

should address a letter of inquiry to the Treasurer.

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### PROGRESS OF THE A. PH. A. HOME.

The replies to the circular letter addressed to the members concerning the A. Ph. A. Home have been numerous, and are unanimously in favor of the establishment of a permanent abiding place for the official headquarters and association property. The offers of help are abundant, and there seems to be no differences of opinion as to the desirability and feasibility of the project.

In considering the cost of maintaining such a headquarters building, there should be kept in mind the distinction between the physical maintenance of the building itself, and the cost of maintaining research workers therein.

The physical upkeep of a building sufficient for the needs of the Association, including such expenses as taxes, insurance, heat, light, and janitor service could probably be provided for out of the income from the present invested funds of the Association, or the excess would be so small as to be of but little consequence. This part of the question, therefore, need cause but little concern.

The plan of a headquarters building, however, includes the employment of research workers for laboratory research on National Formulary, U. S. P., and other pharmacy problems, and it is in providing for such activities that the greater part of the expense would be created.

For this portion of the expense the Association would have to rely upon contributions from members and from patrons who could be made to see the importance of the work proposed to be done, and who are able and willing to contribute funds for that purpose. This need cause no uneasiness, however, since until such funds were provided, or until the income from other sources is sufficient, such expense would naturally not be incurred.

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### NEW MEN AT THE HELM OF THE DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHE APOTHEKER-ZEITUNG.

Following the death of its former publisher, the Deutsch-Amerikanische Apotheker-Zeitung will be published by the German

Apothecaries' Publishing Co., of which Felix Hirseman is president and Hugo Kantrowitz is secretary and general manager. It is the ambition of these two gentlemen not only to maintain the present high standing of the publication, but so to broaden its scope and influence as to make it the leading publication of its kind in America. On the editorial staff also are Dr. William C. Alpers, of New York, and Wilhelm Bodemann, of Chicago.

Felix Hirseman is one of the best known and most versatile of German-American pharmacists, and he has held many important positions in pharmacy. Among other honors bestowed upon him in past years have been the presidency of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association and also of the New Yorker Deutschen Apotheker-Verein.

The former and present general manager, Hugo Kantrowitz, has been so intimately identified with the Zeitung that one cannot help associating his genial personality with the very name of the publication. To know that he is to continue as general manager and that Felix Hirseman is with him at the helm, is to know that it will go on to even greater success and prosperity. The Report extends its heartiest congratulations and good wishes.

Hoch die Deutsch-Amerikanische Apotheker-Zeitung!—Reprint from Merck's Report, Dec., 1912.

### The Bulletin Board

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN DRUGGISTS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Annual Stockholders' and Directors' Meeting of The American Druggists' Fire Insurance Company took place at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 11th and 12th of February.

For the first time in its history the insurance written for one year was in excess of ten million dollars, the exact volume being \$10,089,350.06, at a premium of \$102,857.28. The premium as shown is after allowing for the 25 percent reduction in premium rate which is made for all policyholders. The company saved the retail drug trade of the country who are its policyholders during last year the sum of \$34,252.87. The actual

saving made by policyholders since the company has commenced business are \$120,106.32. The income for the year from all sources after deducting premiums paid for reinsurance amounted to \$105,955.55. The fire losses incurred during the year amounted to \$46,558.39. All expenses both paid and accrued as against the business of the year amounted to \$36,527.53. The Company on the 31st day of December, 1912, owned Government and Ohio County and Municipal Bonds to the amount of \$300,387.13. During the year its reinsurance reserve on added business was increased to the sum of \$6,486.28, thus bringing the entire reinsurance reserve to the sum of \$48,461.97. The total assets of the Company on December 31st, after deducting non-admitted assets, amounted to \$333,128.82. The total accrued liabilities not including the reinsurance reserve at that time amounted to \$11,270.19. The reinsurance reserve, which under the law is regarded as a liability, as stated, amounted to \$48,461.97.

The Directors at their annual meeting declared a nine percent (9%) dividend to stockholders of record, payable on the 1st day of March.

