

EDITORIAL

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THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING OF 1934.

THE Washington Meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and associated and related organizations was an outstanding success. The National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research was well attended and the members were favored by Dr. Carl Voegtlin, speaker of the evening. Both the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy registered well-represented delegations; general satisfaction of their work was expressed by the members. The Joint Session of the latter bodies was addressed by Senator Royal S. Copeland on "Food and Drug Legislation;" another speaker was President Mordecai Johnson, of Howard University.

More than five hundred guests participated in the annual banquet, the interest of which was enhanced by the presentation of the Remington Honor Medal to Sir Henry S. Wellcome. A report of this function is printed in another section of the JOURNAL and also the addresses of the several presiding officers of the organizations, assembled in convention.

The Dedication Exercises were outstanding features of the program of the meeting and are reported in succeeding pages of this issue, and continued in the General Session on Thursday afternoon. An intense and lively interest prevailed throughout the discussions which were directed by Chairman H. A. B. Dunning.

The House of Delegates, the Conferences of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries and of the Law Enforcement Officials held profitable and representative sessions; the transactions of these bodies will be reported in a succeeding number of the JOURNAL.

All of the sections were well attended and in all of them a large number of timely papers were read and discussed; abstracts of some of these will appear in current issues of the JOURNAL, prior to their publication.

The entertainment features received favorable comment, they included dinners, dances, sight-seeing tours in and about Washington; fraternities enjoyed the opportunities afforded by the annual event; the former presidents of the ASSOCIATION dined together and discussed earlier meetings and gave thought to possibilities taking shape with the opening of the American Institute of Pharmacy. Their ladies, Mrs. H. M. Whelpley and Mrs. John G. Godding, graced the table. The veteran druggists of many cities joined in the annual get-together feast in a spirit of growing younger, even though time may disagree with them. The local committees carried out a successful program with a purpose of impressing Washington hospitality on the visitors.

The expression was general that Pharmacy had a building in which pharmacists have pride, beautiful in design and architecture and furnishings. Congratulations came from all sections of the United States, Canada and Europe, and representatives, as will be seen from the programs, were cordial in their felicitations and the ASSOCIATION was honored by a message from President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The dedication of the American Institute of Pharmacy added lustre to the successful convention; the addresses were timely, and conveyed worth-while and thoughtful messages.

The convention of 1934 marks an epoch in pharmaceutical history and progress.

MESSAGE OF THE A. PH. A. PRESIDENT.

THE relatively short ASSOCIATION year, which came to a close on May 11, 1934, was packed with events of utmost importance to American Pharmacy. Climaxed by the dedication of the American Institute of Pharmacy on May 9th, the convention of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and associated and related organizations, held in Washington May 7th to 11th, inclusive, gave evidence of the deep concern with which those who are engaged in the endeavor to preserve and advance the interests of professional pharmacy, are approaching the problems of the day.

No reference to the events of the busy convention and dedication week would be complete without a tribute to the high degree of excellence of the addresses given by retiring President Swain on the occasion of the dedication of the American Institute of Pharmacy and at the first general session. His recommendations embodied in the presidential address offer a groundwork for constructive effort in the year to come. The resolutions growing out of the work and activities of the Sections and Conferences affiliated with the ASSOCIATION will help to guide the immediate activities of the ASSOCIATION in its new location.

We have a "long year" ahead of us because of the early date of the Washington Convention. The tendency may be to put things off, but we cannot afford to delay action on the activities which American Pharmacy expects to have us prosecute with renewed vigor, because of the inspiration that has come to all of us from the realization of the dream of a permanent institution to house our activities.

In the near future committee appointments will be made. I hope that no one will accept a committee assignment unless it is with the intention of doing the work that accompanies the assignment. It is my further hope that all committees and all who will contribute papers to the next convention will make their plans known to the proper authorities not later than May 1, 1935. There is no good reason why the annual programs of papers and reports should not be printed in full in the JOURNAL at least one month before the convention. With your coöperation it can be done.

In expressing to the members of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION my appreciation of the high honor which they have conferred upon me in calling me to the presidency, I desire at this time to pledge my loyalty to the principles for which the ASSOCIATION stands and my earnest endeavor to promote the welfare of the ASSOCIATION and its members at all times to the best of my ability. I sincerely hope that I may have the whole-hearted coöperation of all who are called upon to serve on committees, delegations and conferences. It will be a pleasure to receive communications relating to the welfare of the ASSOCIATION at any time from any member and I assure you that constructive criticism and suggestions will be welcome.—ROBERT P. FISCHER, *President*.