

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE 1912 CONVENTION OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF RETAIL MERCHANTS.

FRANK H. FREERICKS, CHAIRMAN.

The delegates appointed to attend said convention were Frank H. Freericks and Drs. J. H. Beal and H. M. Whelpley. The convention was attended by F. H. Freericks and Dr. Whelpley, at St. Louis in October, 1912.

As its name would indicate, the Federation is exclusively by and for retail merchants. The St. Louis convention was largely attended, including representatives from almost every line of retail business. The various sessions of the convention were devoted to discussion and consideration of problems which confront in particular the retail trade in all lines throughout the United States. Subjects under consideration and discussion included: Need for Truthful and Honest Advertising; Necessary Changes in the Sherman Act, and Legislation Supplementing the Same; Parcel Post and Its Likely Effect Upon Retail Merchants in Smaller Towns and Cities, and various other subjects of special interest to the retail trade.

Your delegates to said convention found the efforts and objects of the Federation of Retail Merchants to be commendable, and worthy of support, in that when it seeks to better the conditions of retail merchants generally, this of necessity includes an effort to improve the condition of those who are engaged in the retail drug business.

We therefore recommend, that this Association continue its interest in the Federation of Retail Merchants in such manner and under such limitation as may be necessary under our form of organization, and subject to the directions of Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROCTER MEMORIAL.

W. F. HANCOCK, CHAIRMAN.

The Committee on the William Procter, Jr., Monument Fund, respectfully reports that they have completed the collection of money necessary for the erection of the monument in accordance with the preamble and resolutions adopted by this Association at its annual meeting in Kansas City in 1904. Sufficient has been collected and is in the treasury of the Association to assure the erection of the monument in the Smithsonian Grounds at Washington, D. C., by the time of the Centennial of the Birth of the Father of American Pharmacy, in 1917.

The time has now come to take preliminary steps and make arrangements for space and for the erection of the monument.

A sculptor of repute and responsibility has submitted to your committee a model with the price for casting and for erecting a monument that will conform to that of the Dr. Gross monument and which is within the means provided by