The following Officers and Directors were elected:

Directors: Charles H. Avery, L. G. Heinritz, James H. Beal, W. S. Elkin, Jr., Wm. C. Anderson, G. O. Young, A. O. Zwick, Lewis C. Hopp, Simon N. Jones, John D. Muir, Walter Rothwell, George B. Kauffman, M. S. Kahn, E. B. Heimstreet, Frank H. Freericks.

Officers: President, Charles H. Avery; Vice President, L. G. Heinritz; Secretary and General Counsel, Frank H. Freericks; Treasurer, George B. Kauffman.

Executive Committee: Charles H. Avery, L. G. Heinritz, J. H. Beal, George B. Kauffman, Walter Rothwell, A. O. Zwick and Frank H. Freericks.

On Tuesday, February 11th, the visiting and local stockholders were tendered a luncheon by Drs. Beal and Kauffman, at the Grand Hotel, and Tuesday evening, after the first day's work was completed, the Directors, Advisory Members and Non-Resident Stockholders, were entertained by the local stockholders with a theater party and after-theater dinner at the Bismarck.

## CONCERNING THE PROPOSED A. PH. A. HOME.

Below are printed a few of the numerous replies to the circular letter sent out by the General Secretary a few weeks since. It is intended to print all of the responses as space permits:

CITY ISLAND, NEW YORK.

Replying to your request for an expression of opinion as to the utility and desirability of a home for the American Pharmaceutical Association, I believe that there will be a general assent, as hundreds of arguments can be brought in favor of it, and hardly any against the proposal. It seems to me to be simply a question of expediency, a question whether men who have become wealthy through pharmacy and chemistry can be found with sufficient liberality and broadness to create a fund for such a noble enterprise. As you pointed out in your editorial, and also in your circular letter, the historical collection and the preservation of the archives, proceedings, and general literature, would warrant such an expenditure. The advantage of a permanent official headquarters must be apparent to all, as well as the usefulness of an experimental laboratory for the working out of formulæ for the National Formulary, for the Pharmacopœia, and for other purposes. It seems to me that the reporter on the progress of pharmacy should also have his headquarters at such a home, so that the great facilities of the clerical staff as well as the laboratory would be at his disposal.

It is not necessary to dwell on all the advantages that the Association as such would derive from this house, but there is a much broader view to take of this home, how it might be of use to every pharmacist in the United States, and to those in foreign lands as well. Pharmacy has gained in the last twenty years a higher standard in the opinion of the public than ever before, and is recognized by nearly every university by a faculty equal in scientific attainments and purposes to any other. The same spirit of elevation and enlargement of its field of usefulness prevails in other countries, and it is only by cultivating this general spirit, which seems to be international, that pharmacy will finally be freed from the commercial incubus and attain the high degree of scientific worth that it deserves. To do so the pharmacists of the

United States should recognize that they also owe a duty to the scientific world, I might say to civilization, and this duty can only be performed by the aid of such a central headquarters for all pharmaceutical matters.

To explain better the thoughts that agitate my mind, I would like to make a comparison between this pharmaceutical home and a home that exists now in New York, and has done wonderful and remarkable work during the short time since its establishment. I refer to the Deutsches Haus (German House) of Columbia University, an institution originally founded at the instigation of the Germanistic Society of America, the aim of which is to acquaint the American nation with all phases of modern German civilization. It is the great exchange place for information regarding American and German education, art, literature, and similar matters which are of interest to the educated class of both nations. The house contains a Bureau of Academic Information, where students who wish to study in Germany may receive particulars regarding the details of their stay abroad, tuition, curriculum, living expenses, etc., and lecture tours are arranged for prominent visiting Germans. There are also facilities for arranging similar matters in Germany and for arranging tours of Americans in the German Empire. In the reading room and library may be found the latest German contemporary literature, leading German magazines and newspapers, and a valuable collection of clippings concerning modern German art, music, drama and literature. The third floor of the house contains the apartments of the Kaiser-Wilhelm Exchange Professor during his stay in New York, and in addition there are two rooms which are occupied by prominent German guests who pass through New York, and wish to keep in touch with the work being done at this institution, which may be rightly called the common meeting place in this country of the German and the American people. A similar house for the French in this country, the Maison Francaise, is now being organized along the same lines as the Deutsches Haus.

