

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

made by manufacturers who can only make a profit on their labors by means of either patents or trade marks. The use of coined names offers in most countries the most direct and effective means for protection of proprietary rights. As a result we have a constantly growing list of names, many of which have similarity in sound or spelling to the names of totally dissimilar preparations, so different in potency that confusion is apt to, and frequently does, produce untoward results.

In view of the importance of uniformity in pharmaceutical nomenclature, your committee recommended that the delegates from this Association to the approaching meeting of the Eleventh International Pharmaceutical Congress at The Hague, be instructed to present to that Congress a proposal for the establishment of an International Commission on Pharmaceutical Nomenclature to take into consideration the nomenclature of all the drugs, medicines and preparations dealt in by the pharmacists, whether pharmacopoeial or non-pharmacopoeial, and to carry on an active propaganda looking toward the unification of pharmaceutical nomenclature throughout the world, with a particular view to the prevention of the adoption of names which through their similarity may have a tendency to cause errors in dispensing.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SYLLABUS COMMITTEE.

WILLIS G. GREGORY, CHAIRMAN.

This committee respectfully reports that the work of revising the National Pharmaceutical Syllabus has gone steadily forward during the year.

December 27, 1912, a meeting of the committee was held at Pittsburgh, with thirteen members of the committee present, and three proxies, making sixteen in all. Much progress was made at this meeting, agreement being reached on many unsettled questions.

Here at Nashville two meetings of the committee have already been held, and we can report that Chapter I, preface; Chapter II, introductory, preliminary and explanatory notes; Chapter III, *Materia Medica*, and Chapter IV, Chemistry, have been approved by this committee, and are in page proof ready for final editing.

Chapter V, Pharmacy; Chapter VI, reference works, and Chapter VII, textbooks and pharmaceutical periodicals, are in the hands of the committee in page proof and soon will be ready for final editing.

Chapter VIII, the index, will be prepared as soon as the other chapters reach their final form.

It is confidently believed that the second edition can be ready for distribution before the end of the present calendar year.

This Association is requested to vote its annual contribution to the expense of the committee.