

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MODERN PHARMACY LAW.*

To the American Pharmaceutical Association:

At the New Orleans convention last year, a completed draft of a Modern Pharmacy Law was submitted, subject to reservation on the part of the Committee, that it have the right before publication to make a few minor changes, if deemed necessary. The convention at that time accepted the report and draft of the committee granting its request, and also adopted the suggestion of the committee, that subsequent to publication the draft be submitted for the consideration and study of the membership, with a view of the Association taking final action at its Cleveland convention.

Owing to many demands upon the time of the chairman of your committee, a consideration and agreement upon minor changes could not be completed until May of this year, and thus publication of the draft in the JOURNAL could not be made until July. This has prevented the desired and absolutely necessary consideration by the membership, so that intelligent final action might now be taken. In the opinion of the committee consideration of the draft and a discussion of its many provisions during the convention is not feasible, since likely it would consume several days of undivided time. It should be mentioned also that in the appointment of committees President Hilton made a change in the membership of this committee by appointing Mr. H. C. Christensen to take the place of Mr. Geo. M. Beringer. Mr. Christensen expressed a desire to take no active part in the work of the committee until after the publication of the draft and its final consideration, study and criticism by the membership.

Owing to the very great importance of this entire subject, which requires that there be no haste in taking final action, your committee now recommends that the draft of the proposed Model for a Modern Pharmacy Law as published in the July number of the JOURNAL find the necessary consideration of the membership during this year, so that final action may be taken at the next annual convention. To serve that end it is requested that the editor of the JOURNAL during the year call repeated attention to the draft as published in the July number of the JOURNAL, asking that all criticism and suggestion for desirable change be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee. It is the thought that the Committee should then at the next annual convention present for separate consideration and discussion such criticism and suggestion for amendment in order that these may be disposed of in comparatively short time, so that the convention can then proceed to take immediate final action.

CLEVELAND, August, 1922.

(Signed)

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THE LAW AND THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER.

Dr. J. H. Beal delivered an address on the above-named subject at the convention of the National Association of Retail Druggists in Detroit. The following extracts are reprinted from *Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter*, October 2:

"Restrictive legislation has become a menace to the American people and the government established by our ancestors is being replaced by an autocratic bureaucracy that functions for the benefit of an organized minority that imposes its will upon the unorganized masses."

"Within the past twenty-five years," he said, "the United States have probably adopted more restrictions on individual enterprises than ever before in their history,

and their number is steadily increasing. The druggist to-day has to consult his lawyer more often than the pages of his pharmacopoeia."

Professor Beal placed reformers who try to regulate business by statute in the same class as the Russian radicals. "Our quarrel," he said, "is with the reformers' use of legislation as a universal cure-all, when centuries of experience have proved its inefficiency."

Since so many reforms went into effect, according to Professor Beal, the number of people holding Federal positions has increased 40 percent and their salaries 150 percent. Law-breaking instead of being a disgrace has come to be a joke—a national pastime, he said.

* The report was approved, and is printed here in order to direct attention to the draft of the Law in July JOUR. A. PH. A., pp. 568-575. The address of chairman, Frank H. Freericks, is Mercantile Library Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.