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PREFACE TO THE PROCEEDINGS NUMBER.

From 1852, when the ASSOCIATION was established, until 1911, a volume of "Proceedings" was issued annually, except for 1861, when no meeting of the ASSOCIATION was held.

In 1912 the JOURNAL and YEAR BOOK were established and took the place of the Proceedings. The proceedings of subsequent annual meetings were printed in the JOURNAL, usually in the three issues following an annual meeting. The YEAR BOOK carried ASSOCIATION data (Official Roster, Constitution and By-Laws, Treasurer's Report, etc.), the Report of the Progress of Pharmacy, consisting of Pharmaceutical Abstracts, and the List of Members arranged alphabetically and geographically.

The YEAR BOOK was discontinued with Volume 23, covering the calendar year 1934. Beginning with 1935, Pharmaceutical Abstracts have been published monthly in the JOURNAL, separately paged and indexed, in order that this valuable information should be available more promptly than it was in the YEAR BOOK. Later it was decided to publish the proceedings of the annual meeting in one number of the JOURNAL rather than in three, as heretofore, and in order to provide a more valuable reference volume, to include in the Proceedings Number the ASSOCIATION data and the List of Members as heretofore published in the YEAR BOOK.

This first Proceedings Number, which corresponds to the YEAR BOOK, volume 24, contains an abstract of the minutes of the various divisions of the ASSOCIATION and of its related organizations, and includes addresses and reports. The papers submitted to the Section will be printed, as far as possible, in subsequent issues of the JOURNAL throughout the ASSOCIATION year as has been done heretofore.