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ONE of the most hopeful signs of the times is the fact that those engaged in pharmaceutical education have come to the realization of the fact that if they are to attain the highest efficiency in their special field they must concern themselves in secondary education, education on the college level and education in related professional fields. Isolation of pharmaceutical education is fast becoming a condition of the past. The same condition has prevailed as regards pharmaceutical research. Through four decades Dr. Edward Kremers has been the leading exponent of the philosophy that pharmacy must become productive in its own right in the field of research and cease to be parasitical upon the other sciences. The answer to that philosophy is a vast army of highly trained young men now engaged in productive research in the pharmaceutical sciences. When Dr. Henry B. Ward a few years ago became the permanent secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he energetically set himself to the task of bringing about a closer relationship between the sciences, pure and applied. As a result there was established a pharmacy and a dentistry sub-section to the Medical Science Section. Thus pharmacy allied itself with all the other sciences in the mass effort to advance human progress through scientific research. On June first, Dr. Ward retired from active service as Secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and at the request of the Editor of the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* he wrote the article on "Pharmacy and the American Association for the Advancement of Science" printed in this issue. It points the way to greater opportunity for service.

The paper entitled "The Iowa Interprofessional Association" by Walter F. Meads, Secretary of the Association and of the Iowa Pharmacy Examiners, contains material which has more than a local interest. In it Mr. Meads discusses clearly and convincingly the wide and fruitful field of service that such an association can accomplish. He points out the part colleges of pharmacy can take and must take in the accomplishment of the purposes of such an association. For this reason the Editor requested permission to publish the paper in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* and the Editor also feels that it should reach every member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. This accounts for its appearance in this Department. The Editor has been on a search for the smartest piece of wisdom expressed so far by any pharmacists in the year 1937. In his opinion the honor so far belongs to Mr. Meads when he says—"The pharmacist should get this one point firmly fixed in his mind, that it will never be possible to promote successfully any legislation in the interests of the profession of pharmacy, that is not backed by the sound policy of public health and welfare."—RUFUS A. LYMAN, *Editor.*

PHARMACY AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

BY HENRY BALDWIN WARD.*

Relations of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to the organizations and workers in the field of pharmacy is a large subject, indeed, quite too extensive to be covered within the limits of a brief article. Even the opportunities I have enjoyed for many years of intimate contact with the Association have not covered by any means the subject of possible relations between the Association

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