

EDITORIAL

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THE PORTLAND MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE 83rd annual meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has become part of its history. The attendance was larger than anticipated by those who had given consideration to the prospects, fearful that distance from more central points would prevent many from going to the convention this year. The hosts were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the selection for the 1935 meeting expressed by a very interesting and enjoyable program. The hospitalities of Oregon and sister states made the visitors aware of the genuineness and sincerity of the welcome accorded them.

The Local Secretary and the co-workers entered early into the determination to make a success of the Portland meeting and the spirit resulted in arrangements which marked the annual event and the convention programs. There was evident a leadership and a desire that the workers of the ASSOCIATION and the related organizations should realize that the hosts had service as an outstanding purpose and were delighted to entertain the visitors. In this they eminently succeeded and only words of praise were heard; the press published excellent reports of the meeting and the hotel made the visitors feel at home; the meeting rooms were all on one floor, so that members had no difficulty in locating the sessions and, when necessary, to expeditiously render their reports at the meetings of the several sections and conferences.

The Tri-State meeting of the Associations of Oregon, Washington and Idaho held on Monday and Tuesday was an unusual feature and added greatly to the attendance and interest. This joint meeting brought the pharmacists of the Pacific Northwest into closer touch with the A. PH. A. and set a precedent which might well be followed in many sections.

At this late day it is impossible to detail the transactions, and members are referred to the addresses of presiding officers, sessions of the Council and report of the Committee on Resolutions, which, it is hoped, can be included in this number of the JOURNAL. The addresses speak for the activities of the respective bodies and the reports of part of the transactions. The conclusions reached on some of the important matters and other details will have to be deferred to succeeding issues, when the minutes of the General Sessions, House of Delegates, Sections of the ASSOCIATION and related bodies are printed. A general statement will apply that this meeting was eminently successful, and there was evident a desire to coördinate and coöperate to the end that pharmacy may progress, and that those engaged may look to leadership and direction from the associations charged with duties to improve conditions by sane and fair methods of business and professional conduct. Progressive steps have been taken and it may be said that the meetings of the state associations were mutually helpful; the outcome of some of these discussions will find further expression by national and state associations.

The award of the Ebert Prize to Marvin J. Andrews shows that the careful studies in prescription practice have awakened thought relative to the great im-

portance of this service. The founder of the Prize, Albert E. Ebert, was a practicing pharmacist during his life.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Chairman H. C. Christensen of the Committee on Pharmacy Exhibit at the Chicago Century of Progress and to his co-workers in this splendid effort to emphasize to the people the public-health service of pharmacy.

The report of the Special Committee on the Council on Pharmaceutical Practice presented in the General Sessions and the discussion of Prescription Department Economics, bearing on the revision of Professional Pharmacy, the Symposium on Prescription Pricing, the address on "The Practical Value to Pharmacists of the Activities of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry, and the Address on Dentistry and Pharmacy," bear evidence of the absorbing thoughts to advance pharmacy and coordinate public health professions.

The address of President Fischelis presented the deep interest of the ASSOCIATION in supplying proper standards, a purpose which led to the establishment of the ASSOCIATION. The United States Pharmacopœia and the Federal Food and Drugs Act was the subject of a thoughtful address by James H. Beal as part of the program of a General Session.

The Report of the Committee on Maintenance speaks for the untiring and successful efforts of Chairman H. A. B. Dunning which have been largely instrumental in providing for American pharmacy a building in which pharmacists may well have pride and hope for it a growing usefulness. His work, with the support of every division of pharmacy, has brought distinction and further possibilities to pharmacy.

Dr. D. M. R. Culbreth, Baltimore, member since 1883, was elected honorary president and Dr. C. A. Rojahn, Halle, Germany, editor of the German Year Book of Pharmacy, was elected an honorary member of the ASSOCIATION.

