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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### THE NEED FOR A MORE THOROUGH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN PHARMACY\*

#### A COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO STATE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATIONS BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, A. PH. A.

While there were a few local and even state associations of pharmacists in this country prior to 1851 when the American Pharmaceutical Association was founded, yet that year marks the real beginning of pharmaceutical organization in the United States. The impetus given by the American Pharmaceutical Association resulted in the development of the State pharmaceutical associations, who are in this sense, children of the A. Ph. A., and the same spirit later gave rise to the several national organizations who are so well serving the various interests of pharmacy. But while this development of associations representing the different groups was most necessary yet the need for coordinating them into a closer federation is increasingly apparent. In the effort to bring about such a federation there is no thought of antagonizing, much less of replacing, and existing organization but rather of increasing their efficiency through a closer union. With the national organizations, an excellent start has been made in the Drug Trade Conference—which has already accomplished much for pharmacy. But to unite especially the state associations and to bring them into closer touch with the parent body is an immediate and urgent need.

Those who had the privilege and opportunity to look in upon some of the leaders of American pharmacy when they were considering this question at the Cleveland meeting of the A. Ph. A. held last August realize that the whole problem of pharmaceutical organization is being given more serious thought than ever before. There sat delegates representing every possible complexion of pharmaceutical activity. Crude-drug importers and producers, manufacturers, wholesalers, retail pharmacists, commercial and professional men, pharmaceutical journalists, everybody, every interest was represented.

These men, realizing that positive action looking toward the building up of a great federation of pharmaceutical associations was necessary, did something which never before has been done in the history of American pharmacy. They adopted and directed to be placed before the pharmacists of America a plan for a comprehensive and yet effective organization. They now ask that

\* Further information on the subject will be gladly given by Secretary William B. Day, 701 So. Wood St. Chicago, Ill.

the great body of American pharmacists as represented by the State pharmaceutical associations approve the plans for organization as outlined.

The plans are the result of continued and serious study by a group of our most able men. They are not held to be perfect. No plan ever is. They represent the best that can be produced preliminary to actual use. The pharmaceutical world is now waiting for the druggists of the country through their respective state associations to speak; awaiting for the druggists of the United States to say "YES—we approve the plans and urge that no effort be spared or time lost in bringing about the proper adjustment of by-laws, etc., so that the actual work of organizing may be started; so that the serious problems which are becoming an increasing menace to the very life of pharmacy may be adequately and equitably solved in the interests of the entire pharmaceutical body and the public."

This appeal for approval comes not from a small group representing a certain phase of the pharmaceutical activity of the country, but rather from a united group representing every branch of pharmacy. It is backed by officers and delegates from practically every drug organization in the country. All were present at the Cleveland conference. The officers and executive committeemen of the N. A. R. D. and A. Ph. A., representatives of all branches of the manufacturing industry relating to drugs and allied products, delegates from state associations, boards of pharmacy, wholesalers, scientists, government officials and others.

Now comes the official request through the officers of the American Pharmaceutical Association that the rank and file of pharmacists of the country through their state associations approve the plans. This is as it should be. The A. Ph. A. is the only existing organization to which *all* having any interest in the drug business are eligible for membership. The retail pharmacists of the country, some 50,000 of them, represent the largest single group having a vital interest in drugs.

It is to be hoped that these state associations as they meet one after another during the coming six months will approve these plans for a real national federation of pharmacy with votes that can be heard from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

The opportunity is now here and every pharmacist should attend his State meeting with the one thought uppermost in his mind of putting his state solidly back of the big task to be accomplished. No funds are required or asked to be pledged. The one question is are you ready to *organize*? We have yet to find a pharmacist who is a "Doubting Thomas."

When your state association officers present this subject put it across with a bang! And let's help American Pharmacy on the road to recognition and prosperity.\*

### NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE PHARMACEUTICAL SYLLABUS. BULLETIN XXXII.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 8, 1922.

To the Members of the National Committee on the Pharmaceutical Syllabus: Committee Reports.

I hand you herewith the financial statement of the Committee for the period Sept. 1, 1921 to August 8, 1922.

| 1921    | RECEIPTS                               | 1921     | DISBURSEMENTS                      |                 |
|---------|--|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sept. 1 | Cash on hand.....                      | \$487.68 | Dec. 22 300-1 c. stamps.....       | \$ 3.00         |
| Nov. 1  | Natl. Assoc. Boards Pharm-<br>acy..... | 25.00    | 1922                               |                 |
| 7       | Am. Conf. Pharm. Faculties..           | 25.00    | Jan. 18 Exchange.....              | .15             |
| 7       | Am. Pharm. Association.....            | 25.00    | May 16 T. J. Bradley, postage..... | 8.00            |
| 9       | copies 2nd edition Syllabus.           | 11.32    | Aug. 1 Exchange.....               | .10             |
| 36      | copies 3rd edition Syllabus.           | 55.75    | Aug. 8 Cash on hand.....           | 618.50          |
|         |  |          |                                    | <u>\$629.75</u> |
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I have on hand about 90 copies of the 2nd edition of the Syllabus. Two hundred twenty-five copies of the 3rd edition of the Syllabus have been sold and payment for the same received.

Respectfully,

Clyde M. Snow, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct August 1922.

Theodore J. Bradley, *Chairman.*

\* See also pp. 291 and 364.