

## EDITORIAL

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### THE ASHEVILLE MEETING.

THE 1923 meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association presented so many items of interest to American Pharmacy that a complete record achievement would go beyond the proper length of an editorial. Therefore only a few salient points can be given. In the first place, no meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association has been in a more delightful setting than this meeting amid the mountains in the Land of the Sky. The attendance, while not record-breaking, was large and representative, almost every prominent A. Ph. A. member being present. The entertainments were well chosen and not so abundant as to interfere with the real purposes of the convention.

From the standpoint of constructive work accomplished, the 1923 convention will stand out for many years to come. In the first place, the new plan of organization—sections, house of delegates, general sessions and board of directors—was authorized by unanimous vote and was put into operation during the last days of the session. Of course, during the next year or so, the transition period, there will be many rough edges to smooth out, but the unanimous approval of the new plan indicates that the plan itself is good.

The joint meeting of the executive committees of the N. A. R. D. and of the A. Ph. A. held during the week was one of the finest things ever done for American Pharmacy. Each group met the other in the spirit of courteous coöperation and at the meeting plans were considered which, when adopted, will mean much for both organizations.

The project of an A. Ph. A. Headquarters received an inspiring impetus in the announcement of three munificent cash donations from Messrs. Pfeiffer, Dohme and Dunning and of an extremely liberal offer of floor space in the new building of the American Druggists' Fire Insurance Co., in Cincinnati. With this impetus, the securing of adequate quarters for our Association is assured and the fruition of our desire is resolved into a matter of detail.

Of the other outstanding features of the meeting, a mere mention at this time will have to suffice. The second annual meeting of the National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research held on the Saturday prior to the A. Ph. A. meeting was a great success and the future of this important instrument of pharmaceutical progress seems assured. The programs of the several sections were highly interesting and the sessions were well attended. The awarding of the Ebert Prize to Dr. Paul S. Pittenger and of the A. Ph. A. research grants to Drs. Edward Kremers and Wm. J. McGill met with universal approval. The House of Delegates functioned smoothly and demonstrated the feasibility of this close point of contact between the A. Ph. A. and the state associations; while an interesting event of the meeting was the announcement that almost 1100 new members had been elected during the year.

And so our Association is entering its 72nd year in better condition than at any time in its history. With a more modern and expansive form of organization, with

a large accession of new members, with excellent prospects of a home of its own; with all of its varied activities in good working order and, above all, with all of its members working enthusiastically for its welfare, the American Pharmaceutical Association has certainly come into its own; has surely reached the position in the World of Pharmacy to which it is justly entitled.

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### PHARMACY COMING TO ITSELF.

**A**LWAYS national in its scope but, at times, perhaps too centralized and preoccupied with the immediate interests of pharmacy, the American Pharmaceutical Association will now take a more comprehensive part in promoting the possibilities of pharmacy and to that extent more fully carry out its mission as a national organization in which its relationships to other associations and divisions of pharmacy have been defined by the A. Ph. A. reorganization plan. Conscious of the obligations assumed and given a clearer understanding of what is before them the members are realizing the importance of the task involved in giving a more extensive service to pharmacy by coördinating and activating the organization in accordance with the plan approved in Cleveland and made effective at the Asheville meeting.

The work of pharmacists has a relation to that of others and is coördinated by or through that of associations. More or less restricted individual service is broadened through associated endeavor. Local and state associations have their own problems but they have a relation nevertheless to those of other organizations, including those of national character. It was for promoting and directing affairs which are of importance to pharmacy and pharmacists generally that the American Pharmaceutical Association was organized as a delegate body more than seventy years ago. A hopeful view of its reorganization is that the Association has discovered its greater opportunities—it requires contact to fully comprehend what is necessary in this service for pharmacy.

It is not unlikely that the reorganization plan may have to be adjusted; the majority of those without the Association must be brought to a belief in it and to give their united support. There are many minds to be brought to agreement, and in order to do this wisely—thought, sentiment and purpose must be aligned. A thorough knowledge of the details of the interrelationships is essential so that the purpose may be circumspectly carried into effect.

Ex-President Wilson, in "When, a Man Comes to Himself," paraphrases a passage from Dr. South which may be relevant in this connection and will serve for closing this comment with a thought that can be applied to associations, for after all they are representative of individuals: "every man hath both an absolute and a relative capacity: an absolute in that he hath been endued with such a nature and such parts and faculties; and a relative in that he is part of the universal community of men, and so stands in such a relation to the whole. When we say that a man has come to himself, it is not of his absolute capacity that we are thinking but of his relative. He has begun to realize that he is part of a whole, and to know what part, suitable for what service and accomplishment." E. G. E.

## THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE desire to serve pharmacy activated the convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association in Asheville. Evidence of this spirit was manifest in several directions. The committee in charge of the American Pharmaceutical Association Headquarters Building Fund was encouraged by a number of offers and donations.

