

## A FAMILIAR EXCUSE.

"Some criticism has at times been indulged in because the Denver "bunch" seemed to run things at these annual gatherings, and while said "bunch" pleads guilty to the charge, it is argued in extenuation, that somebody has to run things, and none would be better pleased than they if the attendance from other points should be so large as to put Denver in a decided minority."

The above is from an article in the *Rocky Mountain Druggist* announcing the next annual meeting of the Colorado Pharmacal Association.

Any one who has seen the Denver druggists in action can believe that they are always ready to do their full share of work (or more, if necessary, to make things go), but no one who knows them well will believe that they care a "rap" for the glory, or that they want to run affairs for their own benefit.

But the above was not quoted for the purpose of defending the Denver druggists against a silly and unjust charge, but because the same excuse will soon be heard in other states where the stay-at-home druggists will try to cover up their own delinquencies by the same puerile whine.

Any one who has had any experience in association work knows that those who do the most of it, do it from a sense of duty, and would gladly relinquish the offices to any others who would accept the duties annexed.

Giving as a reason for not attending the state meeting that some particular lot of people want to run the affair is about the most pitiful excuse that can be offered, and the druggist who is half a man won't offer it.

The chances are that you will be able to attend if you only think so, but if for any reason you can't go, for pure decency's sake send the boys a telegram saying, "More power to your elbows. I'm with you in spirit. If you want me to see my Senator or Representative, or need any financial help for legislative expenses next winter, just wire yours truly."

You'll think a lot more of yourself than if you fall back on the antiquated fib hereinbefore referred to.

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"Every man can tell how many goats or sheep he possesses, but not how many friends."—*Cicero*.

## The Bulletin Board

### COMMUNICATIONS RESPECTING THE A. PH. A. HOME.

DENVER, COLO.

I am heartily in favor of carrying out your suggestions given in the *JOURNAL* for November, especially in regard to providing fireproof quarters for the repository of the historical collection. I do not believe that the maintenance of such a structure would put an excessive tax on the individual member.

I thank you for asking for an expression of my views on the subject.

Fraternally yours,

WM. BEUKMA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Your circular letter concerning the A. Ph. A. Home has just been received.

I am heartily in sympathy with this movement and think it is just what we need for the furtherance of American Pharmacy.

Very truly yours,

M. N. FORD.

MINOT, N. D.

In response to the circular letter in reference to "Need of an Association Home," I would say that I am heartily in favor of such a proposition and do not see why the A. Ph. A. should not have one with its "sixty-one years of honorable and useful activity."

Wishing the A. Ph. A. success in all its undertakings, and assuring you that it is an honor to be a member of the association,

Yours very truly,

WM. L. BROMME.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Answering your circular letter of recent date, I am of the opinion that the Association should have such a building as you mentioned and will be glad to cooperate with the Association in any way I can to this end. It certainly should be a source of satisfaction to the members of this Association if we had a permanent home and

think it would be incentive for new members.

Wishing the Association success in this line, I remain

Yours truly  
F. L. SMITH.

## PITTSBURGH.

By all means let us have permanent official headquarters, to which the living may look as the Mecca of pharmacy. And where, to our honored dead, we may establish permanent, useful memorials.

Fraternally yours,  
LOUIS EMANUEL.

## PHILADELPHIA.

I am heartily in favor of the project for a permanent home for the A. Ph. A. and will use my best influence to further the plan in every way possible.

Very truly yours,  
CHARLES H. LAWALL.

## CINCINNATI, OHIO.

With reference to an Association Home of which you speak in circular letter, would say that this no doubt would be a splendid undertaking, provided particularly if the Home be located in Cincinnati, which in my poor judgment would for many reasons be the most advantageous place to locate it.

With kindest regards,  
Very truly yours,  
FRANK H. FREERICKS.

## NARRAGANSETT PIER, R. I.

In reply to your circular letter, would say that I am heartily in favor of the proposition, and that I would look upon it as an absolute necessity, which should be attended to as soon as possible.

Respectfully,  
P. B. DAVIS.

