

script at the annual meeting—a question which I do not propose to discuss, however, except to say: "There are a few that know, some that think they know, and a large contingent that do not know," what it means to select and make from the vast store of material contained in pharmaceutical and kindred journals a report that shall satisfy the progress made during a given period and shall satisfy the individual demands and meet with the approval of a representative contingent of its readers.

What my aim has been in this direction, I have outlined in the prefatory remarks to the first installment of abstracts from the Report for 1911, in the January, (1912) number of the Journal of the Association. I shall confine my concluding remarks, therefore, to point out some of the difficulties, incongruities and objections, as I conceive them, if it is insisted that the recently adopted plan to publish the Report on the Progress of Pharmacy in monthly installments shall be carried into effect.

In order to furnish the abstracts required for each monthly issue of the Journal with unflinching regularity, and the assurance that they shall keep pace with the progress made from month to month during any single year, it will become necessary that the reporter give his undivided attention to this work; all other occupations must be subordinate to this work and must of necessity be relinquished if they interfere in a serious degree with the prompt supply of copy.

Supposing this to be satisfactorily arranged, we are confronted with conditions that are far more difficult of adjustment. Mental strain, temperamental moods, illness, are factors that must be taken into account, and may at times make it impossible to do effective work which under normal conditions would be comparatively easy of accomplishment. Moreover, the opportunity to catch up with delayed work, which is quite possible when making an annual report, becomes a practical impossibility when monthly reports are required.

Assuming, however, that these difficulties (and others might be mentioned) have been overcome, and we have succeeded in making monthly reports that fairly well represent the progress of pharmacy made during the year, what have we gained? We have simply substituted a number of separate reports in which a diversity of subjects, liable to duplication, follow each other incongruously—at best without more than a superficial attempt of systematic arrangement—for a well-ordered and properly arranged annual report, in a bound volume, properly indexed, and in this concrete form always available on the library shelf; whereas the twelve fragmentary reports, any one of which is liable to be misplaced or lost, and unprovided with an index until the last number has appeared, are in no respect different—except in scope and volume—from the abstracts usually contained in the current pharmaceutical journals.

Other incongruities might be pointed out and other objections brought forward, not the least of which is the fact that the Report on the Progress of Pharmacy, which has heretofore proven a most valuable asset for propaganda work, will lose its identity and usefulness unless we continue to present it in the concrete form to which the members of the Association have become accustomed, and to which they are entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

C. LEWIS DIEHL.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 15, 1912.

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### UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

(Recent changes in Pharmacists' Assignments, etc.)

Osborn, John L., Pharmacist. Relieved from duty at Baltimore, Md., and directed to proceed to Philadelphia, Pa., and report to Surgeon W. G. Stimpson for duty, October 7, 1912.

Holt, E. M., Pharmacist. Directed to proceed to the South Atlantic Quarantine Station to superintend the packing and disposition of the property preparatory to closing the station. October 9, 1912.

Gray, Ralph E., Pharmacist. Directed to proceed to Cairo, Ill., and report to the Medical Officer in Command, Marine Hospital, for duty and assignment to quarters. October 17, 1912.

Wolfe, J. A., Pharmacist. Upon being relieved by Pharmacist Ralph E. Gray, directed

to proceed to Pensacola Quarantine Station, Pensacola, Fla., and report to the Acting Assistant Surgeon in charge for duty and assignment to quarters. October 17, 1912.

### APPOINTMENT.

Ralph E. Gray appointed pharmacist of the third class, October 15, 1912.

Hunt, Reid, Professor of Pharmacology. Upon request of the Secretary of the Interior, directed to proceed to Wilkes Barre, Pa., to accompany a committee formed by the Bureau of Mines through the coal fields of Pennsylvania, for investigations in connection with resuscitation of persons overcome by poisonous gases November 6, 1912.

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