Reports of prior contributions have been made in the JOURNAL A. PH. A., Volume XI, pp. 392, 644 and 872, and in Volume XII, pp. 90, 555 and 825. Chairman Beal's report at the Asheville meeting included an offer from the American Druggists' Fire Insurance Company of a perpetual leasehold of the upper floor of a building about to be erected in Cincinnati by the Company for a home, having a frontage of 100 feet on Central Parkway and 85 feet on Walnut Street. The proposal states that the location is in the business district, in the immediate vicinity of many of the public and educational buildings of Cincinnati, four blocks distant from the Lloyd Library, etc. If the offer is accepted an appraisement of the value of the intended leasehold is to be made so that if it becomes necessary for the American Pharmaceutical Association to relinquish its lease it would receive the value thereof according to the agreement entered into. Acceptance is dependent on the Association's making its home in the building; the tender, which is open for a period of six months, has been referred to the Board of Directors, A. Ph. A.

The next announcement made by the chairman related to a gift through Dr. A. R. L. Dohme of a research laboratory as a memorial to the late Charles E. Dohme, president of the A. Ph. A. in 1898. The dedication of this laboratory to the memory of one who is revered by American pharmacists attaches an additional value to the gift, especially for those who knew him.

A subscription of \$10,000 to the fund was made through Mr. G. A. Pfeiffer, treasurer of and for William R. Warner & Co. The donation was prompted by the thought that in assisting the Association to erect a building which will be suitable for its requirements a good cause is furthered and the development of pharmacy aided.

At a late session of the Association Prof. E. F. Kelly was permitted to announce for Dr. H. A. B. Dunning, of Hynson, Westcott & Dunning, a contribution of \$1000 for every \$25,000 collected for the Headquarters Building, up to \$250,000, *i. e.*, a total of \$10,000 if the former sum is reached. The contributions may be used to encourage subscriptions to the fund if the Association so approves, and the hope is expressed by the donor that the Association will eventually possess a building of its own.

It has been stated that there are other donations in prospect, some of which, in amount if not entirely, are dependent on more or less general responses by members, thereby evidencing their wholehearted support of the promotion.

The work of one branch of pharmacy is incomplete without that of the others; the fullest measure of success is possible through hearty coöperation of all the divisions which make up the pharmaceutical industries and of others that contribute thereto. It is therefore not unreasonable to expect that many will desire to share in this upbuilding. There has been an encouraging expression which will proceed

to accomplishment of the work undertaken by the American Pharmaceutical Association. Some of the state associations have responded, and it may confidently be hoped that all others will participate, all of them with even greater support than heretofore, because of their close affiliation.

Whatever seems to be for the best interests of pharmacy will govern the action of the Association in locating the headquarters. There will doubtless be other offers, and this report and comment is only for the purpose of inviting thoughtful consideration of the subject by all members and enlisting continued support, so that there may be consummation of that which has been one of the hopes of the Association for many years; it is an expression of faith in the organization and will be a great factor in the advancement of pharmacy.

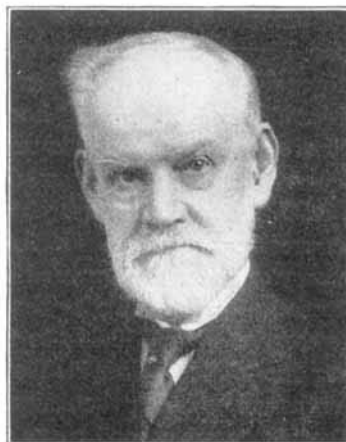
A vote of thanks was extended by the Association to all donors; the committee having the work in charge has made splendid progress and deserves the encouragement essential for success of their efforts at an early date. E. G. E.



L. L. WALTON.

Elected Chairman of the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A., at Asheville Meeting, 1923.

The new chairman of the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A., is a retail pharmacist of Williamsport, Pa. He is a past president of his State Association, and of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. A sketch of Mr. Walton will be found on p. 823, November JOURNAL A. Ph. A., 1921.



WILLIAM L. DuBOIS.

Elected Honorary President, A. Ph. A., at Asheville Meeting, 1923.

Although the Honorary President, A. Ph. A., entered the drug business in 1851 he is still active in pharmacy at Catskill, N. Y. An historical contribution by him, printed in the March number of the JOURNAL A. Ph. A., 1917, p. 273, gives an interesting account of some of his early impressions of the drug business.

#### THE NATURAL PLANT COLORING MATTERS.

A paper by John H. Wurdack, under above caption—presented before the Scientific Section, A. Ph. A., at Asheville—deals, in a rather comprehensive manner, with the four great groups of coloring matters: chlorophyll, carotinoids, anthoxanthins and anthocyanins, found widely distributed throughout the plant world. The author discusses the chemical nature and distribution of these coloring substances. He mentions the causes for variations of color in flowers or other plant structures, and the paper is concluded with an interesting chapter on spring and autumn leaf coloration.