

of the country, and why does it not help to pay for the use of these brains? You would not expect to give your time as a teacher, or as a maker of chemical tests, for nothing; and I do not see why these men should not be paid a salary by the government. If the salary is adequate, they can give their undivided time and attention to this work.

SUGGESTION FOR THE TENTH REVISION OF THE U. S. P.*

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The following suggestion as to method of securing a coöperative revision of the next revision of the Pharmacopoeia is offered:

That the Committee on Revision who acted for the Ninth Decennial Revision shall, in advance of the Pharmacopoeial Convention, meet and assign certain problems connected with the revision of the Pharmacopoeia to such associations and organizations as they can enlist in the work. For example, assay processes, the purity and strength of pharmacopoeial articles, to colleges of pharmacy, the American Pharmaceutical Association, chemical associations, associations of manufacturers, and other like bodies, asking them to coöperate in going over the processes and standards of the Ninth Revision, giving constructive suggestions for the Tenth Revision.

This would at once secure the active coöperation of both organizations and individuals, who, in the natural course of events, await the publication of the Pharmacopoeia, wherein they find difficulties and differences in which they would have been of assistance had they had an opportunity to work on the same, in advance. It would also give an opportunity to have the purity and strength of pharmaceutical articles tested in numerous laboratories, and by this method a vast amount of work would be done in advance of the real revision of the Pharmacopoeia.

It would seem probable that the associations above named, and others which might be listed, together with individual laboratories, would be very glad to take up portions of the Pharmacopoeia which might be assigned to them and give the Pharmacopoeial Committee the benefit of their work.

In the plan outlined it is not intended that the Pharmacopoeial Revision Committee shall assign any part of its work relating to the scope of the Pharmacopoeia and other matters which can only be worked out by the Committee on Revision by itself, and in which they need no aid.

It may be urged that the above method would in a measure be irregular and illegal. This may be met by stating that it is not intended that the work so assigned would be considered as official or binding upon the Committee of Revision, but only handed to them in concrete form for what it is worth. It may also be urged that the present Committee of Revision has not authority to make such assignment. This is true, but there is nothing to prevent it from making such an assignment, which shall be suggestive only, and the Committee of Revision of the Tenth Edition of the Pharmacopoeia will be at full liberty to use all, any part, or none of the results of the work which may be submitted to them.

It is believed that a program of this character, systematically arranged and carried out, will also have a tendency to facilitate and speed up revision work.

It is possible that a similar assignment of problems could be carried out by the Committee of Revision of the National Formulary.

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