

We may resist joining, as a child may run away from home, but we cannot avoid being a part of the A. PH. A. as long as we are pharmacists, any more than a run-away child can cease to be a member of the family, unless death severs the physical relation.

Having attended forty consecutive meetings of the A. PH. A. and taken part in the various activities, I can write knowingly as well as feelingly.

The A. PH. A. is the only national organization in which all drug interests have an equal right and a mutual interest; the only one out of ten national drug organizations in operation to-day.

Napoleon was one of the first great leaders to recognize the practical value of the science of chemistry. Now Chemistry holds a commanding position in the thoughts and lives of men and nations.

The drug journals have been filled with statements of what the A. PH. A. has accomplished. Who will be the Napoleon of the retail drug trade, to recognize the practical every-day value of having a Pharmacopœia, a National Formulary, Drug laws, Colleges, Boards, the N. A. R. D., the A. C. P. F., the N. A. B. P., A. D. M. A. and many other things that go to make up the conditions in drugdom?

Someone is needed who can humanize the past of the A. PH. A. as Wells has humanized the history of man from his very beginning. Someone should make us thirst for a more intimate knowledge of the A. PH. A. and realize the full bearing it has on our present and our future.

The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has always been actively at work doing many things for the benefit of Pharmacy as a whole. At the present time its greatest effort is toward the establishment of a great central Headquarters Building which may serve all of Pharmacy. The success thus far attained on this project will stand for all time as one of the remarkable achievements of Pharmacy.

The successful completion and operation of the Headquarters Building will be of great benefit to every one connected with pharmacy in any way. All who have not already done so should therefore subscribe to that fund now.

BRICKS WANTED TO BUILD A HOME FOR AMERICAN PHARMACY.

BY EDWARD SWALLOW.

Every worthwhile man builds a home for himself and family, in which abode he shelters those he loves. As the song says, "Home, sweet, sweet home," "There's no place like home."

Next to family love, comes the love of a profession, the work one does in rendering service to the community that requires much learning and science. In this regard we have a very large family of pharmacists here in America. A family, old indeed, and forever increasing. But, strange to say, the large number of children of Pharmacy, has no home, no place wherein they can meet together under one roof—an edifice common to and representing American Pharmacy as it is to-day and will be.

In olden times men helped each other build homes, the community spirit was strong among them. No man is forced to be a pharmacist—he is so by his own choice—therefore he must love his profession. Love means helpfulness, and individual service and sacrifice, if need be.

Your profession needs a dignified home, a Headquarters, worthy of an ancient and honorable calling; bricks are wanted to do this. Every pharmacist should send in his subscription. The more bricks, the better.