

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL
ASSOCIATION CONVENES IN
INDIANAPOLIS AUGUST 27-
SEPTEMBER 1, 1917.

The sixty-fifth annual convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association will be held in Indianapolis, August 27-September 1, and the Claypool Hotel has been selected as headquarters for the Association; Francis E. Bibbins is local secretary.

The American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy will convene August 27 and 28.

The Committee on Transportation will soon announce rates and routes to the convention. Indianapolis is centrally located and therefore a very large attendance is expected; hotel accommodations are ample, and opportunities for visiting places of pharmaceutical and sight-seeing interest will be afforded.

There are many lake resorts nearby and those who desire to extend their visit can arrange their tickets accordingly.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN
PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Commission on Proprietary Medicines invites a free expression of opinion by members of the Association upon the following questions:

(1) Will the open formula, *i. e.*, publication of the active ingredients on the label, be likely to increase or decrease the sale of proprietary medicines as a whole?

(2) Will the publication of the formula on the label be likely to change the legal responsibility of retail dealers, who have hitherto been declared by the courts not to be responsible for damage resulting from the use of proprietary medicines, concerning the composition of which they were uninformed?

(3) What benefit would the public derive from the publication of the formula of a proprietary medicine on the label?

(4) If the formulas of proprietary medicines are not published, can the public be protected against fraud or injury by a proper system of inspection and analysis?

(5) Instead of the requirement of the publication of all active ingredients as above stated, would it be advisable to require simply a statement of certain potent drugs, or of those deemed to be so active that the purchaser should be informed of their presence?

(6) If you believe the last proposition to be preferable to the publication of the complete formula, what definition would you propose for potent drugs; or, instead of a definition, what list of drugs would you propose for statement?

(7) If you favor neither of the two main propositions above stated, namely, publication of the entire formula, or of potent ingredients only, what are your views as to a law requiring the communication of the active ingredients to some official bureau authorized to pass upon or approve or disapprove preparations offered for sale generally to the public?

(8) If you approve the last proposition, would it be possible to draft a law that would prevent unreasonable condemnation of formulas by the official bureau, or to prevent sectarian prejudice from influencing its determinations? For example, would a board composed of "old school" or regular physicians be inclined to pass or reject a homeopathic remedy for rheumatism upon a statement of its contents?

(9) Should such a bureau be composed of physicians exclusively or should pharmacy be represented in the membership, and to what extent?

(10) Should a bureau charged with the duties above specified be municipal, state or national?

Those interested in knowing what has previously been said by members of the A. Ph. A. upon the above are referred to the issue of the JOURNAL for Dec. 1916. A reprint of this paper will be sent by the Chairman of the Commission, on request.

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IOWA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Iowa Pharmaceutical Association held a mid-winter session February 20 and 21, at Des Moines. It was largely legislative in character and the results were very satisfactory. Governor Harding attended the first session and expressed himself in full sympathy with the purposes of the organization and agreed that the state should recognize and assist in the promotion of work carried on by

the Association. It was decided that an exhibition of military hospital work would be given in conjunction with the program of the annual meeting. This seems indeed a very timely topic and more general attention should be given to this very important subject by all pharmaceutical associations.

An address was made by the Iowa State Insurance Commissioner, Mr. E. H. English, on "The Iowa Insurance Laws." Honorable Lawrence DeGraff, judge of the Iowa district court, and an authority on pharmacaal jurisprudence, spoke on "The Druggist's Liability under the Common Law." He contended for the necessity of better educational standards for pharmacists. Hugh Craig, editor of the N. A. R. D. Journal, spoke on "Some Problems of Legislation, National and State," in which he analyzed the various legislative measures now under consideration. While the meeting was primarily a business session, there were also a number of entertainments provided.

BUFFALO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

Charles H. Gauger has completed ten years' service as instructor in the pharmacy laboratory of the Buffalo College of Pharmacy. For over seventeen years he has acted as treasurer of the Alumni Association. In recognition of both of these facts the Faculty and the Alumni Association recently tendered him a testimonial dinner. It was given at the Lennox Hotel. A number of ladies were present, including Mrs. Gauger. Thirteen classes of alumni were represented. Among those from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Miller, of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

As a souvenir of the occasion the Faculty presented Mr. Gauger with a Dispensatory. So many of those present were friends of long standing that the affair soon resolved itself into a family round table of anecdote and reminiscences. The informality of the occasion was enjoyed by every one present and the freedom from set speeches was also appreciated. Dean Willis G. Gregory presided.

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