

EDITORIAL

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INFORMATIVE STATEMENT ABOUT THE U. S. PHARMACOPŒIA.

ON PAGES 1001 to 1018 of this issue of the *JOURNAL* and under the title quoted above, will be found a general statement of progress including an accompanying financial statement, as issued by the Board of Trustees of the U. S. P. Convention. Both of these statements cover the first nine years of the current decade and, therefore, relate to the U. S. P. X and U. S. P. XI, since the latter was issued in 1936.

Heretofore, the Board of Trustees has reported decennially to the Convention. It is indicated that this precedent was broken and that the statements were issued, as a preliminary report, in view of the unusual developments during the period covered and in order to make available to all who are interested in the Pharmacopœia, information about Pharmacopœial activities in advance of the decennial Convention in May 1940. The hope is expressed that this will be helpful to all concerned.

The Pharmacopœia is of basic importance to the profession of Pharmacy. Although other groups have representation in the U. S. P. Convention, Pharmacy shares with Medicine the direct responsibility of continuing the program which has been carried on and perfected during the period since the Pharmacopœia was established in 1820. This program has brought to our Pharmacopœia recognition as the peer of any similar mark in the world and as a book of standards in Federal and State Food, Drug and Cosmetic Acts.

The delegates who will represent the pharmaceutical associations and teaching institutions of the country in the Convention of 1940 should be chosen on the basis of their ability to attend the Convention, to select the best qualified persons as members of the Committee of Revision and Board of Trustees, and to pass judgment on the various suggestions that will be proposed with the view of improving the Pharmacopœia and the method of its revision and distribution.

Some of the suggestions already proposed involve important changes in the Pharmacopœial program and no doubt others will follow. They are the result of the new position in which the Pharmacopœia is placed by the unusual progress in the medical professions during recent years and by the revision of the Federal and State Food, Drug and Cosmetic Laws.

The scope and character of Pharmacopœial activities and finances are explained in considerable detail in these statements. They should be read and studied by as many pharmacists as possible and particularly by those who will take part in the 1940 Convention.—E. F. K.

REQUEST FOR JOURNALS.

If any of our members and friends have old issues of the *JOURNAL*, for the years 1912 to 1916, inclusive, or bound volumes for these years, which they are willing to donate, they will be very acceptable as our supply is growing short and we are having frequent requests for these old volumes, either bound or unbound. Any assistance in this line will be greatly appreciated as it is our aim to supply these valuable reference books to as many Libraries as possible. We are particularly in need of October 1914.