend that each board member procure a copy of this report.

With the resultant good that has been derived from the district meetings this year, which were in reality joint conferences of the boards and college faculties, I cannot help but express the desire that, unless prevented by unforeseen difficulties, these joint conferences be held in each of our nine districts during the coming year.

## CONCLUSION.

This report is but a brief résumé of the more important happenings during the year. I will not burden you with innumerable details, nor consume your time discussing less important things with which you are, no doubt, familiar either through the trade journals or other sources of information.

I am indebted to the officers, chairmen and members of committees and many individual members for the assistance to and courtesies extended me during the

year. In my humble way I have tried to merit the confidence reposed in me. Your loyal support, coöperation and assistance have made possible the accomplishments of the year. This Association is a recognized factor in the creation of uniform and higher educational standards. May it continue to function so efficiently that we will ultimately reach the goal of uniform legislation and educational standards in all the States.

### BOARD OF PHARMACY NEWS ITEMS.

**Delaware.**—As a result of the July examination of the Delaware Board, five out of a class of six candidates were granted certificates as Registered Pharmacists, and two out of six applicants were successful in passing for the Assistant's certificate.

The next examination meeting will be held at Newark on October 5th.

John O. Bosley, of Wilmington, the present Secretary of the Board, has been reappointed by Governor Robinson for a term of five years, dating from July 1, 1927.

**District of Columbia.**—Twelve of the fifty-eight candidates taking the July examination were successful in passing and have been granted certificates.

The following reciprocal applicants were granted licenses: Huiet Caldwell, of South Carolina; Hugh E. Hudson and Miss Schulammith Schneider, of Virginia; Joseph J. Sparr, of Massachusetts; Wm. H. Winkler and William Marchofsky, of Pennsylvania; John H. D. Hogan, of Texas; Samuel F. Jeffries, of Indiana; Wilbert J. Eblen of Tennessee; George L. Marten, of West Virginia; Ryel I. Dubin, of Illinois; Arthur W. Morrison, of Florida; Isaac I. Siegel, of Georgia.

**Illinois.**—Of the 81 candidates who took the June examination for Registered Pharmacist, 52 were college graduates and 28 were non-graduates exempted under the law. A total of 28 was successful—24 being graduates and 4 non-graduates. Of the 63 candidates for the Assistant examination who appeared at the same time, 17 were successful.

**Kentucky.**—Twelve candidates out of a class of forty-eight were successful in passing the Registered Pharmacist examination held in Louisville in July. Six out of a class of eleven candidates were granted the Assistant certificate.

C. Ralph Wilson, of Tennessee, qualified for reciprocal registration.

The Board adopted the three-year college of pharmacy preliminary requirement to become effective July 15, 1928.

The next meeting of the Board will be held in Ashland on October 11th.

**Louisiana.**—One hundred and six candidates were examined at the meeting held August 17th–18th. In the words of one of the Board members, it was "one of the largest classes of intelligent and well-posted students." Fifty-seven passed as Registered Pharmacist and twenty-one as Qualified Assistant.

The Hon. L. B. Baynard, State Treasurer, addressed the examination class, congratulating those who had been successful and encouraging those who had not passed to further study in order to attain the goal of their ambition. Addresses were also made to the students by President Edward H. Walsdorf, Paul Eckels and Christian Schertz—all members of the Board of Pharmacy.

The following were accepted by reciprocity: Paul I. Collins, of Arkansas; John W. Memfee, Jr., of Georgia; Earl V. Godfrey, of Pennsylvania.

**New Mexico.**—A recent inspection tour of the State reveals that with few exceptions the drug stores are respecting the pharmacy law and all is well.

Secretary Thomas J. Price spent part of his vacation in Oklahoma, and the remainder in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Ohio.**—Ninety-two out of one-hundred-fifty-six applicants taking the full Registered examination in June have been granted certificates. Forty-one of the seventy-seven applicants taking the Assistant examination have also been licensed.

Reciprocal certificates were granted to Oscar Cox from Tennessee; Claude W. Minus from South Carolina.

The next examination will be held in Columbus on October 11th.

**Oregon.**—The following officers were recently elected by the Oregon Board: A. E. Crosby, *President*; Rocky E. Mason, *Treasurer*; Frank S. Ward was reelected *Secretary*.

Frank S. Ward was also reelected Secretary of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical Association at its annual convention held at Bend, Ore., on July 12th–14th. The 1928 convention is to be held at Salem, Ore., July 10th–12th.

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#### INTERESTING POINTS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF PHARMACY MEETING.

Thirty-two States were represented by eighty delegates.

Tributes to the late Dr. H. M. Whelpley were paid by President Harrison, Secretary Christensen and other members.

Resolutions were adopted recommending a four-year course in 1932.

Rhode Island entered the Association with full reciprocal privilege.

Dr. Jacob Diner led an interesting discussion in his report for the Committee on Drug Store Ownership.

The Syllabus Committee will have active coöperation from the Charters' Committee in the preparation of the next edition of the "Syllabus."

The value of District Meetings was brought out in the reports of the District Chairmen.

The Report of the Committee on President's address approved:

Adoption of Metric System.

That every member of every Board of Pharmacy should become a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

That every member study the Charters' Report—"Basic Material for a Pharmaceutical Curriculum."

District Meetings were favored.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Boards were urged to send Secretary Christensen publicity material for inclusion in the N. A. B. P. DEPARTMENT OF THE JOURNAL.

Definite procedure for survey of Colleges of Pharmacy was left to the incoming Executive Committee.

Advisory Publicity Committee requested that more news items of Boards be sent to Secretary Christensen. The reports of the Committees on Prerequisite Legislation and on Standards and Requirements for Classification presented reports in which it was declared that there should be two groups—"approved" and "not approved." That the Association should set the standard and prepare the list. The Executive Committee is empowered to act.

Accepting the report of the Committee on Nominations, the following were elected:

*President*—A. C. Taylor, Washington, D. C.; *Vice-Presidents*—of Districts one to seven, in the order named—H. M. Lerou, Connecticut; L. N. Richardson, Maryland; John A. J. Funk, Indiana; George Judisch, Iowa; W. L. Lyle, Virginia; Booker Latimer, Arkansas; W. E. Birmingham, Alabama; Charles J. Clayton, Colorado; A. G. Hulett, Arizona; *Secretary*, H. C. Christensen, Illinois; *Treasurer*, J. W. Gayle, Kentucky; *Executive Committee Member*, John Culley, Utah; *Member of Syllabus Committee*, seven years, Robert Sterling, Illinois.

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#### SEASONAL DISPLAYS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

Stationery and school supplies	Hot water bottles
Fountain pens and mechanical pencils	Electric pads
Spices and flavoring extracts	Syringes and atomizers
Brushes	Surgical and sick room supplies
Bath supplies, toilet articles and cosmetics	Prescription department