In the same way a Pharmaceutical House should be organized, as the great intellectual exchange for matters pharmaceutical of the world. Here the threads of all universities and pharmaceutical schools could run together. Exchange of professors for lectures,

exchange for students if necessary, could be arranged, prominent pharmacists of Europe would be welcomed here, and tours for their American stay laid out. Such an institution should be the headquarters for all sciences pertaining to pharmacy, and in this way serve not only the members of the American Pharmaceutical Association, but pharmacy in general all over the world.

By all means let us have it! It is the one institution that would raise pharmacy to a height to which it has never yet attained!

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM C. ALPERS.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

I have your recent favor asking an expression of opinion regarding the desirability of permanent official headquarters, and beg to say that my opinion is that such headquarters are not only desirable but necessary.

Having been trained at the headquarters of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain I have been able to experience personally the great benefits that are derived from such a building, where is to be found the finest reference library in the country, a fine museum of vegetable products and a herbarium of dried plants, together with many objects of historical interest, the value of which increase as time goes on, and which would be practically lost to posterity for the want of a place to keep them.

I refer to such things as old-fashioned ointment jars, pestles and mortars, prints and old pictures. Believe me when I say that you are working along the right lines in trying to establish permanent headquarters for the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Yours very truly,

F. A. UPSHER SMITH.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

I have your letter in regard to having an official home for the Association's headquarters. I agree heartily with you that this is a very important plan. The American Pharmaceutical Association should have some place that they could call home, where they could work out problems relating to pharmacy and chemistry. Very cordially yours,

W. A. PEARSON.

NEW YORK CITY.

In reply to your letter of recent date would say that I am very pleased to learn

that my check was the first one sent for the good cause—the idea of the A. Ph. A. home is certainly a splendid one. As I stated in my previous letter will try to interest other pharmacists, and I hope the contributions will increase rapidly.

Wishing you success from the bottom of my heart, I remain, Yours fraternally,

J. LEON LASCOFF.

NEW YORK.

In reply to your circular letter in relation to the desirability of providing an Association Home, or permanent official headquarters for the Association, I am of the opinion that there is urgent need for an Association Building, not only to house and preserve the already valuable property of the Association, but to provide adequate facilities for carrying on its increasingly important work.

If a suitable location for such a building can be agreed upon and secured, it should not be difficult to finance the project, although I don't think it possible to interest people outside the drug trade in it. I do think, however, that each active member of our Association can be relied upon to contribute something for a building fund, and in addition, as already suggested by a correspondent, if parts of the building could be erected as memorials of distinguished American pharmacists, and a Procter room, a Parrish room, a Squibb room, etc., be provided for, I am persuaded that with such a tangible means of honoring the memories of their preceptors before them, pharmacists who benefited by their teachings would gladly contribute according to their means for this laudable purpose. Very truly yours,

THOS. F. MAIN.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Count me with you in the matter of a permanent home for the A. Ph. A. We need just such, and need it very much.

Yours truly,

R. G. ECCLES.

BOSTON, MASS.

In addition to the many advantages which would accrue to our Association from the erection of such a building that are enumerated in your article entitled "The Need of an Association Home," you have failed to give place to the advertising possibilities of such a structure, the increase it would bring to

our revenues merely from its possession, and also, which is perhaps pre-eminently most important, the added dignity it would give to our calling by the possession by the craft of a building devoted to the national interests of pharmacy.

Pharmacy needs to be uplifted by its disciples. What pride would every pharmacist feel in a noble dignified structure, devoted to pharmacy, the center of pharmaceutical light for the United States, if not for all the world?

To be respected we must dignify ourselves. "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, But in ourselves, that we are underlings."

Can we dignify ourselves more than by the erection of a noble structure,—A Home for American Pharmacy,—to which we could point with pride and which must bring increased respect to all the profession?

Yours very sincerely,

ERNEST C. MARSHALL.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Your timely editorial, in the November issue of the JOURNAL on "The Need of an Association Home," appears to have started a progressive ripple that seems likely to become a wave, and I hope the circle will spread to the shore on every side, and land that \$50,000 building in some good central location, like Cincinnati or St. Louis. Then every once in a while we can have a "home coming," and everybody make an earnest effort to be present at the family reunion.

