

THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PHARMACEUTICAL LITERATURE.*

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The importance of a bibliography in all branches of science and literature is generally recognized, making extended comment thereon unnecessary. This being admitted, the value of a reference to pharmaceutical subjects is apparent, and in some countries, in Hungary for example, such bibliographies have been prepared.

I, therefore, embrace the opportunity of the meeting of the Eleventh International Congress of Pharmacy to direct the attention of my colleagues, that the preparation of a general bibliography in the present status of civilization and sciences is timely. Thereby the foundation would be laid for a monumental treasury of information, from which source we would become more cognizant of the wealth of the literature of the past and present. No argument is needed to impress that such establishment would develop a great interest and bring professional men of all nations into closer relation.

Assuming that my humble expression merits your attention and valued interest, and without going into the details of the plans, which are not without great difficulties, I venture to present the practical side of the proposition as relating to pharmaceutical bibliography. A general outline is embodied in the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. History of Pharmacy. II. Sciences underlying Pharmacy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chemistry. 2. Botany. 3. Zoology. 4. Pharmacognosy. 5. Pharmaceutical Technic. 6. Miscellaneous (Apparatus, Fixtures, Bookkeeping, etc.). III. Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, etc. IV. Publications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Those published regularly. 2. Those appearing occasionally. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> V. Calendars, Catalogs, etc. VI. Pharmaceutical Organizations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitution. 2. Protocols. 3. Resolutions, References, etc. 4. Exhibitions. 5. Congresses. VII. Pharmacopoeias, Formularies, etc. VIII. Taxes, Duties, etc. IX. Laws. X. Pharmaceutical Development, Schools, Colleges, Institutes, etc. XI. Miscellaneous. |
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Aside from this it is desirable to translate the titles into the French, German, English or Esperanto, together with references to the source of information, libraries, publications, etc.

In the collaboration of the bibliography the following would participate: associations, societies, libraries, technical schools, museums, institutes, etc., and individuals, under the direction of committees appointed in the interest of the work.

I, therefore, respectfully urge that the officials of the Eleventh International Pharmaceutical Congress create a special committee for promoting the work of an International Pharmaceutical Bibliography.

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