

# EDITORIAL

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## THE DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

SOON after the close of an annual meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, the officers and members look forward to the coming of another convention and shape the ASSOCIATION activities of the intervening months. The editor endeavors to view the high points of the convention which has closed its session.

The attendance was not as large as the Local Committees had hoped for; some of the absent ones feared that the temperature of the metropolis on the Mississippi would be uncomfortably high; instead, the weather was just right. Some were under the impression that St. Louis had no attractions which differed greatly from or surpassed those of other cities; however, the visitors found there were many things which exhibited developments that in some respects differed from those of other cities—no other city has so many kinds of industries, excelling in a number and more so in diversification. There also is evident a prevailing municipal interest in the welfare and enjoyment of its citizens.

Those who attended the Diamond Anniversary meeting were made acquainted with what is meant by "St. Louis Spirit;" every host city extends hospitality to the visitors within its gates and St. Louis is no exception. All sessions and, frequently, conversations evidenced the high regard in which the lamented Henry M. Whelpley was held.

"Tales of Hoffman" was rendered by the Municipal Opera Company during ASSOCIATION week and one evening of the program was set aside for the members; one must see this Outdoor Theatre to appreciate the charm added by the contact with nature. The Missouri Botanical Gardens are famed the world over and in the Zoölogical Gardens St. Louis has shown a consideration for the animals by providing commodious quarters and some resemblances to native haunts. The magnificent cathedral and the beautiful Masonic buildings were visited by all in attendance; the hosts have a rightful pride in their parks, drives, boulevards and the residential sections of their city.

The entertainments were well arranged and of a high order—a rising vote of thanks gave expression, in so far as this was possible, of the visitors' appreciation. The Testimonial Dinner to President Bradley was presided over by Prof. Anton Hogstad, Jr., whose delightful vein of humor added to his introductions. A feature of this part of the program was the presentation of the President's Address; other speakers were Rev. William Crowe, Acting Mayor Walter Neun, who in no uncertain terms announced the city's outstanding claims to foremost rank; Dr. Charles E. Caspari gave a welcome, during which, on behalf of St. Louis pharmacists, he presented a diamond-mounted pin to President Bradley; he also fortified the statements of the Acting Mayor and of the Toastmaster relative to St. Louis; Dr. Army spoke of the A. PH. A. and Dean LaWall of the President's points of contact and attributes which have made him an outstanding figure in American pharmacy. A letter from Dr. A. Tschirch, bearing a cordial greeting

and expressing regrets because of his inability to be present, was read. The menu announced a list of temptations, in Latin, but failed to designate quantities and gave no directions for procedure, which, however, caused no trouble for guests nor hosts—every face wore the marks of appreciation—a smile.

The program for work was carried through without the delay which often obtains at the annual conventions. During pre-convention week (A. PH. A.) the Plant Science Seminar and Pharmaceutical Research Conference held eminently successful sessions, followed by those of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. The latter body made provision for aiding the former in standardizing the schools of pharmacy, for which purpose \$10,000 is to be expended by the N. A. B. P., and adds another credit to the coöperative promotions of this organization. Rhode Island came in and now the Association lacks only two of having a 100% membership of State Boards.

The House of Delegates transacted business without a hitch, due to a well-represented, interested, delegate body and the guidance of its chairman. Action was taken on twenty-five resolutions reported in this issue.

The message of President Bradley has been referred to; as part of the program several addresses were arranged for—Dr. A. G. Pohlman delivered an address on "Prevention of Disease;" in which he, interestingly and instructively, spoke of the causes of disease and then outlined methods and practices whereby these may be corrected, closing with the admonition that periodical examination of the individual's physical condition would be helpful in maintaining health, and a general application of hygienic principles would better the standards of living. Ex-President Beal's address was a masterpiece; a rising vote of thanks and a motion to give it wide distribution speaks for its reception by those who were privileged to hear it.

