

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.

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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.