

places were at once filled with practicing doctors. I venture to say that the incident could be repeated indefinitely, and the faculty kept full none the less.

Mr. Flexner accounts for the superiority of German methods of medical education as follows:

"The essential features which have contributed to the greatness of German medicine may then be concisely formulated as follows: First, the high minimum level of organization and equipment, below which the government will permit no medical school to live; second, the prolonged and serious secondary-school training which is absolutely, without exception, exacted of every student in the medical faculty; third, the freedom of the German university, which gives the professor the strength and leisure to work and encourages the capable student to do more than the minimum requirements of the curriculum for graduation; finally, the high respect in which the practising profession holds the teaching profession, and the custom of calling teachers freely from university to university."

If American medical education is ever to reach the level of the German standards we are told that:

"Those schools which cannot now meet them, or soon hope to meet them, ought not to be allowed to go on contributing their quota of immature and ill-trained practitioners to a medical profession whose general average is already probably below the lowest to be found in any other great modern nation."

It will be remembered that several years ago some rash individual proposed to the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties that it should invite the Carnegie Institution to make an examination of the American schools and colleges of pharmacy. The invitation was not extended; but should such an examination ever be made—and should Mr. Flexner draw up the report—we may look for what the late Mr. Horace Greely would have termed "some mighty interesting reading."

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PREPARING FOR THE SIXTY-SECOND MEETING.

PLANS have been pretty well decided upon now for the Detroit meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association. The meeting will be held on the week beginning Monday, August 24. The Hotel Pontchartrain will be the headquarters. This hotel is admirably suited to the purpose.

It has a convention floor up at the top of the building, with eight or ten rooms of various sizes, thus being well adapted to an organization like the A. Ph. A., which is split up into so many sections and auxiliaries of one kind and another. Furthermore, the convention floor of the Pontchartrain is so high up that it is away from the dirt and noise of the street on the one hand, and on the other is subjected to the cooling breezes from the river.

The Detroit meeting, indeed, is going to be delightfully cool and pleasant. Detroit is not at all like the usual American city—hot and stuffy in the summer. It is located on the Great Lakes, gets the benefit of the water breezes, and is furthermore a city of great beauty and charm. Thousands of people go to Detroit annually to spend their summer vacations instead of frequenting the

customary resorts. It is a city that everybody wants to visit who hasn't already seen it, while the man who has seen it is not satisfied until he can return to it again.

Many delightful features are planned for the convention. There will, of course, be the customary reception and ball on Monday evening. On Wednesday, from 4 to 6, there will be a reception for the ladies. The afternoon and evening of Thursday will be devoted to a boat-ride tendered by Parke, Davis & Co., and many of the attractive spots will be viewed that have helped to make the environs of Detroit so noted. On Friday there will in all probability be an auto-



HOTEL PONTCHARTRAIN, DETROIT.
Official Headquarters of the 62d Convention.

mobile ride to the parks and to the famous shore drive around Lake St. Clair. Other contemplated entertainments are a smoker for the men, and either a theater party or a ride to Bois Blanc Island for the ladies. Of course smaller entertainments for the ladies will be sandwiched in all through the entire week.

Detroit has come to be a great manufacturing center—famous in three particulars. In the manufacture of drugs, stoves and automobiles Detroit unquestionably leads the world. It may be that some of those in attendance upon the convention will want to visit industrial plants in various lines. Thus, for instance, ten or fifteen people may want to go through the Ford or the Cadillac or the Packard automobile factory. Others may want to visit the Solvay Process



SCENE IN BELLE ISLE PARK, DETROIT.



DETROIT BOAT CLUB, BELLE ISLE PARK, DETROIT.

Works or any one of a hundred other interesting places in the city. It is expected that arrangements will be made for a number of small trips of this kind if sufficient interest is shown by the members. It is up to them. If you are interested please write now to the local secretary so that he may get an idea of what is wanted. Address your letter to Leonard A. Seltzer, 32 Adams West, Detroit, Mich.

It may be interesting to state, too, that certain reforms are going to be inaugurated at the Detroit meeting in the conduct of the convention business. All the sessions will be held in the day time, and the evenings will be left free for rest, recreation and enjoyment. The Council, only, will meet at that time, and this will give a chance for the Sections to begin their work in the morning promptly at 9:30. Mr. Seltzer, the local secretary, is working out a plan of bulletin-boards so that a member who is sitting in one Section may know what is going on in others at the same time, thus making for a maximum of interest. Promptness will be exercised all along the line, and there is every expectation that the Detroit meeting will be a hummer!



THE A. PH. A. BUTTON.

AT the Nashville meeting, the production of a distinctive American Pharmaceutical Association button was authorized. The design selected is a gilt edged button having a shield in blue enamel edged with gold on a white field with gilt letters A. Ph. A. in English text across the shield.

This button should be worn by all members of the Association and will serve as an introduction to fellow-members. It should become the insigne of the professional standing of pharmacists.

The buttons made in double gold plate with rolled gold shoe and hard enamel will be supplied to members at 25c apiece. A limited number of 8 carat gold buttons have been ordered and these will cost the members \$1.00 apiece.

Every member should promptly order one of these buttons and wear it on every convenient occasion. Specify whether you want the backing to be the regular screw or a jewellers catch pin. Send all orders to

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