

## EDITORIAL

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### THE 85TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

AMERICAN Pharmacy in all of its branches was well represented at the New York meeting in numbers and in distribution. The program was well balanced and the guest speakers brought messages of importance to the profession from the U. S. Public Health Service, the American Chemical Society and the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association.

The Local Committee under the leadership of Hugo H. Schaefer provided the visitors with every comfort and entertainment that could be expected, and the visitors enjoyed themselves. The rearrangement of the program gave more time for entertainment and relaxation.

The theme of President George D. Beal's address ran through the entire proceedings. That the ASSOCIATION over the past twenty years had carried out a definite program; it had rearranged its form of organization so as to give the state and national associations a definite part in its work; had built and equipped a splendid home, which is free of debt, for the ASSOCIATION and related organizations; and had brought together in that building the present activities of the ASSOCIATION. The ASSOCIATION is now prepared to increase and extend its activities.

The Committee on Maintenance under the leadership of Dr. H. A. B. Dunning reported that the regular income of the ASSOCIATION had been increased through donations to an extent that will enable it to go forward with the program and the following important decisions were announced by the Council and approved by the House of Delegates.

The present JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION will devote its activities to the presentation of scientific and professional material in which field it serves a very splendid and essential service, and to Pharmaceutical Abstracts; and a more popular publication will be issued monthly to provide information about the ASSOCIATION'S work and the progress of pharmacy.

One number of the JOURNAL will be known as the "proceedings number" and will contain the entire proceedings of the annual meeting including addresses and reports, but not the papers read before the sections, which will appear in the JOURNAL throughout the year. This arrangement will provide a valuable reference volume.

The National Formulary laboratory will be removed to the INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY early in 1938 and will be developed as experience indicates. A Special Committee was authorized to proceed with the furnishing and equipment of the laboratory and to supervise its operation, under the direction of Chairman E. N. Gathercoal. The coöperative research work now being carried out in schools and colleges of pharmacy and other institutions through grants from the Research Fund will be continued.

Arrangements were made to enlarge the Library and the Museum in the building and to make them more serviceable.

It was decided to reform the Committee on National Formulary effective in 1939. The ten members, to be elected one each year to insure a continuing committee, with the Chairman will constitute the Executive Committee of Revision and will meet annually preceding the A. PH. A. meeting. Each member will be the Chairman of a sub-committee to which he may appoint as many as five participating members.

These new major activities will add materially to the work carried on in the INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY and to the personnel employed. To put them into effect will, with the corollary activities, occupy the attention of the ASSOCIATION for the present.

In addition, the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education adopted final standards for the accreditation of schools and colleges of pharmacy and expects to proceed with the examination of these institutions early in 1938 with the object of issuing an accredited list in 1939. This marks a great advance in pharmaceutical education in this country.

An initial effort was made at this meeting to present, through exhibits, the U. S. P. and N. F. activities carried on throughout the country with the object of stimulating this important movement. These exhibits were very interesting and informative to those present and it is planned to increase the number at the next annual meeting with the expectation of developing an exhibit which will illustrate the scope and character of professional practice in this country.

Another important feature was the first session of the Sub-Section on Hospital Pharmacy which was established at the Dallas meeting. The officers had developed a splendid program and the attendance and interest indicated that this will become one of the strong groups in the ASSOCIATION. It provides an opportunity for the hospital pharmacists to organize within the A. PH. A. and the effort to interest them in membership will be continued.

Another important development was a joint session of the A. PH. A., the A. A. C. P. and the N. A. B. P., during which the reports of mutual interest to these associations were presented and discussed. This arrangement saves time and brings these related organizations into closer working accord.

At this joint session the Committee on the Modernization of Pharmacy Laws presented its first report. This effort was undertaken last year and has for its object the study of all existing laws affecting pharmacy, many of which have been in operation for some time, and to bring them into greater accord with modern conditions and requirements. The results are expected to be of great assistance to the state associations in their legislative efforts. The Committee on Publicity was eminently successful in bringing the message of Pharmacy to the public and the influence will promote publicity throughout the year.

Space does not permit reference to all of the activities and accomplishments of the meeting. About two hundred papers and reports were presented and the sections and conferences were well attended. Altogether it was a notable meeting and one of real progress for professional pharmacy.

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