

reorganization are outlined by the Chairman of the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A. Ex-President A. R. L. Dohme has contributed an article for this number of the JOURNAL, and a communication from H. A. B. Dunning follows. E. G. E.

AN ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL PHASES OF PHARMACEUTICAL INTERESTS NEEDED.

I have been urged to express my views on the present plan for the reorganization of the American Pharmaceutical Association and I am doing so with some hesitancy, on account of not having been as intimately associated with the work of our Association in recent years as formerly. I am, therefore, not thoroughly conversant with the progressive steps which have been made and have resulted in the present seriously considered plan of reorganization. I am also not duly qualified to criticise constructively the details of this definite plan for reorganization. I am referring to the plan clearly discussed and analyzed in the September 1922 issue of the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in an editorial by E. F. Kelly. However, it seems to me that this plan might be made more simple and more direct, but I understand the difficulties involved in adjusting any plan so that it will be acceptable to a number of people having different views and I, therefore, endorse this plan accepted by the American Pharmaceutical Association membership at their last meeting, as the first step toward an effective reorganization of our Association. I have expressed myself indefinitely respecting the details of reorganization of our Association, but I have no doubt of the necessity of an immediate reorganization if the Association expects to remain effective. It is true that pharmacy and those interested in pharmacy need, at this time, as never before, an organization representative of all phases of pharmaceutical interests and representative of the full strength of those interests. This is the opportunity of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

At present, our forces are divided, as are our interests. We have a strong National Association of Retail Druggists, Manufacturing Druggists and Wholesale Druggists, but no organization that represents the entire interests, influence and force of all these organizations. It is splendid to note that the retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, state associations and all pharmaceutical bodies now in existence and active, are interested and willing to cooperate in the reorganization of the American Pharmaceutical Association so that it will be representative of all phases of pharmacy and will exercise its influence for the betterment of pharmacy, will act as a force for its protection and will serve humanity more effectively. As a retail, wholesale and manufacturing pharmacist, as a member of my state organization, as a long-time member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, I urge the members of all State associations and the members of the American Pharmaceutical Association to keep up their active interest in carrying through the new plan of reorganization until it is effected. American pharmacy needs, more than anything else, for its welfare, an organization consisting of many thousands of members distributed throughout this great country, rather than a few thousands. The improvement of the organization can and will come afterward.

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