

## Section on Historical Pharmacy

Papers Presented at the Sixty-First Annual Convention

### THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

JOHN G. GODDING, BOSTON.

As Chairman of the Section of Historical Pharmacy it becomes my duty and privilege to extend to you a hearty greeting to the eleventh annual meeting of this Section.

The remarks of the Chairman will be brief as he desires to conform to the rules adopted by this Section at its inception. The work of this Section has proved interesting, although the results have not been as great as anticipated.



JOHN G. GODDING, Boston,  
Chairman Historical Section and Chairman  
of the Council, 1913-1914.

The first ten years' history of this Section was very ably reviewed by my predecessor. The past year records the following noteworthy events:

1. The election of Mr. Herman Schelenz, the German Pharmaceutical Historian, as honorary member of the American Pharmaceutical Association.
2. The admission of papers on Historical Pharmacy to the Eleventh International Congress of Pharmacy at the Hague.

3. The enactment of the Insurance Act in Great Britain, in effect this year, being the first law passed in English-speaking nations dividing the lines or duties of the physician and pharmacist.

4. The establishment of a chair on Historical Pharmacy in the University of the State of New Jersey, to be filled by Mr. Otto Raubenheimer.

The following recommendations are submitted:

First. That this Section be represented by a paper on Historical Pharmacy at the Eleventh International Congress of Pharmacy at The Hague in September next; that the history of the American Pharmaceutical Association by W. C. Alpers, be selected.

Second. That this Section go on record as approving the projected American Pharmaceutical Association building or official headquarters, in order that its historical collection and library may be carefully preserved and maintained in suitable quarters as the dignity of this Association demands.

Third. That the Secretary of the Section be directed to open correspondence with colleges of pharmacy and universities having departments of pharmacy, regarding exchanges for library or historical collection.

Your Chairman has complied with the recommendation of his predecessor in compiling a list of contributors to this Section, and recommends that it be kept complete by the addition of each year's contributors.

In conclusion, we should ever hold in grateful remembrance Mr. Ewen McIntyre, Mr. Thomas P. Cook and Mr. William McIntyre and Mr. Oscar Oldberg, who have passed away during the year. Theirs was always an active interest, either by contributing papers or sharing in the discussions.

I desire to acknowledge my appreciation for the honor of electing me Chairman of this Section, also to the officers and the contributors who have kindly responded with papers and with contributions to the historical collection.

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### "SHOWING" THE PHYSICIAN.

It is the detail men who are winning the game for the proprietary houses, and the dilemma will have to be met by the same tactics before lost ground can be regained. I certainly believe that if every physician had a sample of the more important U. S. P. preparations on his shelves, so that he would be familiar with their general appearance and properties, there would be fully ninety percent more U. S. P. and N. F. preparations used.

The big majority of mankind are visualists. Physicians are part of that majority; else the great clinics at Vienna and elsewhere would not flourish as they do. If men will spend hundreds of hard-earned dollars to see operations the entire technique of which is to be read in any modern journal of surgery, don't you suppose they will use the drugs that are brought to their door that they may see what they are and become familiar with them, in preference to a heterogeneous list thrown together in some dry book called "Materia Medica"?—*C. E. Remy, M. D.*