

ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

BY ROY BIRD COOK.

To the Members of the House of Delegates of the American Pharmaceutical Association:

It is with no small degree of interest, and with the hope of much profit to be gleaned therefrom, that the House of Delegates of our great national organization, devoted to the ideals of pharmacy, is called to order. That the delegates assembled are welcomed to the eighty-fourth annual convention is not only taken for granted but is evidenced by the signs of hospitality on every side in this splendid city of Dallas, so many years "young" and yet so many years "old" in achievement. We need not look far about us to see wide expression, on every hand, of pride among the citizens of this great state in the hundred years of history just passing, so splendidly set forth in the series of Centennial celebrations throughout the state, and more especially in the city in which we are now assembled. And certainly there is no need on my part to here publicly state that each and every one of our great body, brought together from a sense of fellowship and pride in our profession, feel an equal pride in the achievements of this great state. Our homelands harbor no jealousies and no regret at what the hundred years from 1836 to 1936 have brought to Texas and her people.



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Strange as it may seem, as we look about us, we meet in a land of romance. A land that has pages of history reaching back to the earliest explorer of our soil, and a land that has fought, lived and continues to live, under the Stars and Stripes, but having in its time served under six flags. It was once a colony of two great nations, part of Mexico, an independent Republic and a commonwealth in two Republics. To this state and her citizens the eighty-four years "young" AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION extends greetings. To this state and her fifty-seven years "young" State Association, we extend the hands of fellowship, and congratulations, as well as thanks, for many years of loyal coöperation. This is the first time in the history of our organization that we have met in Texas, but it can be asserted that the meeting will close with regret at the hour of parting.

Chairman Costello, in 1934, asserted before this body that we are "members of a great profession devoted to the service of humanity," made a strong plea for unity and observed that there "must be coöperation." Chairman Jones, in 1935, made the significant statement that "as the age of our organization increases our problems increase in more than direct ratio." While Robert L. Swain remarks that "everything about pharmacy needs attention. We need to study its economic position in the light of intense competitive conditions which confront it. We need to study its professional potentialities and to develop to the fullest extent possible. Pharmaceutical education must be made to serve the professional, economic and social needs of pharmacy, so that pharmacists may take their rightful place in the complex life of the day." And what words of power are those that mention "intense

competitive conditions" and express the splendid desire that pharmacists may in some way, somehow, "take their rightful place in the complex life of the day."

Many long years we have been taught that pharmacy is hungry for leadership. The same is true of all lines of human endeavor. We build up in our public places monuments, and in our hearts praise, to and for great leadership. But we must ever keep in mind that there is also a great need in our souls, especially in these trying hours, for fellowship. Accomplishment requires that many hundreds be endowed with fellowship to every one that becomes a great leader. And that is what these assemblies of men from all fields of related pharmaceutical activities, from the high university to the meek corner pharmacist, bring about, that sort of fellowship. Such assemblies, in turn, produce leadership, and through that achieve the great objective of coöperation. And last but not least the right for men to "take their rightful place in the complex life of the day."

Looking back over the accomplishments of the ASSOCIATION we find much to keep firmly impressed in our minds, and—may the hope be expressed—little to forget. We must, in some manner, forget that pharmacy is not what it used to be and remember that the future, if properly handled, will extend us a greater reward than the years that have passed. We can, however, reap the reward only through the transformation of fellowship into the fruits of coöperation. We go to conventions, quite frequently expecting much. But one of our neighbors north of the states remarked that "conventions are like banks, we must put something in before we can take anything out."

Some one has said that the pharmacist to-day is better trained and better qualified to practice his profession than in past periods, "but the fact remains that the pharmacist has lost or is losing that precious reputation of the apothecary of yesteryear." And that reputation is something to ever keep in mind. It is to the avoiding of that result that the efforts of our organization are dedicated, be it in the field of scholarship or in the avenues of commerce. All this can come but through the application of fellowship to the basic principles of coöperation. Webster says that "coöperation" means "joint action, or operate together for a common action," but have we always done that? It is true of course that we expect, or hope for, some sort of reward, be it in the betterment of our business conditions or in the service that pharmacy renders to the public. An honest survey of conditions by anyone with the good of the profession at heart can but lead to the conclusion that membership in our organization is both a professional and commercial asset to every member thereof, to say nothing of the social and cultural aspects. In short, coöperation is simply the application of common sense and the reciprocation of fellowship.

It would be possible here to dwell at some length upon our accomplishments in the last year. The changing attitude toward pharmacy in the Army and Navy merit passing mention. The attention paid pharmacy by the national medical groups in various assemblies is a refreshing indication. It is also with pride that we note the wider attention the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY building and the work therein is receiving at the hands of the public in general. The emphasis being placed upon the establishment of "ethical" pharmacies, so near and dear to all of us, could be stressed. But it would seem that these points come more or less

properly in the province of the address by our President and for that reason will not be dwelled upon here.

In closing my remarks, last but not least, it is my desire to thank President Costello, Secretary Kelly and Editor E. G. Eberle, of the JOURNAL, for the splendid support and coöperation which have been accorded me at all times. The same is true, in an expression of thanks on my part, for the loyalty and devotion to service of the members of the House of Delegates, many of whom have traveled many miles in order to participate in this gathering. I further wish to thank all, collectively and individually, who have assisted in any manner in helping execute the purposes for which this body was created; and for those things which have been done that may meet with your approbation, I am grateful; for those that did not—remember, “to err is human, to forgive divine.”

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
BOARDS OF PHARMACY.*

BY WESLEY MCCLUNG CHILDS (“MAC”).

President Childs preceded his address by happy introductory remarks, referring to the preparation of the address which follows.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and Guests:

The first thing I wish to call to your attention is the financial situation of our National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. I will not burden you with the detailed figures, because those will come later. I am pleased to advise you of the fact that our income has increased, and that our cash balance is approximately \$4600 larger than it was at the beginning of the year. We have followed the good old custom of a “typical prairie state” and have balanced our budget.



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I am proud of having had the honor of being the President of this Association. We have a great many new members in the audience who do not realize the importance nor the growth of this organization.

Like the old Chinese who worshipped their ancestors, I think we should pause at this time and go back over the history of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and see it in swaddling clothes, and, progressively, as it has reached manhood at the age of thirty-three. History, to me, is most entertaining and educational. A great many of you men have never attended meetings of the N. A. B. P. and don't realize the accomplishments of this Association.

* The report of Committee on President's Address to be published in Proceedings later gives details on action taken on the various recommendations.