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THE A. PH. A. MEETING AT MADISON.

PARTS OF A MESSAGE BY J. W. SLOCUM, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

IT HAS occurred to the writer time and again that the state pharmaceutical associations are not living up to their full privilege in respect to their relation to the parent organization—the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The House of Delegates is a division of the ASSOCIATION, in which the state associations have the majority of delegates. It provides a national forum for the consideration of the problems and progress of pharmacy.

It is true that most associations send delegates to the National meeting but too frequently it is considered a gracious gesture or privilege granted to an individual, rather than the thought that the delegates should bring back something of the inspiration and the aspirations of our profession.

One of the important purposes of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION is to render service to the state associations, hence, those in authority in the state associations should be present and absorb some of the enthusiasm, and suggestions for formulating workable plans for pharmacy in their own states during the ensuing year.

What an ideal representative body we would have at Madison if the president and secretary of every state association could be present. To them the members naturally look for a program of progress, and rightly so. The responsibilities that rest upon them are heavy and those in authority should see that they are given the opportunity of contacting the best brains in the field of pharmacy. We cannot conceive of pharmacists attending these meetings without receiving valuable suggestions and information which, if made operative in their own states, would assure a year of worth-while, creative effort. In past years, we have observed that strong associations are always well represented at the annual meetings of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION; in fact, that is one of the reasons why they have become strong. From these meetings they have received the incentive which, when expressed in terms of energy at home, has spelled success for them.

We cannot too strongly urge that this suggestion be given serious consideration in every state association, because we are firmly convinced that if the president and secretary of all state associations could be present each year at the annual convention of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, it would contribute more to the success of pharmacy than any other one thing in which all pharmacists may share.