They say "Three moves is equal to a fire," and we are now on our third one since my time, and I think it is getting to be time we were settling down and trying to accumulate something, we can leave, to show those who follow, that we have not lived entirely unto ourselves. To do this, it is necessary that we have a store house of our own, for we can never accumulate while we are moving from "pillar to post."

Twenty-five dollars from each of 2500 members will put your \$50,000 building there and leave something towards establishing those laboratories and furnishing it. If we can get the building, we ought to be in as good a fix as the fellow who was discussing the marriage question with his best girl, and told her if she thought she could furnish a little bread and meat he would try and scuffle around and get up what water they

would need; if we can get the building in the right location, perhaps we can skirmish around and keep it going.

I certainly think we need the "Home," and stand ready with my \$25 whenever called on for that purpose.

Trusting that this agitation may not end in talk, with kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

J. O. BURGE.

MEADVILLE, PA.

Commenting upon your very timely editorial in the November issue of the JOURNAL on "The Need of an Association Home," I desire to express my hearty approval of the scheme and would like to add a few pertinent observations. Surely an organization that has withstood the strain and stress of three-score years has amply proven the need for its existence and ought to merit the consideration of loyal pharmacists everywhere. It is well nigh impossible to reckon the vast amount of real constructive work already accomplished by the A. Ph. A. during this long period, but it is within the premise of truth to say that no other single agency has performed such signal service for the uplift and advancement of pharmacy—a service which has inured to the weal and welfare of every devotee of pharmacy throughout the length and breadth of our land.

The time has come in the life of the Association when its nomadic character should close and its belongings and interests properly conserved and preserved in a fitting home. The need of such a permanent abiding place has long been apparent to those who have the Association's interest at heart, the chief obstacle to its realization being the necessary funds to carry out the project. To accomplish this end some such scheme as the following might, if put in operation, prove successful; it is estimated that there are upwards of 45,000 pharmacists engaged in the calling in these United States, every one of whom either directly or indirectly, has come under the influence of the Association's work and been a partaker of her manifold benefits. If each one of these were to contribute but a single dollar, it would make a most auspicious beginning. Some would contribute more, and a few of the more loyal ones would contribute quite generously

toward the success of such a worthy movement. Aside from this community of interests for a specific purpose, this unity of spirit and action is a tremendous factor when exerted in any worthy movement, and the banding together of this number of pharmacists in a common cause would very materially augment our sphere of influence and usefulness as a profession. I need but call your attention to our sister Association—the A. M. A.—whose membership has been increased enormously within recent years through systematic organization until today it stands out pre-eminent, a powerful body working incessantly for the betterment of the medical profession everywhere.

If this matter could be properly brought to the attention of the pharmacists of the United States in its larger and wider significance, thousands of our coworkers would welcome it as a duty rather than an obligation. This spirit was thoroughly manifested in the keen enthusiasm with which pharmacists everywhere rallied to the fund of our lamented friend Hallberg. It was truly a fine testimonial to the integrity and worth of the man. Rightly considered, the rank and file of our profession owe this obligation to themselves—appreciation in part for the large measure of enduring work accomplished by the Association.

In addition to the various uses for the home as tersely outlined by Secretary Beal, the building would become a repository for all things pharmaceutical and of pharmaceutical interest; a storehouse for such miscellaneous pharmaceutical apparatus, implements, etc., with a view of establishing a sort of national museum of historic interest to pharmacists; and finally it would stand as a fitting and suitable monument to the large and growing number of American pharmacists who feel an instinctive pride in their chosen calling and who would gladly give some tangible expression to this sentiment once the home is an assured fact.

Let us hope that all practitioners of the art may become interested in this worthy movement and that ultimately some definite memorial may be erected and dedicated to the glory and honor of the profession in which we serve.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

P. HENRY UTECH.

BOSTON, MASS.

Your circular letter about the suggested "Home" for the Association came to me several days ago. I can see nothing but good in such a plan, if it is carried out right, and I am writing to endorse it. Besides the obvious advantages enumerated in your letter, there is another found in the added dignity and prestige which such a headquarters building would give to the Association.