## CANTON, OHIO.

In reply to your circular letter just received regarding the matter of an "Association Home," would say that I consider it a very noteworthy project and it certainly would give the A. Ph. A. a much higher and firmer standing among pharmacists, physicians and laity and I certainly would favor it, providing means could be secured for the maintainance of such an institution.

Very truly,  
C. R. ROTH.

## BALTIMORE.

I heartily approve of an "Association Home." I have read the letter of Mr. J. W. England and agree with him that "Procter's greatest monument is his monumental work on Pharmacy, and no statue can continue this work; research work only can do so."

A building for this work, with a library known as "the William Procter Memorial Library," will, I feel confident, appeal to every member of the Association, and its establishment can soon be financed.

Very sincerely yours,  
CHAS. H. WARE.

## WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

Received your circular letter asking for expression of opinion as to "Need for an Association Home." Am heartily in favor of the idea. It should be located on the map of North America as central as possible so that pharmacists from North, East, South and West can take it in in their travels.

Yours truly,  
M. C. COLCLEUGH.

## NEW YORK CITY.

I am in favor of a permanent home for the A. Ph. A., with laboratory equipment for working out problems for U. S. P. and N. F. preparations, and not only that an adjoining botanical garden would be of great benefit to the profession, instructing and educating, the best way now to cultivate medicinal plants, a matter of high importance, for example, hydrastis, it is getting scarcer. The same way with ipecac. The future problem for us all will be to cultivate medicinal plants, especially those which are gradually disappearing. The Department of Agriculture is doing its best; their book on American Medicinal Leaves and Herbs is a valuable edition, but it does not cover all medicinal plants, so long as important plants like hydrastis are not mentioned.

Respectfully,  
W. J. KOCH.

## GADSDEN, ALA.

I am always in favor and willing to aid in any necessary, progressive move, and I count this the most necessary and progres-

sive move made by our great Association in its history. I don't see how the A. Ph. A. has done without this home so long, and am sure every member sees this great need, and is willing to work for the same.

Yours fraternally,  
C. WHORTON.

SEATTLE, WASH.

I certainly am in favor of an Association Home where permanent offices and headquarters, with experimental laboratories for the carrying out of N. F. and U. S. P. problems, containing library and offices. It seems to me that a society like ours which edits the N. F., should be more active in its propaganda.

If I can be of any further service, kindly let me know.

Yours truly,  
D. C. BARTLEY.

CORNING, CALIF.

Your circular letter relating to the acquisition of an A. Ph. A. Home, is received.

I think such a home should be acquired. The wisdom and necessity of such a move is scarcely debatable. It is essential beyond question.

If a membership tax should be levied looking to the erection or purchase of such a home, I will gladly pay my share.

Yours truly,  
DR. BYRON F. DAWSON.

OAKLAND, CALIF.

In regard to the proposition of an Association Home where archives can be maintained and where also a laboratory shall be established, it seems to be a very good one, and one which should have the approval of the entire membership.

Sincerely yours,  
BOWMAN DRUG Co.,  
R. A. Leet, Sec'y.

ST. LOUIS.

I have your letter regarding the necessity for establishing a permanent building or headquarters for the American Pharmaceutical Association. I beg to state that I am heartily in favor of the plan. We need a library and research laboratories such as those of the Deutsche Apotheker Verein or the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. The cost of maintainance is,

of course, to be considered, and if a satisfactory method of securing the necessary permanent funds be devised, I shall certainly vote for the proposition.

LEO SUPPAN.

NEW YORK CITY.

In reply to your recent communication relative to the need of an Association Home for the A. Ph. A., it would seem to me very desirable that the Association should provide itself with a permanent home, and I do not see any reason why the project could not be successfully carried through and properly maintained.

V. CHAPIN DAGGETT.

PITTSBURGH, PA.

I have read your article and several other items relative to establishing a home wherein may be safely stored and kept for reference the very valuable works and archives of the American Pharmaceutical Association and the other very valuable literature pertaining to the art of pharmacy and its allied branches, and perhaps providing the facilities of a laboratory where formulas may be experimented upon and much other important work performed.

