

EDITORIAL

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THE PHARMACY EXHIBIT—A CENTURY OF PROGRESS INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.

THE 1933 Pharmacy Exhibit of the World's Fair will very likely be continued this year; Medicine and Dentistry have decided on doing so. Illustrations of the Pharmacy Exhibit are shown in the January (1933) number of the JOURNAL, pages 1 and 4 and in the July issue, pages 592 and 594, and comments appear in the same numbers and also elsewhere in other issues of the year. The Committee on Pharmacy Exhibit consisting of H. C. Christensen, *Chairman*; J. H. Riemen-schneider, *Treasurer*, and Frank B. Kirby, *Secretary*, has issued a general letter to the press acknowledging contributions and thanking the contributors and co-operators for their financial help and valuable services, including manufacturers and wholesalers, associations, publications, retailers and individuals.

The following is quoted from the letter of appreciation in which the names of the donors are given:

"Invaluable aid in planning and building the exhibit material was rendered by sub-committees, the chairmen of which were as follows: Educational, C. B. Jordan; Historical, Edward Kremers; United States Pharmacopoeia, E. Fullerton Cook; Legislation, R. L. Swain; Service in Public Health, E. F. Kelly; Professional, C. Leonard O'Connell.

"Special mention for valuable assistance in installation work, personnel, etc., is also due to R. W. Terry and E. N. Gathercoal, of the University of Illinois; Edward Ireland, of the University of Wisconsin; H. W. Heine and C. J. Zufall, of Purdue University; also O. U. Sisson of Chicago.

"The Committee is indebted to the pharmaceutical press of the country for the splendid publicity given to the exhibit; to the Century of Progress officials for the donation of the space, including electricity, this being the biggest debt, as the space had a commercial value of approximately \$15,000; to Mrs. Lillian H. Bowen for handling the correspondence and clerical details of the exhibit; to Thaddeus Niemic, who had charge of the professional demonstrations; and to Miss Esther H. Barney, Superintendent of the Exhibit, goes a large share of the credit for the day to day success of the exhibit in impressing the thousands of visitors, both professional and laymen, with the importance of pharmacy and pharmaceutical service in the field of public health."

We would repeat what was said in a number of the issues of the JOURNAL regarding the exhibit and express appreciation for the outstanding work of the committee; American pharmacy is indebted to the members for the services rendered by them. Acknowledgment was made by resolution at the meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in Madison, and further expressions of appreciation by individuals, affiliated bodies and other organizations evidenced the importance of the exhibit.

While the value of the Exhibit is recognized as a pronounced success the committee feels that a number of improvements can be made and invites suggestions for carrying on the exhibit this year. Further comments will be made in succeeding numbers of the JOURNAL with the purpose of giving the members of the committee every possible assistance. Pharmacy was given equal recognition with related professions in the Medical Section. The exhibit provided a valuable contact with the public and a publicity which greatly benefits pharmacy.

PAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

LAST year pharmacists were invited to participate in the program of the pharmacopœial section of the Pan-American Medical Association meeting in Dallas. Theodore J. Bradley presided over the sessions, at which time many papers bearing on pharmacopœial work were read and the possibilities of "Pan-American Pharmacopœial Uniformity" were presented in a paper by E. Fullerton Cook, printed in the May JOURNAL for 1933, page 456.

Pharmacists are again invited to participate in the program. In the paper referred to it was pointed out that "the establishment of a Section on Pharmacopœias as a regular function of the organization opens a new line of interest and service in Pan-American coöperation which is most gratifying. The idea of a Pan-American Pharmacopœia and in fact the effort to develop an 'International Pharmacopœia' is not new, but every earlier effort failed because such an idea is not in conformity with the spirit of strong nationalism which exists in every country. We may well benefit from the experience of the international groups who made their first progress by agreeing upon a policy which did not interfere with the continuance of their own national Pharmacopœia but, in principle, obtained practically all of the benefits of an 'International Pharmacopœia.'"

