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SCHOLARSHIPS IN COLLEGES OF PHARMACY.

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Inability to answer some questions asked by a foreign organization about scholarships in colleges of pharmacy in the United States prompted an investigation.

It was a pleasure to find that considerable is being done, but it is obvious that more ought to be done.

Eight teaching fellowships and twelve research fellowships were reported. These represent, possibly, the expenditure of \$13,000 annually, maintenance being about equally divided between the institutions and business firms.

There are seventy scholarships distributed among thirty-six schools. These are supported by the states, business firms, individuals, state associations, fraternities and other organizations. What sum these scholarships represent, it is impossible to say because many of them are in terms of tuitions for which amounts are not given. At a rough estimate, it may total \$7000.

Without exception, the scholarships are the reward of merit on the part of the student, though quite frequently the financial need of the individual is taken into consideration. Occasionally a competitive examination is given but more often the award is made to second- or third-year students on the basis of grades made in their regular work.

Aside from these fellowships and scholarships, a few schools employ one or two part-time graduate assistants who are working for advanced degrees. Perhaps they might properly be included under the head of fellowships. The naming of these funds does not seem to be very specific, especially of scholarships and prizes. Sums as small as \$30 are listed as scholarships and sums as large as \$35 being called prizes.

No attempt was made to determine the number or value of prizes. However, there are many of them, a considerable proportion being given at graduation but not nearly all.

It seems to me there ought to be many more scholarships and fellowships. Men and women interested in pharmacy and possessed of wealth could use it in no better way. Deserving undergraduates should be encouraged and especially graduate work should be encouraged.

How the number of scholarships and fellowships can be materially increased I am not prepared to say. Each institution would have to set about it in its own way, the way which would be best suited to the community and its possibilities. It does occur to me that we all have state associations. Each state association could well afford to maintain several scholarships at its own state college. Nearly all colleges have fraternities and though I realize that many of them have launched into building programs that will keep them in debt for years to come, I believe they should be urged to establish scholarships.