There is no doubt in my mind but that your suggestion will prove successful and that it will be highly appreciated by many of the pharmacists of the country.

HERMAN G. BLANK, JR.

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## SECTION ON HISTORICAL PHARMACY.

The Historian of the Association and the members of the Section on Historical Pharmacy are exceedingly desirous of making the sixty-first annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association at Nashville, Tenn., notable by as complete a collection and presentation as possible of historical data and material relating to the practice of pharmacy in the southern states during the Civil war. An appeal is therefore made through the Journal to all members for contributions on this topic—personal reminiscences, data as to prices and drugs used, the use of native drugs in place of foreign drugs cut off by the blockade, the cultivation of botanical drugs, etc. The story of how the pharmacists of the South struggled to supply the

much-needed drugs and medicines and their utilization of native plants and minerals has never been adequately told. It is a chapter in the history of American pharmacy that our Association should compile as fully as possible.

All contributions will be welcome, anything that will add to the interest and value of the history of pharmacy during the Civil war. This topic seems particularly appropriate at the forthcoming meeting of the Association at a city so near many of the battlefields of the Civil war and where many still live who practiced pharmacy then. It is hoped that the responses will be general and generous. Papers or historical material may be forwarded to the Historian, the Chairman of the Section or to the Secretary.

FREDERICK T. GORDON,

Secretary Historical Section.

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### AMENDMENTS TO KANSAS PHARMACY BILL.

Representing the influence of the Committee on Drug Reform in connection with the Legislative Committee of the Kansas Pharmaceutical Association:

1. Applicants for examination by the State Board shall have had, beside the practical experience of four years in compounding physicians' prescription, in the general duties of pharmacy, at least one year of high-school work or its equivalent and otherwise be duly qualified.

2. All prescriptions of practicing physicians shall be filed and retained by the dispenser, serially numbering, dating and filing the same. Said serial number, date and signature, together with proper directions, shall be placed upon the package or container in which said medicine is dispensed. Failure to keep prescription files in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of this law. The prescription files of the druggists shall be open to inspection by the proper authorities at all times.

3. Practitioners of medicine administering or supplying to his patients such articles as may be fit, proper and necessary, and dispensed by him, shall comply with the Kansas Food and Drugs Law and be subject to inspection as provided in said law. And it is also further provided that it shall be lawful for retail dealers to sell the usual domestic medicines and remedies in unbroken packages, not including any article enumerated in Schedule A and B. In case such dealers shall procure a license from the State Board of Pharmacy for a fee of \$2.50 annually, not

as a registered druggist but as a licensed dealer and said annual fee shall be paid within thirty days of the expiration of said license, otherwise said fee shall be \$5.00.

4. Every one dispensing from a private stock shall be responsible for the quality of all drugs, chemicals and medicines he may sell or dispense.

5. The State Board of Pharmacy is authorized and directed to make and publish uniform rules and regulations not in conflict with the law, which rules and regulations may include, if necessary for the proper execution of the law, the collection and examination of medicines and drugs kept for sale or dispensing by any pharmacist or kept in stock by any physician, merchant or dispenser. Samples thus collected may be submitted to the Drug Laboratory established under the Food and Drugs Act. This Laboratory is located at the University of Kansas, School of Pharmacy.

L. E. SAYRE.

### Proceedings of the Local Branches

"All papers presented to the Association and its branches shall become the property of the Association, with the understanding that they are not to be published in any other publication than those of the Association, except by consent of the Committee on Publication."—By-Laws, Chapter X, Art. III.

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 *plainly* written, or typewritten, with wide spaces between the lines. Care should be taken to give proper names correctly, and manuscript should be signed by the reporter.



#### PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

The last meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the A. Ph. A. was held on the evening of March 4, 1913, with President Stewart in the chair.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted by the Branch:

WHEREAS, William McIntyre, Treasurer of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and its first President, who has been a constant attendant at the meetings of the Association, died suddenly in the midst of his activities February 1, 1913; be it

*Resolved*, That the Philadelphia Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association record upon its minutes the natural feelings of regret incident to the loss of a faithful officer, and a wise counselor whose honorable