

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

the subscribers. A committee of seven should be appointed and authorized at this meeting to organize and arrange the details, because two or three years will be required for its completion.

It is very important to have it ready for dedication in 1917 and we would recommend that this Association shall meet in Washington, D. C., at the time appointed for its dedication and then transfer it to the custody of the Government. This should be an occasion of great interest to the pharmacists and druggists of America, and especially to the members of this Association.

The dedication of this monument in Washington on the centennial anniversary of the birth of William Procter, Jr., would not only proclaim the lasting worth of the Father of American Pharmacy, but by linking his name with that of Dr. Benjamin Rush and that of Dr. Samuel D. Gross will preserve in history the true relations that should bind together the three branches of the healing art in America—Therapeutics, Surgery, and Pharmacy.

It will also call the attention of Congress and the people of this country to the dignity of our profession and its importance in the economic welfare and the health of the nation, at a time when constructive legislation for pharmacy is so necessary.

In closing the chairman wishes to compliment the efforts of two members of this committee—Dr. A. R. L. Dohme and J. E. Hancock—for their valuable assistance during the past year to complete the fund. Indeed the interest of the committee from its inception in this proposed tribute to the Father of American Pharmacy has been a pleasing feature of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PHARMACEUTICAL NOMENCLATURE

CASWELL A. MAYO, CHAIRMAN.

The interest in the subject of uniformity of pharmaceutical nomenclature has grown steadily since this committee was first appointed at the Boston meeting, as a result of a paper on the subject presented by its Chairman. While the reports of this committee have not dwelt particularly on the question of pharmacopoeial nomenclature, that phase of the subject has been taken up by M. I. Wilbert, who contributed a paper on the subject to the *American Druggist* for June, 1913. Mr. Wilbert has also prepared a paper on this subject for this meeting, which brings out the fact that comparatively slight modifications of existing pharmacopoeial nomenclature would bring about approximate uniformity and would at least prevent any possibility of serious error so far as chemicals are concerned. A more difficult problem is presented in the case of synthetic additions to the materia medica. Additions to our materia medica are frequently