

EDITORIAL

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THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION IN ST. LOUIS.

THE Diamond Anniversary meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION will open in St. Louis August 22nd, at Hotel Coronado—*about three months from now*. This means that the Section Officers should prepare for the programs of their respective sections. Doubtless, the officers have solicited papers and some contributions have been received, but the time has come for sending out another letter for additional papers.

The titles of papers should be mailed to Secretary E. F. Kelly, 10 West Chase Street, Baltimore, Md., prior to July 1st, so there may be no delay in preparing the Convention program.

Copies of papers may be sent to the office of the JOURNAL at any time by contributors—this may serve as a safeguard against loss.

The names of Section Officers, of Members of Committees, etc., will be found in the roster, printed in the Advertising Section.

The final ballot on the site for the A. PH. A. Headquarters will go out to the members June 1st; hence, the selection will be known soon after the first of July. It is hoped that every member entitled to vote will exercise his privilege; the number of votes cast in the second ballot exceeded that of the first; let the final vote be even a more representative ballot.—E. G. E.

PROGRESS LIES IN THE COÖPERATIVE COÖRDINATED EFFORTS OF ALL DIVISIONS OF THE DRUG TRADE AND PHARMACY.

THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was organized 75 years ago so that it might render service to all engaged in the divisions of the drug trade and pharmacy and thereby share in the larger service of these divisions in behalf of the community, State and Nation, and add to the common fund of knowledge and contribute to the industrial development of the country and promotion of public health—the greatest good for the greatest number and striving for the greatest good for all.

The basic standard of pharmaceutical progress is in the employment and development of the energies of the individual pharmacists, and in the realization and exercise of their respective powers alone, or in coöperation with others or through a combination of single and collective activity. It follows that to the degree in which the individual pharmacists fail to develop their opportunities, to that extent the individuals and the interests of pharmacy and the drug trade are losers. The efforts to adapt educational facilities to the general system of coördinated and individual needs and endeavor are prompted by the desire of organizing the energies of all for the good of all. This is the spirit of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION; let us foster it.

In the writer's opinion, individual ownership of pharmacies by pharmacists, *i. e.*, at least to the extent that pharmacists are in authority, is best for pharmacy and the community. Such ownership brings out the best possible development of the fundamental qualities of personal responsibility, which tends to disappear as individual ownership dwindles; there often follow also unfair dealing and ever-growing continued employeeship. The combines boast of ownership of stock by employees and the general public, but this is not ownership of the kind which is best for pharmaceutical service.

If the problems and viewpoints of the divisions of the drug trade and of pharmacy are considered in a spirit of common interest practical solutions and adjustments will result. The divisions of the drug trade and of pharmacy must, perhaps, always have their own organizations, but all of them have problems and endeavors in common which can best be studied jointly within the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. They include not only matters professional but affairs concerned with all phases of the drug business and the industries promoted by both. The Headquarters will open greater possibilities and opportunities; let us study them.

There are research problems relating to standards, manufacture and business management in which all of the divisions mentioned are jointly interested, and attention should be given to them accordingly. There is frequent duplication of work in the activities of several organizations in their respective scientific sections, and the results of these investigations sometimes require adjustment by conference.

Misunderstanding of commercial problems may be changed to helpful plans by seeking out wherein greatest good may be brought about for all. The chain store presents not only a problem for the retailer to cope with but also for the manufacturer and wholesaler—the combines compete with all of them. The wholesaler, as the retailer, may establish chain stores, but in doing so he changes his functions so materially that he, in a degree, severs his trade relations. Business, in order to serve the public best, requires the stimulating influence of competition, but combines cease to be attractive ventures unless they produce profit and then follow the schemes which are the trouble-makers of the present day. Let us seek out our common problems and use them as stepping-stones leading to coördinated coöperation.—E. G. E.

Everyone entitled to a vote on the A. Ph. A. Headquarters should exhibit an interest in the selection of the site.

Vote promptly—delay may cause you to overlook this important matter.

The Diamond Anniversary Meeting will be held in St. Louis during the week of August 22nd. Hotel Coronado will be Headquarters.