THEODORE J. BRADLEY.

DENVER, COLORADO.

Replying to your circular of inquiry regarding the establishment of Official Headquarters and Experimental Laboratory for the working out of National Formulary and U. S. P. Problems, feel that it is a step in the right direction. Pharmacy has had very little recognition by our government, and it appears to me the establishing of the permanent Official Headquarters, such as outlined, would give us the prominence and recognition so sincerely desired, and you can rest assured that our firm, as well as myself, will do everything we possibly can to aid in this work.

Yours very truly,

E. L. SCHOLTZ

LANSING, MICH.

As a member of the A. Ph. A. I most heartily cast my vote in favor of a permanent official headquarters and will gladly assist as far as possible to maintain such a project if carried out satisfactorily. I would be more especially interested in the experimental laboratory feature of such a place. It has often occurred to me that the A. Ph. A. was not up to the minute in not maintaining such a laboratory at the present. It seems to me that a laboratory of this nature would be of great value not only to the A. Ph. A. members but to the entire pharmacy profession.

In my work as a food and drug official I often find discrepancies in the U. S. P. and N. F. which can only be definitely settled by extended laboratory work. At present each laboratory must settle these questions for themselves. Owing to the various other duties one is called upon to perform in an official capacity we do not find time to devote to these problems, consequently many of them go unsettled. Here such a laboratory would be of vast importance to all who find it necessary to use the U. S. P. for their legal standard. Another valuable reason for estab-

lishing such a laboratory comes to my mind at this time. I am investigating some of the medical and pharmaceutical fakes that are parading on the market. As you know, the A. M. A. and also some State Departments have investigated these things for years, but for all the publicity they seem to flourish as much, and I believe more than ever before. Here is another line of work that could very profitably be taken up by an association laboratory. It seems that this practice will never be stamped out until all of us get back of these things and let the public know how they are being swindled.

Very respectfully yours,

F. L. SHANNON.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Your circular letter asking for an expression of opinion in re "of the utility and desirability of a permanent home for the A. Ph. A." to hand. In reply I would say there is nothing that would be of more permanent benefit to the organization, as the research work done therein would more than repay any expense incurred, and would be of lasting benefit; beside, the urgent necessity of having a proper place of preserving the property of the Association.

Pardon me if I have gone farther than requested, but it seems to me should the project mature, it should be placed at our nation's capital, Washington, D. C., as this is the great Mecca of our own traveling public, as well as that from abroad.

With best wishes for the success of the A. Ph. A. in all its efforts, and the success of her General Secretary, I remain,

Fraternally,

LOUIS SCHULZE.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

You have asked for some expression in regard to a permanent home for the American Pharmaceutical Association, and I comply herewith.

No man would dare question the need of an Association home after reading your editorial in the November issue of the JOURNAL, and I think that you take the proper attitude, when you say that "since the A. Ph. A. has given its services freely to the whole of American pharmacy, why should not the whole of American pharmacy contribute to a plant which would enable the Association to

greatly increase its usefulness to the cause which it represents?"

Our Association has reached its sixty-first year, and I think most of us will agree that it is old enough to go into housekeeping. The age of sixty-one calls to my mind the following rhyme:

"Brothers, I am sixty-one;  
Now my work on earth is done;  
Calm should follow after storm;  
Hand me down the Chloroform."

But let us put it in another way for the good old A. Ph. A.:

Children, I am sixty-one;  
My work has just begun;  
To do the greatest good for many,  
I need a home with room a-plenty.  
If you'll just help me get a start,  
You'll gain in wisdom, science, and art,  
And more, you'll never need to roam  
In search of true friends or a home.

I sincerely hope that you may bring this project to a realization and when the time comes, I shall help the good work as much as possible.

Trusting that you will pardon my attempt at poetry, and wishing you all possible success, I remain

Very truly yours,

ROBERT P. FISCHELIS.

BLUFFTON, IND.

I think that the "Association Home" suggestion is a good one and that it should meet not only with the approval, but assistance, of every pharmacist in America.