The report of progress on the Headquarters Campaign and the selection of Washington as the city where the building is to be located received hearty approval and gave encouragement to continued efforts so that there is reasonable assurance for laying the cornerstone of an edifice which will be truly representative of American Pharmacy and a means whereby all divisions of the drug trade and of pharmacy will be helped, for it may be assumed, after seventy-five years of history, that the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION will always represent the forum wherein State Associations may confer upon policies of common interest and the national organizations may coördinate their respective policies with each other and with State societies.

The A. PH. A. is always ready to applaud the achievements of related bodies and congratulate them on their successes. It was therefore, to be expected that the ASSOCIATION would be deeply interested in the Druggists' Research Bureau and it is timely to congratulate the National Association of Retail Druggists on the good work this organization is doing. Coöperating in making Pharmacy Week a growing success the members of the ASSOCIATION are importuned to assist in every way possible to thoroughly acquaint the laity with the mission and service of pharmacy; a comprehensive report was made by Chairman Robert J. Ruth.

Perhaps nothing speaks better of the aims of the A. PH. A. than the fact that within this body, by its devoted members, other organizations were planned and

received encouragement; Dr. Beal's address speaks of this; but while this mind was delivering a message to the convention, others were formulating plans of how State Associations (and local bodies) could be better aided and guided by the secretaries if they met annually for conference at the same time and place with the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. Such a conference, as stated elsewhere, has been formed, and it is to be hoped that all States will see to it that the secretaries attend the annual meetings where they may confer and have the advice of the House of Delegates, the Boards, the Faculties, etc. The opportunities for good of this organization can hardly be fully grasped until the organization has functioned for a year or two; there is no question but that it will be a success and helpful in the direction planned.

The greatest good by the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION will come through a larger membership. It is a body distinctively coöperative in its aims and purposes, therefore the members of every other organization aiding in this extension will help themselves and further the promotion of all other organizations. This is one of the aims of the A. Ph. A.—to extend its usefulness by a larger membership and it is hoped that not only every member will aid but that every association will coöperate, so that these may have a representative number in the membership of the parent-body. The address on "The Work, Principal Purposes and Ideals of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION" should be earnestly read and carefully studied. The Golden Rule is not a one-sided proposition—it implies an exchange, and under such conditions rightfully applied all are helped. *Do your part for the greatest good of all.*

The Headquarters is for the advancement of all divisions of pharmacy and the drug industries. The program of the Diamond Anniversary meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was expressive of its aims and purposes.—E. G. E.

#### NATIONAL PHARMACY WEEK—OCTOBER 9th-15th.

The third annual observance of National Pharmacy Week will occupy the week of October 9th to 15th. The Executive Committee on National Pharmacy Week is composed of ten members representing all sections of the United States. Five of these members are appointed by the President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and five are appointed by the President of the National Association of Retail Druggists. The *National Chairman* is Robert J. Ruth, 80 Beckman St., New York City. The members of the Executive Committee are as follows: **A. Ph. A. Committee:** Robert J. Ruth, *Chairman*, New York City; Frederick B. Kilmer, New Brunswick, N. J.; William B. Day, Chicago, Ill.; W. Bruce Philip, San Francisco, Cal.; Hal E. Duncan, Birmingham, Ala. **N. A. R. D. Committee:** C. Fred Wright, *Chairman*, Boston, Mass.; A. V. Burdine, Washington, D. C.; John Culley, Ogden, Utah; P. J. Kolb, Chicago, Ill.; Joseph W. Noble, Philadelphia, Pa. All national associations are aiding and the N. W. D. A. through Secretary E. L. Newcomb is rendering most valuable help in the promotion of Pharmacy Week.

The Advisory Committee, which functions under and in harmony with the Executive Committee, is comprised of all of the secretaries of the State pharmaceutical associations. The members of the Advisory Committee thereby act as the *State Chairmen* in their respective States and are directly responsible for the observance of Pharmacy Week in their States. They may appoint their State committee and as many district and local committees within their respective States as they deem necessary to properly assure the success of the movement. With the organization as outlined above, it can be readily seen that all organized retail pharmacy in the United States is represented and united in working to bring about many benefits for pharmacy through the medium of National Pharmacy Week.