

## EDITORIAL

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### COMMENCEMENTS.

**D**R. GEORGE F. ZOOK, president of the American Council of Education, in a recent Commencement Address said: "The educational system of this country, from the elementary school to the university, has had thrust upon it the responsibility of producing, as far as possible, the actual conditions of vocational and civic life, so that young people may learn the realities through personal participation."

It has been necessary to set up coöperative arrangements whereby they, while still in school, "may secure those personal revelations and values which come only out of actual work experience."

The viewpoint of some, relative to educational training, has undergone a change in studying the capacities of the prospective students—whether they have good coördination and the schools develop these qualifications, rather than analyzing the activity and trying to train and develop the individuals for it. A study of the field for their work should bring the industries nearer to the institutions in which they are trained. The aim of pharmaceutical institutions is to develop pharmacists and the knowledge required in the service of the profession; accordingly a study of the adaptability and qualifications of the matriculants is highly important.

Alumni represent an asset or liability to the institutions and the profession; commencements mark events in the lives of young men and women and the profession of which they are part—these annual events are periods of perlustration.

### ASSOCIATIONS.

**I**T WILL be permitted to speak a word of sorrow because of the passing of a faithful representative of the people, the Honorable Joseph W. Byrns. The high regard in which he was held found expression in his advancement, and his response was in the performance of duty.

Notwithstanding that bills in Congress which interest druggists and pharmacists have not been enacted, probably due to very important national legislation and, recently, because of the untimely death of the Speaker of the House, which may make it impossible to bring to conclusion all legislation, the evidence of coöperation of druggists and pharmacists and the organizations represented is gratifying. Among the bills are: The Tydings, Sheppard, Robinson-Patman, etc. The purpose is not to discuss these measures at this time except in the relation mentioned, and to express thanks for the helpfulness and interest in measures in which we are greatly concerned. The Senators and Congressmen have given their attention because they realized the importance of them and were prompted by duty.

Charles G. Merrell, a number of years ago, said: "No organization or business will be of real value to the community interests that it is intended to serve unless there be born into it ideals and purposes that are not only beneficial to the drug trade but to our national life as well."

The shaping of these activities is not only responsive to our energies and ideals, but on how we impress the public with our coöperative efforts. The attachments

to our profession, business, associations and institutions which make our progress possible are important factors in upbuilding pharmacy and securing the good-will of the people. There is no question regarding the advisability of associations by those who have grown with their organization, relative to coöperation and strengthening the bonds that unite its members for better service in the cause for which they are enlisted. The greater number of associations meet during June, which is the reason for this comment; may the members have in mind the association spirit to urge them in the performance of duty.

While it is realized that the nearing of the adjournment of Congress may result in disappointment, those who are charged with promoting the legislation will continue their efforts.

Mention may be made in closing this comment that material changes have been made in the Copeland bill which should, perhaps, be submitted for hearing. This is really a substitute bill and it might have been better if, instead of presenting a new bill, the present Act could have been made effective by amendments.

#### THE LIBRARY AND THE MUSEUM.

IT IS gratifying to note that the Library of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION is rendering more frequent service to divisions of the Government and to individuals, pharmacists and others. This applies also to a certain extent to the Museum.

Everywhere there is developing a greater interest in the establishment of libraries; commencement addresses refer to such undertakings, some to special selection of books and others for general libraries. Among the addresses noted, including references of the latter type is a gift of \$400,000.00 to Southern Methodist University at Dallas; one of the former is a gift which will make possible the development of an entirely new field in higher education at the University of Maryland—on "Transportation."

Carlyle said that the true university of these days (his) is a collection of books. Commenting, President Roosevelt said: "The new goals of society demand that part of the citizen's leisure time be spent in securing a better understanding of the changing governmental, economic and social concepts. Man must be forever bringing his knowledge up to date if his usefulness as a worker or citizen is to be maintained. The public library serves all purposes of civic life—industrial, social, religious and recreational."

It is hoped that possibilities will develop which will make available as a museum the material of the Stabler-Leadbeater Pharmacy, Alexandria, purchased for the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

C. O. Lee, as *chairman* of the Section on Historical Pharmacy, made a valuable contribution by compiling the titles of articles contributed to that Section, resolutions and reports. It has been impossible up to this time to publish all the lengthier contributions on the histories of state and national associations and of industrial plants. This report supplies a valuable index and represents much work on the part of Chairman Lee.

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