

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DAVID F. JONES

*To my Fellow Members of the
American Pharmaceutical Association:*

For more than thirty years I have been entirely sold on the proposition, in all of its phases, of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

During that period I have continually been receiving from its members, inspiration. Many of the members whom I have in mind have passed on, but in their labors they still live. Upon this inspiration I have founded my business. In the reading of articles and by personal contact this inspiration has kept my feet on a firm foundation.

I desire at this opportunity to express my personal appreciation of the work of the membership of this ASSOCIATION, who have builded far better than they realize.

I am a firm believer in the influences of personal contact, and this belief is strengthened as the years roll by.

Were I but skilled in the art of letter writing, nothing would please me more than to write each member a personal letter. In my humble opinion, nothing would be more conducive to a better understanding and the development of a kindlier feeling, without which no association can do its best work.

The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has, during its three quarters of a century of endeavor builded wisely by keeping, at all times, its organization free of political influences and entanglements; having in mind, rather, the big things and the large problems that forever must be solved. It no doubt has at times erred in judgment; I believe at no time intentionally, but continually working its way upward.

Not being able to write each one personally, I take this means of greeting you and asking your coöperation in the work of the year. By reason of location and lack of experience I realize the task of doing such duties as naturally fall to my lot, will not be easy; but I do anticipate it will be pleasant.

I trust that in a small way at least I will be able to inspire you to continually talk, or, shall I say boost, the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. You can help in a big way by suggestion; preferably to the Secretary or to the Chairmen of the many committees, each one of whom is directly interested in his specific task. I have unbounded confidence in good team work and contact at every opportunity.

Many problems, and many recommendations for their solution, come before us from time to time. We, of the ASSOCIATION, select or reject these suggestions as seems fittest to the wisdom of the time. Let us not forget, however, to observe the frequency with which the rejected propositions of yesterdays are again brought forth to receive unanimous approval in the light of later experience.

Equally, the efforts of to-day may be questioned to-morrow. In any case, the years pass rapidly, and the weaknesses of the present organization can be naturally and quickly corrected.

Come what may, can we not all work together to bring about a larger membership and a still closer relationship; and the establishment of a closer and more personal contact between the active workers and the membership at large?

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) D. F. JONES, *President.*

Watertown, So. Dak.
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