The establishment of this home will mean more to American pharmacy than one can possibly imagine or hope for.

The suggestion is right, the time is right, let every pharmacist assist and cooperate to make this "Association Home" a reality in the near future.

Yours respectfully,

M. A. STOUT.

NEW YORK CITY.

This is my first opportunity to answer your circular letter relative to an A. Ph. A. Home.

Of course, the project meets with my heartiest approval, for I have been one of those who have dreamed of such a pharmaceutical centre these many years. In 1901 (*American Jr. Pharm* 73, pp. 91 and 92) I

urged that the proposed Procter Memorial take the form of a Pharmacy Building with research laboratory, where U. S. P. and N. F. revision work could be done. It is but a small step to the greater conception of an A. Ph. A. home, with offices, library, historical collections and such research laboratory, that was suggested ten years since.

Most earnestly do I hope that your plan will reach fruition and if I can do anything in my humble way to help the cause, by all means command me.

Sincerely yours,

H. V. ARNY.

NEW YORK CITY.

I am in receipt of your circular letter, under recent date, concerning the need of an Association Home.

That such a need exists cannot be denied, and I cannot imagine a dissenting voice among our large membership.

The next step will be to provide ways and means to accomplish the desired object. This means not only the establishing of an Association Home, but also the providing of means for its proper maintenance.

I feel confident that this most worthy object will be consummated in the near future and shall esteem it a privilege to be permitted to assist those interested in its advancement.

Very truly yours,

GEO. C. DIEKMAN.

MARSHFIELD, OREGON.

The proposition to establish a permanent home for the A. Ph. A. is a good one, and if the funds to meet the expense of same are in sight, the plan should be carried out as soon as possible.

The location of the headquarters should be as near the center of population as possible. It seems to me that St. Louis, Mo., would be the right place. Many members, no doubt, would favor Philadelphia because of its being the location of our oldest college of pharmacy, and of its being the cradle of scientific pharmacy in America, and its having been the home of so many illustrious leaders in our profession. It seems to me, however, that accessibility to the greatest number of the members should be the first consideration. Hoping to see the plan speedily carried out,

I am,

Yours very truly,

J. LEE BROWN.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Indeed I am most earnestly in favor of the Association having its own home. Besides all the advantages you point out in your circular letter, how exceedingly nice it would be for a member sojourning in the east to direct his steps toward his own "home" where he could meet kindred spirits and find kindred interests. It would seem to me that this more than anything else could cement the interests of the Association.

With sincere regards, I beg to remain

Respectfully yours,

FRED I. LACKENBACH.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

First, last and always, let me say that I am in hearty accord with this "Home" movement. In the way of furnishing a permanent headquarters, a laboratory and a safekeeping place for proceedings, etc., of the Association, I do not believe the movement can be over-estimated.

Another and still more valuable asset to me it would be—and I believe to every other member of the A. Ph. A.—is an everlasting monument of American pharmacy. A memorial it would be to those who have striven and died in pharmacy's cause; a pleasure for us now laboring in the field; and a perpetual joy for the oncoming pharmaceutical generations.

If at any time I can be of assistance to you or to the other officers in furthering this cause, I would be only too glad to render whatever service I might be able to give.

Yours respectfully,

BERNARD W. McFALL.

BOSTON, MASS.

Your editorial in the November JOURNAL of the A. Ph. A., "The Need of an Association Home," is certainly in the line of progress for which the Association stands.

The advantages of a carefully preserved library with laboratories for pharmaceutical and chemical research, combined with permanent official headquarters, would be inestimable.

In my opinion it would be in keeping with the dignity of the A. Ph. A. and another step towards the advancement of this organization for that which is highest and best in American pharmacy.

I believe that loyalty to the Association

would induce many members to contribute toward this object.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN G. GODDING.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

In response to your circular letter in regard to the new home for the Association, would say that I greatly favor such a movement. I have thought that it might be well to see what could be done in combining such a home with the Lloyd library; possibly this is not feasible.

Another suggestion occurred to me that the financial end could possibly be reached by a movement to increase our endowment fund.

