

Last year only aconite root and colchicum corm were the drugs one-half or more of which ran below standard. This year aconite root is still in the deficient list, in addition to conium seed, lobelia and veratrum viride. Nux Vomica also deserves an unfavorable rating.

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HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS IN THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

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As a Hospital Pharmacist of many years' standing I would trespass upon your valuable space to say a few things about the proposed organization of a group of hospital pharmacists within the Association, the aim of such a group being to interest them in the work of the Association, which in itself is a very important one, as a study of your JOURNAL shows every month, and really it does not seem possible for a hospital pharmacist to keep up to date without its aid, so I would advise every young pharmacist to become a member of the A. Ph. A. and absorb knowledge for future days; also every old pharmacist should at once become a member, so he does not die before doing what he should have done years ago.

Hospital pharmacists are naturally much interested in pharmacy and medicine; they are 100 percent professional men and have no side lines to distract their attention. By the nature of their calling they have to keep well posted and up to date on everything concerning their work, and as the commercial end is immaterial to them, their energies and mind are always bent upon improving and increasing the importance of the pharmacy departments in the hospitals. Their eyes look upwards and they long to accomplish things which, while adding further dignity to their already valuable services, will make them still more helpful to the physicians with whom they are daily in contact in their war upon disease and suffering.

The proposed movement for organizing Hospital Pharmacists is neither offensive nor defensive, but merely a constructive idea of the highest importance, which if successfully carried out will, I firmly believe, have far-reaching results in the future and place our whole profession upon higher and broader planes, also call into our ranks intellects of the highest order. So every pharmacist should take a wholehearted interest in this movement and help make it the success it deserves to be, and I suggest as a starter in the right direction that every member of the A. Ph. A. do some canvassing among his brother pharmacists, especially those practicing in hospitals, and have them send for information about this movement to William B. Day, General Secretary A. Ph. A., Chicago, also ask for a membership blank and send that \$5.00, and get where they belong.

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