

large. The most excellent paper by Dr. Barnard was a wonderful contribution along those lines. Dr. Kebler has done a great work for the manufacturers of pharmaceuticals in his very efficient investigation into the manufacture of tablets. He has written a wonderful paper on that subject which has been published in the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and which will undoubtedly be of great benefit to every manufacturer of tablets in the country. I also wish to thank you gentlemen for the most excellent information which you put into these bulletins which you send out from time to time. My only regret is that we don't get more of them from more of the states.

The association which I represent was formed for this purpose of bettering the production of the articles of the manufacturers who belong to that association and, really, for the improvement of all who are engaged in the manufacture of medicinal products. Our aim is to get better raw materials, to eliminate waste, to improve methods of manufacture, and to make better goods where we can raise our standards—and we have found that all this has been of great benefit to us individually. We are all competitors, of course, and in days gone by we did not meet with one another, we did not consult one another. We felt that we could not associate very much with our competitors, but we find now that there is a great deal we can do for each other, and if in the constructive work which you contemplate we can cooperate with you gentlemen, the work will be magnified and redound not only to your good and to our good but to the good of the people of the country at large. And, feeling, as I do, that there is a light breaking which helps to guide our pathway, I wish to thank you for permitting us as manufacturers of one particular line, to appear before you, and I wish to join in all the good words which have been said by the manufacturers here, and I wish also to say that I think we are all disposed to work in harmony with the known wishes of the gentlemen who are in charge of the administration of these laws. We, who were present this morning at the musical concert, had a manifestation of the beauties of harmony. Those of us who listened to that magnificent concert, had a manifestation of a true symphony. Those of us who listened to that magnificent concert could not help but be impressed with the great harmony of that wonderful organ. When the magnificent instrument responded to the touch of the organist I think we all felt lifted out of ourselves; we thought a little better of ourselves even, and certainly we thought more of our fellow-men. And so in the operation of the pure food laws as they apply to the manufacturers of this country, if we can have a spirit of harmony and cooperation I believe that we will all be better men, better executives, and better manufacturers, and in that way we will be doing much better and greater service for our country and for those who depend upon the industries represented here to-day.

NEW PHARMACY REGULATIONS.

A recent presidential decree establishes new pharmacy regulations governing the composition, labeling, sale, etc., of patent and other medicines in Venezuela. Pharmaceutical specialties of a determined formula must bear labels showing the quantity of active substances contained in each dose and the names of these substances. Such preparations will be subject to analysis by the Department of Public Health of Venezuela, and those failing to correspond to the declared formula will be considered fraudulent. The unauthorized use of containers peculiar to food or other medicinal preparations or mineral waters, as well as of labels which are imitations of those on the corresponding genuine products, or which tend to deceive in respect to place of origin, shall also be held to be fraudulent. Poisonous preparations and products must bear labels on which shall appear, on a black background, the word "Veneno" (poison), in white letters not less than 2 centimeters high, together with the customary sign of the skull and crossbones, also in white.—Gaceta Oficial, June 3, 1914.