Very truly yours,

F. B. KILMER.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

I wish to raise my voice in approval of your suggestion that the A. Ph. A. should have a fireproof building as a permanent home, in which to preserve its incalculably valuable records—for the archives of the A. Ph. A. are an important portion of American history, and we should appreciate their value to such a degree as to provide for them a safe repository.

God speed the day when the realization of the well-nigh assured guess as to its accomplishment becomes a fact—to be chronicled in the history of American pharmacy.

I feel certain that sufficient pride exists amongst the rank and file of our members to guarantee the proper maintenance of such a building, and were the Association possessed of such a very valuable asset large numbers of those outside of the fold of the A. Ph. A. would hasten to become enrolled as members.

If there is any possibility of the Association being enriched in the manner aforementioned, keep an eternal vigilance upon the opportunity, so that nothing can cause the plans to miscarry from any cause whatsoever. It seems too good to be true. Then we could take up lines of activity that properly belong to our Association, which others have attempted to carry on—with very varying results.

Those of our calling responded to the appeals for contributions to liquidate the mortgage upon the home of our dearly beloved and lamented Hallberg in a generous manner, speedily, and the object sought was an accom-



plished fact in a short space of time; and I firmly believe that they will stand by and support our beloved Association just as nobly and generously, when requested to do so, for such a praiseworthy forward movement in the interests of each and every votary of pharmacy.

I cannot see how anyone with a drop of true-blue pharmaceutical blood in his frame can be opposed to this windfall to his calling, and I would be greatly surprised to hear of any opposition to the project.

May this possibility become a reality in the near future is the sincere prayer of

Yours cordially,

FRANKLIN M. APPLE.

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### THE NATIONAL DRUG TRADE CONFERENCE.

In order to learn the true status of the Harrison Bill and Mr. Harrison's intentions I went to Washington on February 20th, after having made an appointment by wire. Mr. Harrison received me, was the same courteous gentleman that he was at the time of our Conference, gave me all the time I wanted and specifically advised me that on account of the congested condition of affairs in Congress in relation to the appropriation bills he had concluded not to report the Harrison Bill out at this session, but that it was his intention to present the bill immediately after the convening of the special session of Congress and to use every effort to have it enacted. He feels that any draft approved by the Conference should be the foundation of the new Harrison Bill, and as we all realize that in our haste the Conference Bill was not perfect and could be altered in some particulars to advantage I feel that it is the duty of the accredited delegates to the Con-

ference to get busy, offer such suggestions and amendments as they have to the Conference Bill, have them submitted to a special Committee or to the Executive Committee, have a draft prepared and have the draft prepared by the Committee together with the different suggestions submitted to the Conference for its approval or correction at a meeting which I feel should be held early in April.

The form of organization of the Conference will require a motion to carry this into effect, to be submitted to the Executive Committee or to the members of the Conference.

I hope you will get busy on this proposition at once and will be very glad to have any suggestions that you may have to offer.

J. C. WALLACE,

President National Drug Trade Conference.

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### FENCE FOR STOLEN DRUGS.

One ounce of aspirin and two balls of opium were among the loot stolen by an employe of Parke, Davis & Co.'s Drug and Chemical Department, who engaged himself under the name of Frank Myers. It came out in the course of the trial that his correct name was Anthony Kraft. The culprit was fined \$10 or thirty days.

There is reason to believe that there is a widespread conspiracy having its wires in the wholesale and manufacturing concerns of the country with a regular system of fences, provisions for reasortment of stocks into half dozens, dozens, etc.; and that this accounts for the peddlers who visit retail druggists in certain sections, offering them particular items at prices that really put the retail druggists upon notice that the goods are stolen.

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### SUDDEN WHITENING OF THE HAIR.

In the case reported by Loeb a man of 51 became paralyzed on the left side in consequence of a cerebral hemorrhage and was unable to speak for a week. By the end of this time the moustache, eyebrow and hair on this side had turned entirely white while on the other side the normal color had been retained. Berger has reported two similar cases of the hair turning white on the side of the paralysis, and Loeb regards this material as sustaining the assumption that nervous influences alone are able in certain conditions to turn the hair white suddenly.—*Journ. A. M. A., Vol. LX, p. 635.*