The House of Delegates held representative sessions, the reports showed the cooperative value afforded by and for the constituents; the activities are in the interest affecting all divisions of pharmacy as shown by its program. The sections considered many papers in line with present-day thought. The revisions of the United States Pharmacopœia, the National Formulary and the Recipe Book marked quite a number of the contributions to the Scientific Section, the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing and the Section on Education and Legislation.

The Section on Historical Pharmacy considered many interesting papers—a number dealt with Indian materia medica; a valuable report concerned the *Badianus Manuscript*, an Aztec herbal, being the earliest known herbal published in the New World. It was written in Aztec by one Indian and translated into Latin by another in 1552; both were educated in a college in Mexico City. Of general interest, the paper on "Pharmacy and a Commemorative Stamp" was presented by F. A. Delgado, and illustrated by slides—The proposal is to have the Post Office Department provide a stamp commemorating the completion of the American Institute of Pharmacy.

The Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries and the Conference of Pharmaceutical Law Enforcement Officials held sessions in which the subjects of their respective activities were considered. The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and the National Con-

ference on Pharmaceutical Research held sessions in line with the programs printed in the July JOURNAL and these with the addresses of the presidents of the former will have to suffice for this comment. The Plant Science Seminar made tours of inspection to the Estacada Ginseng and Hydrastis projects, the Peavy Arboretum, Oregon State College, and convened in Portland for the consideration of papers.

Outstanding among the entertainment features was the trip along famous Columbia River Highway, with a visit to Bonneville \$32,000,000.00 dam and a Columbia River salmon barbecue luncheon at Eagle Creek. The annual banquet was presided over by F. C. Felter, at which time Dr. Tate Mason, president-elect of the American Medical Association, was introduced and addressed the guests; he was followed by Dr. Herbert C. Miller, president of the North Pacific College of Dentistry and a trustee of the American Dental Association. Mayor Carson welcomed the visitors and Hon. Dan. J. Fry spoke for the Governor. The principal address was made by President R. P. Fischelis; officers and visiting pharmacists were introduced. Frank Nau received from his fellows a plaque in recognition of his services to the profession in the North Pacific section. An interesting feature was the conferring in full form the honor of Rosarians on the following: R. P. Fischelis, knighted with Lady Fairfax Rose; E. F. Kelly, Lady Hillingdon; Ernest Little, Roselandia; Harvey A. Henry, Marcia Stanhope; Dr. Tate Mason, President-Elect of A. M. A., Mary Hart; Charles H. Evans, Dean Hole Rose.

The following former presidents and members of their families attended the annual past-presidents' dinner: James H. Beal, E. G. Eberle, Wm. B. Day, S. L. Hilton, H. V. Arny, L. L. Walton, T. J. Bradley, C. W. Johnson, H. C. Christensen, W. D. Adams, Robert L. Swain. The attendance at the annual event indicates the continued interest of these members and speaks for their loyalty and appreciation of the honor conferred by the ASSOCIATION.

Nowhere can flowers be more beautiful and abundant; the artistic landscaping brought the colors into Nature's design. The scenery was awe-inspiring, magnificent, grand and beyond comparison—a panorama of wonders in which the hospitalities of the hosts were blended.

THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE A. PH. A.

THE 84th annual meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION will be held in Dallas, Texas; it so happens that the selection brings the ASSOCIATION to Texas during the celebration of the centenary of its independence and the establishment of the Republic of Texas. Celebrations will be held in a number of cities where events in the history of Texas took place, a fact which assures low rates to these points as well as to Dallas. The latter city has entertained many large organizations because of its hotel accommodations, automobile and railroad connections, it is 185 miles northeast of Austin, the State capital, and the home of the State University. The Medical and Dental Departments of Baylor University are located in Dallas. Among other educational institutions it is the seat of the Southern Methodist University, which has a campus of 625 acres and a \$2,000,000.00 endowment.

Mexico and Texas are bound together by economic interests and the boundary is practically as unfortified as that between Canada and the United States. The completion of the Mexican highway link with the opening of Texas Centennial brings Mexico into close proximity with the eighty-fourth annual meeting place.