

Love of research has been kept in the foreground by this organization. Contributions of original research have characterized every year of its history. Our progress must be attributed largely to this. Every member should recognize that it is his duty to do all he can to add to the knowledge of pharmacy and the allied sciences. Mr. F. W. Gamble, chairman of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, in his annual address after pointing out that research had always been the dominant interest of the Conference, voiced the following warning which it might be well for us also to observe, "If this Conference becomes political, its spirit will evaporate, its utility will be lost; science unites, politics divide." Invariably science evidences the spirit of sacrifice, while too often politics in organizations degenerates into desire for personal advancement. Can there be any question of our choice?

If we put our trust in this spirit of research that has permeated all groups and conditions of pharmacists, from those interested in purely scientific matters to those concerned more with business research, we shall find a common ground and a means of carrying to a successful conclusion our fondest dreams.

ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
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At the last annual meeting the plan of reorganization of the American Pharmaceutical Association adopted at that meeting was referred to the House of Delegates to be put into effect. The first step was to secure its approval by the respective state associations and the report of the Secretary of the House of Delegates will inform you in detail of our effort. It is sufficient for the purpose of this report to mention that thirty-three states voted affiliation under this plan, and that these associations represent a large majority of the members of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Emphasis should be placed upon the fact that while the other states did not take favorable action, not one single state has taken unfavorable action. The approval by such a majority of the state associations of the purposes of the American Pharmaceutical Association as expressed in this plan, should be of the greatest encouragement to this Association, and its significance can be best expressed in the words of an editorial appearing recently in one of the prominent pharmaceutical journals:

"This action on the part of the state societies is important for two reasons. It shows that pharmacists throughout the country have faith in the American Pharmaceutical Association and that they are eager to cooperate more fully in a greater national organization in an effort to solve the problems that confront them in the practice of their profession. The proceedings at Asheville will be watched with keen interest, as will be the working out of the reorganization plan."

Some question was expressed in this same editorial as to the effect of this plan on the membership of the American Pharmaceutical Association and, as a consequence, of the ability of this organization from a financial standpoint to render the service contemplated for it. The reports of the Chairman of the Committee on Membership and of the Treasurer will, I feel sure, resolve any doubt on this point.

We have had the largest annual net increase in membership in the history of the Association, for which result particular credit is due the First Vice-Chairman of the House of Delegates, who undertook this part of our campaign.

A year is, of course, a very short time in which to discharge fully such a task

as was referred to the House of Delegates at the last annual meeting, but we sincerely hope that our efforts will have your approval.

The results, as stated above, should be gratifying and encouraging, but they are also a challenge of our ability to be the general national pharmaceutical organization of America, and of our ability to do for the public and for pharmacy what should be done.

Our success, now that we have an approved organization, will depend upon two factors: First, the support and coöperation of our constituent state organizations, and judging from the action of these state associations, this will be forthcoming if we produce results; second, such a really representative membership as will give us the necessary prestige and finances. The last-mentioned factor is yet to be secured, and two ways to secure it are open to us. We can continue our present membership qualifications and attempt to build up our membership on the present basis. The experience of other national professional organizations demonstrates that this is a difficult but not impossible undertaking, mainly because it imposes a considerable charge on prospective members when considered as additional to the cost of membership in local and divisional organizations to which they must also belong if our program is to be successful. Our membership campaign this year also shows that the cost of securing new members is considerable. The other alternative is to work out a combined membership charge with the constituent state associations, so that a pharmacist, upon joining the state association, automatically becomes a member of this Association. It is desirable that this combination fee also include membership in a divisional organization if the member so desires. Several plans for this purpose have been proposed and discussed in this Association, but before we had the necessary revised organization, and, if a satisfactory plan can be successfully worked out, it will give this Association and the divisional organizations the representative membership so necessary to their success.



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HIGHER APPRECIATION OF PHARMACY.

There was danger and possibly still is of harmful influences from the coming into the drug business of individuals or corporations devoid of proper appreciation of pharmacy. Fortunately, the advance made by institutions teaching pharmacy, by a better understanding of legislators and the public that they are best served by those trained in pharmacy, has resulted in a new and better evaluation of the mission of pharmacy.

The stern biological law of the survival of the fittest is beginning to prevail in colleges of pharmacy and students lacking the proper

concept—understanding—of moral obligations that obtain in pharmacy, who are weak in preparation or indolent as far as studies are concerned, must make way for those better fitted.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, ASSOCIATION OF OFFICIAL AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTS.

November 19-21, 1923.

The thirty-ninth annual convention of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists will be held in Washington, D. C., at the Raleigh Hotel, corner Twelfth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., beginning November 19, at 10 o'clock.