This year's conference will be held on the S. S. Pennsylvania. A program has been outlined for the floating Congress to Venezuela, March 14th-30th.

Many of the papers will be read during a four-day session at sea, but there will be a session in Venezuela also. The physicians will visit Colon, Cartagena, Puerto Cabello, Caracas, La Guayra and San Juan, P. R. In Venezuela the members of the party will be entertained at Maracay, the home of President Gomez. The party will then go to Caracas; returning by way of San Juan the members will be guests of the Governor of Puerto Rico, Dr. Morales Otero, president of the Medical Association in Puerto Rico, and Dr. George Bachman, director of the School of Tropical Medicine, Columbia University of Puerto Rico.

HISTORICAL PHARMACIES.

THE following resolution was adopted at the Madison meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION:

Resolved, that the Local Branches of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, State Pharmaceutical Associations, Boards and Colleges of Pharmacy as well as other organizations and individuals interested in the progress and development of pharmacy be urged to supply documents of historical interest, relics and museum material to the museum and library of the Headquarters Building of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION at Washington and be it further

Resolved, that organizations and individuals interested in the progress of pharmacy be urged to prepare papers on matters of historical interest for presentation to the Section on Historical Pharmacy of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The purpose of this comment is to bring to the attention of pharmacists the possibilities of preserving historical pharmacies in various localities. This was brought to mind by a brief history of Apothecaries Hall, New Haven, Conn., published in connection with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the New

Haven County Medical Society (1934) and the 113th anniversary of Apothecaries Hall. The history of the latter was prepared by the son of Emil A. Gessner,¹ long a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and, until his demise, February 3, 1930, proprietor of Apothecaries Hall.

A replica of Philo Carpenter's drug store, Chicago, is part of the Pharmacy Exhibit—A Century of Progress—a sketch by William B. Day is printed in the September JOURNAL for 1931, pages 922-924. A sketch of General Mercer and his apothecary shop appears in the June number of the JOURNAL for 1926, page 425. The list of pharmacies which have been depicted can be extended, but the purpose is to awaken an interest to preserve historical pharmacies or place plates on the buildings that housed them, which will acquaint the citizens and visitors with related historical data.

Recently, the Leadbeater Pharmacy has been purchased for the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. It is the intention of the Association for the Preservation of Alexandria Antiquities to restore the interior and open the building as a museum. During a recent visit the doors that belonged to the pharmacy in its earliest days were found in the attic. Its restoration will make it possible to visit where Washington had his medicines prepared by Edward Stabler, the founder of "Leadbeater Pharmacy."

The Headquarters Building is now prepared to receive historical material for its museum—an historical description should accompany the contribution.

CENSUS OF THE DRUG INDUSTRY AND PHARMACY.

THE Bureau of Census for the calendar year 1933 is in preparation and the Department is urging all activities to reply promptly in giving the information requested in the circular. The importance for doing so is in the fact that the data will be helpful in presenting conditions in the industry on which action may be taken on questions that concern druggists and pharmacists. Without such information misunderstandings are bound to occur, without the possibility of presenting necessary details. Arguments in attempting to arrive at conclusions regarding the code have shown that officials are not always informed on questions applying to the drug store that are very different from those in other activities.

No similar census has been undertaken since 1929 and the Bureau is asking that druggists render complete reports promptly. When the reports have been received separate compilations are to be made covering the different divisions of the drug industry. This comment is prompted by the belief that this census is of greater importance than those immediately preceding.

Cod Liver Oil Steaming Plants in Norway.—There are approximately 800 steaming plants in Norway, according to an estimate furnished by the Bureau of Fisheries. The total number of producers of raw cod liver oil is unknown, but exporters estimate the total to be around 500 who produce from 2 to 20 barrels each. The number of such producers has been decreasing from year to year as fast as new steaming plants have been opened in the various districts. (Office of the Consulate, Bergen.)

¹ See November JOURNAL, 1928, page 1071.