

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL FACULTIES

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—With the closing of the year it will be of interest to the Conference Membership to know that Conference matters are in a satisfactory condition, and it is also satisfying to know that more schools are realizing that Conference Membership is not only to be highly prized but has almost become a necessity. This is indicated by the fact that during November the Executive Committee sent sub-committees to visit three schools that have made applications for membership and the Chairman of the Committee now has received notice from three more schools that their applications for membership will be submitted in the near future.

It is appropriate that the December number of the JOURNAL should contain a brief message from the new president, Charles H. LaWall, together with the personnel of the standing and special committees named by him to carry on the work of the Conference during his administration.

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THE NEXT STEP.

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It is very disquieting to some of the members of a calling which is suffering from "growing pains" to see serious discussions taking up valuable space in the pharmaceutical journals on "What is the matter with pharmacy?" Others of a more philosophic turn of mind smile and say nothing, realizing that the condition is only temporary and is not common to pharmacy alone. Medicine, dentistry, engineering—all have suffered or are suffering from the same symptoms, but with this difference: when they settle a thing, it is settled, but in pharmacy nothing ever seems to be definitely settled.

Just as soon as things appear to be all cleared up and progress planned along a certain line by unanimous consent, someone throws a monkey wrench into the machinery and the whole thing needs rebuilding. This is true of all lines of pharmaceutical endeavor, professional, educational and commercial. Self-interest is disguised in many ways and expediency often replaces principles as a guide to action. There is always a minority that will not or cannot go along.

Minority rule in any organization is a forerunner of disaster. There is only one way to make progress and that is to invite full and free discussion, provide for proper representation of all parties interested, agree upon principles to be followed, and then stick to the policy agreed upon.

No "next step" can be taken until the previous step is completed. Progress in pharmaceutical education has not measured up to the requirements of that great unappreciated public which pharmacy serves. A definite step was planned for 1923 in the unanimous agreement of all of the Conference School representatives, that four years' high school should then become the minimum entrance requirement for the study of pharmacy.

This step must be taken at the time agreed upon. It should have been taken years ago. To delay it longer would be to make pharmacy a subject for laughter and sympathy, and we want neither.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF PHARMACEUTICAL FACULTIES.

President LaWall has appointed the following standing committees for 1922-1923:

- No. 1. *On higher educational standards*—D. B. R. Johnson, *Chairman*, Edward Kremers, H. H. Rusby, Theodore J. Bradley, Charles B. Jordan.
- No. 2. *On faculties*—Charles F. Caspari, *Chairman*, H. W. Youngken, A. H. Clark, F. F. Kelly, C. C. Glover.
- No. 3. *On curriculum and teaching methods*—W. J. Teeters, *Chairman*, W. Bruce Philip, E. R. Serles, L. E. Sayre, W. C. Anderson.
- No. 4. *On activities of students and alumni*—Edward Spease, *Chairman*, E. N. Gathercoal, Freeman P. Stroup, Edwin L. Newcomb, W. F. Sudro.
- No. 5. *On uniform college bulletins*—J. A. Koch, *Chairman*, Jeannot Hostmann, C. C. Bass, A. Zieffe, W. G. Gregory.
- No. 6. *On relations of pharmacy schools and other professional schools*—E. F. Kelly, *Chairman*, W. G. Crockett, Wm. Mansfield, C. H. Stocking, F. J. Wulling.
- No. 7. *On relations of colleges with boards of pharmacy*—Jacob Diner, *Chairman*, G. C. Diekman, H. M. Faser, Chester A. Duncan, E. O. Kagy.
- No. 8. *On examination questions*—C. B. Jordan, *Chairman*, E. L. Newcomb, A. F. Schlichting, C. W. Johnson, J. G. Beard.
- No. 9. *On research*—H. V. Army, *Chairman*, Edward Kremers, Albert Schneider, W. H. Zeigler, E. N. Gathercoal.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

- (a) *On Distribution of Information Concerning Prerequisite Legislation*—W. B. Day, *Chairman*, F. L. Newcomb, P. H. Dirstine.
- (b) *On Investigation of Pharmacy Schools by Carnegie Foundation*—T. J. Bradley, *Chairman*, R. A. Kuever, Louis Saalbach, Julius W. Sturmer.
- (c) *Representatives on the National Drug Trade Conference*—W. F. Rudd, *Chairman*, T. J. Bradley, E. F. Cook.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

- Representative to the Pharmaceutical Publicity Committee—E. L. Newcomb.
 Representative on Board of Botanical Abstracts—E. N. Gathercoal.

MANUFACTURE OF ESSENTIAL OILS: 1921.

The Department of Commerce announces that the census reports show a considerable decrease in the activities of the establishments engaged primarily in the manufacture of essential oils (not including synthetic or artificial oils) during 1921, as compared with the year 1919. The total value of products reported amounted to \$3,271,120 in 1921, and to \$5,698,403 in 1919, a decrease of 42.6 percent.

Of the 35 establishments reported for 1921, 10 are located in Connecticut; 7 in Indiana; 6 in Michigan; 5 in New York; 4 in New Jersey; and 1 each in California, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. New Jersey, the leading state in the industry in 1921, produced 38.2 percent of the total value of products in that year.

PERFUME PLANT CULTIVATION IS ATTEMPTED IN PALESTINE.

The American Consulate at Jerusalem reports to the U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce that attempts at cultivating perfumery plants in Palestine on an extensive scale have been made this year by the Zionist agencies with a skilled personnel trained in southern France at the expense of Lord Rothschild. So far three classes of plants have been set out in Palestine and are reported to be doing nicely.

\$5,000 FOR "PASTEUR DAY."

Philadelphia's City Council's Finance Committee has approved an appropriation of \$5,000 for an observance, on December 27, of the centenary of the birth of M. Louis Pasteur.