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PHARMACEUTICAL MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES.*

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Every state should have a pharmaceutical museum which should contain archives for the safekeeping of historical records of local and state interest. Every state should have a definite program and procedure for compiling authentic records of important pharmaceutical events. Events of national pharmaceutical importance occurring in any state should also be reported to the Historical Section of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The museums and archives would best be in the charge of the respective state associations and should all be operated upon a uniform plan that could be prepared by this Section. Much historical material is now remaining unrecorded or going to waste.

The museums should have definite, convenient and preferably permanent locations and should be in the charge of historically-minded curators who could also be the chairmen of well-selected historical committees or sections. Especially interested and qualified curators, who would serve willingly and efficiently and without compensation, can be found in every state and such should be appointed for life. Universities or colleges in the respective states would no doubt be glad to house the museums free of charge. Some or all pharmaceutical faculties would be ready, I am certain, to appoint their most historically interested members to the honor of serving as state pharmaceutical curators. Local and state historical associations usually are anxious to encourage, advise or help in matters of this kind.

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