

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF PHARMACY

(It is not often that a State Pharmaceutical Association makes the first move toward the securing of pharmaceutical instruction by an appropriation from the state. The situation in Florida has received considerable attention and therefore the following article by Dr. W. J. Husa is timely, and I hope it will be read by the officers of the several pharmaceutical associations. Signed C. B. JORDAN, *Editor*.)

PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION IN FLORIDA.

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The desirability and need of a College of Pharmacy was long recognized by the pharmacists of Florida. Their high ideals for pharmacy and their understanding of the trend of pharmaceutical education are shown, for example, by the following remarks of President W. G. Perry in his address before the Florida State Pharmaceutical Association in 1922:

"The day of the private institution for teaching pharmacy, valuable as it once was, has gone by. Laboratory equipment, and the modern accessories of teaching now needed, mean the establishment of a plant which only the state or a richly endowed institution can finance.

"So we should work for our University School of Pharmacy. Reconstruction of educational methods since the cessation of the world war has given a new impetus to the study of pharmacy, and the ablest thinkers in the calling are unanimous in the belief that higher entrance requirements and more scientific training are necessary to meet the demand for well-trained pharmacists. It is argued that not until the average druggist becomes something more than a commercial handler of medicines can he hope to be recognized as a professional man or to be considered as a promising candidate for a commission in the Government service. Surely the trained pharmacist is needed to assist the physician in his work and unless he is competent to make analyses, bacterial determinations and related investigations, qualifications which can be learned only in the college and laboratory, his opportunities for advancement will be of little avail."

In 1923, at the urgent request of the State Board of Pharmacy and other pharmaceutical organizations, and with their assistance, the University of Florida established a School of Pharmacy. After two years of development, this has now become the College of Pharmacy.

Due to crowded conditions at the University, the new pharmacy department was forced to make its debut in a basement under conditions unfavorable for superior pharmaceutical work. However, this condition will be remedied in about a year by the construction of the first wing of a new building, the construction of which was authorized by the last Legislature.

In spite of the inadequate quarters, excellent work has been done, due largely to the fine spirit shown by the faculty and students and to the splendid apparatus and equipment, furnished to a large extent by funds donated by members of the Florida Pharmaceutical Association. The pharmacists who contributed to this fund cannot be commended too highly; they showed the true spirit of pharmacy in striving to make their profession of greater service to humanity.

Many leaders in pharmacy favor the selection of professors who hold the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, the highest degree granted in course, in addition

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to professional degrees in pharmacy, and practical drug-store experience. Florida's three professors in the strictly pharmaceutical branches meet these requirements in every particular and each one has had, in addition, considerable experience in industrial pharmaceutical or chemical research. Most of the professors in the other branches which make up the pharmacy curriculum, such as chemistry, physics etc., also hold the Ph.D. in their respective branches.

At the last regular session of the Florida legislature, the State Board of Pharmacy was given authority to set the educational standards for candidates for registration as pharmacists. It is expected that the college prerequisite will go into effect by Board ruling in about two years.

These achievements constitute Florida's answer to the question of what shall be done to raise the standards of pharmacy and pharmaceutical education.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL BRANCHES

"All papers presented to the Association and Branches shall become the property of the Association with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication prior to their publication in those of the Association, except with the consent of the Council."—Part of Chapter VI, Article VI of the By-Laws.

Article IV of Chapter VII reads: "Each local branch having not less than 50 dues-paid members of the Association, holding not less than six meetings annually with an attendance of not less than 9 members at each meeting, and the proceedings of which shall have been submitted to the JOURNAL for publication, may elect one representative to the House of Delegates."

Reports of the meetings of the Local Branches should be mailed to the Editor on the day following the meeting, if possible. Minutes should be typewritten, with wide spaces between the lines. Care should be taken to give proper names correctly, and manuscript should be signed by the reporter.

CHICAGO.

The 154th meeting of the Chicago Branch, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, was held at the School of Pharmacy Bldg., Friday Evening, December 11.

The meeting took on the nature of a reception to new members received during the year 1925. Acting President, J. A. Hynes, called upon the new members in the audience of about 250, to stand and he introduced them to their fellow members.

The members of the Lambda Kappa Sigma Sorority presented a play entitled "A Southern Cinderella" with the following synopsis and cast of characters.

Place—A southern home.

- Act. I. Living room at Charteris Hall
- Act. II. Same—Three days later
- Act. III. Same—Two years later

Cast of Characters.

Madame Charteris.....Barbara Hynes
Enid Bellamy.....Ethel Herdlicks
Miss Rosie Winterberry....Estelle Warczak

Miss Jonnie Bell Randolph...Agnes Hunkler
Katherine Hawke.....Catherine Curran
Caroline Hawke.....Evelyn Caron
Mammy Judy Johnson.....Alice Haller

Splendid music by the school orchestra was an added attraction. The play was followed by refreshments and dancing. This is the fourth annual event of this type and was universally pronounced to be better than any of the others.

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CINCINNATI.

The Cincinnati Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION met for its regular monthly meeting at Ohio Valley Drug-gists' Association Headquarters, November 17, 1925, with President H. E. Iglar in chair.

At this meeting Frank H. Freericks gave a most interesting and comprehensive report of the annual A. PH. A. convention, held in Des Moines. Officers for the year 1925-1926 are as follows: