

canals made by insects, and explains the presence of the larger cavities containing it by the corrosive action of the Araroba on the wood, but he does not seem to have confirmed his theory by experiment. (It seems possible that it may be the work of destructive enzymes.)

It may be interesting to add that the common yellow lichen, *Physicia parietina*, so common on walls, roofs, trees and rocks in this country, was formerly used as a remedy for ringworm in England probably according to the doctrine of signatures, and that it contains chrysophanic acid.

SHALL THE SECTION ON EDUCATION AND LEGISLATION BE
DISCONTINUED?*

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In connection with the plan for the reorganization of the American Pharmaceutical Association it has been proposed, in all seriousness, to do away with the Section on Education and Legislation. The reasons advanced are that matters of education would be cared for best in the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, while legislative affairs would be discussed in the House of Delegates.

Against the discontinuance of this Section we should earnestly protest. It will be a sad day for American Pharmacy when we admit that we, as an organization of progressive and intelligent pharmacists, are so little interested in pharmaceutical education that we can afford no place for it on our program but are content to relegate it to an affiliated organization. Nor would this sister organization, the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, profit by our negligence for they need as much to keep in touch with us as we need to keep in touch with them. After all, the pharmacists of this country and the public which they serve are the most deeply concerned in pharmaceutical education and must give it their tacit approval and support if it is to realize its objective.

The pharmacists, as such, have a right to be heard in educational affairs. And where shall this right be exercised if not in the Section on Education and Legislation of the American Pharmaceutical Association?

For the A. Ph. A., too, it would be a serious mistake to allow these educational interests, which have for so many years been conserved and promoted by our Association, to be split off and turned over to other organizations.

A glance at the history of this Section is sufficient to prove its worthiness of a place in the A. Ph. A. Inaugurated thirty-four years ago, it has been presided over by many distinguished pharmacists and educators; such men as Bedford, Simon, Good, Hallberg and Oldberg, to mention only those who have passed on. The result of their efforts must not be lost to pharmacy. The Section on Education and Legislation has a wide field for usefulness. It can and should be made of increasing value to pharmacy.

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