

# EDITORIAL

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## COÖRDINATION IN THE PHARMACY AND THE DRUG INDUSTRY.

THE OPPORTUNITIES which enable one druggist to select his own way of carrying on his business and another according to another plan which differed greatly within the law have been shaped by Boards, and the pharmaceutical education by Schools has advanced the practice of pharmacy. Here is an opportunity for coördination in bringing about a general improvement which will be for the benefit of all by the program which has been arranged.

A sincere effort is being made to strengthen and advance the status of the teaching practices in the institutions of pharmacy, so that "know thyself" may not only profit but point to further advancement and develop hope for better conditions in all divisions of pharmacy. Local and state pride will answer some of the questions of the investigation. It will bring greater financial support to institutions that should be encouraged by their citizenship, others may be disappointed in their efforts. Adequate education is of first importance; the welfare of the people is entitled to and expects efficient pharmaceutical service and herein is the basis of its educational system and the desire of its educators.

## THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

THE LIBRARY, the Laboratory and Research are closely related subjects. The importance is shown by the inspection being made on the activities of Schools of Pharmacy. Members of the Inspection Committee are asked to make notes with respect to the following: Training of the Librarian, the number of hours spent in the library, hours per day the library is open, the system followed in cataloging the books; approximate number of text and reference books pertaining to pharmacy, pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacognosy, pharmacology, toxicology, therapeutics, materia medica, commercial economics, history of pharmacy, etc.

Herein is part of the service of the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY, which will grow in value; it adds to that given by the other libraries of Washington. While smaller the library of the ASSOCIATION has been in position to aid those doing research work in the divisions of the drug industries of the Government and other laboratory activities and thus make this part of a great library system; this is added to by the Abstract Section of the JOURNAL and greatly by the Laboratory in the INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY.

Pharmacists cannot possess all the books and the information of a student must depend on what is made available for him. Work of bringing the publications into order is now proceeding and will gradually increase the reference value.

Dr. Charles Whitebread, of the Smithsonian Institution, stated several years ago that there were few historical collections in the United States. Pharmacy has had a long and honorable history and its record should be illustrated. Pharmacy's historical material is scattered about and, therefore, does little good. Individuals should permanently place the historical matter and records where they will be of general good; and there should be exchanges established between museums. There is a problem of keeping the collection in good state, and another of devising ways and means of illustrating the art of science, and industrial phases of pharmacy—is work which will test anyone's ingenuity.