

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

DURING the months of June and July many meetings of State Associations occur, and the pharmacists of the country will gather together in state conventions to consult and to deliberate as to the manner by which the interests of the profession,—and consequently their own most important interests,—can be advanced.

At these annual gatherings “many men of many minds” will convene and it is greatly to be desired that from their deliberations will come great and lasting good to the whole profession.

The members of our craft,—more than those of any other,—need the broadening influence which comes from association-work; the touching of elbows with other men of their profession; from the exchange of views with their fellows; from the tolerant listening to, and the weighing of other men’s opinions.

It is not the relinquishment of our own ideas to respectfully hear and to carefully weigh the arguments which another brain has wrought out. In this great land of ours, where education is so universally diffused, the man from the back-country, in a small store, has perhaps used his gray matter to good advantage and, from his thought, may have evolved ideas productive of much good, if adopted. Nothing advances the interests of any organization more than toleration of other’s opinions, and a desire to profit by the best thoughts of every one of its members, and we should, in all of these conventions, patiently listen to, and sift these thoughts carefully, in order that no wheat be thrown away with chaff,—nothing wasted that should be preserved.

The officers of all these associations have earnestly worked to promote the interests of the Association and the profession during the past year. They have kept a vigilant eye upon all legislation and have guarded against unwise attempts to fetter and to curb the general and natural advancement of the trade. To them should be accorded an unqualified support and an earnest loyalty. They have not worked for self-aggrandizement, but for the good of all. Let us then go to our State Conventions with an earnest purpose to support loyally all the efforts these officers have made in the interests of our craft. Let us listen thoughtfully and weigh well, all that is said at these meetings upon every question which is presented, and let us dedicate this period to the uplift and the advancement of the profession to which we look for our welfare and support. Not alone to play and to pleasure should these gatherings be devoted, but our Association meetings should mean work for every one, and let us from this work derive an enthusiasm, a loyalty, not alone to our state organizations, but to the great national organizations which make the profession of pharmacy a power in the nation. From this inspiration maybe will come a desire to go to Detroit to participate in the great national convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association from whose annual gatherings no one ever returned without being a better, a broader and a wiser man. What glorious results might follow if every pharmacist in the country came to the Detroit meeting and aligned himself and his influence in support of the policies, the achievements and the traditions of the A. Ph. A., and, returning home, would labor earnestly in his field of influence to advance the true interests of pharmacy, along the broad lines laid down by

Squibb, Maisch, Procter and the many others who labored so long and earnestly to make pharmacy a true and an honored profession,—one ranking with any other in the world. It is not necessary that members should devote their valuable time to work for the Association; to sacrifice anything. It only calls for them to hold it in their heart of hearts as *the* Association of the country and the world, the one which has ever held its rudder true to the highest ideals of pharmacy; to look up to it as their *Alma Mater*,—their loving mother,—whose ever-watchful care is over and around them, ever seeking for their weal.

In this spirit the old-time men of our craft served their guild, and made it their protection against the tyranny of the over-lords and others who would oppress them. To-day the Pharmaceutical Guild of the Nation,—the American Pharmaceutical Association,—has taken the place of the guild of the old burghs, for, under modern conditions, the men of Boston know the men of San Francisco as well as the men of olden time knew their *confreres* of the next city, and this intimate connection should make for a solidarity, a harmony and a strength which should be irresistible for good if properly utilized and fostered and it is by association-work that such results may be achieved.

If every member would grapple this thought to his soul and take this interest in the Association, much good would result to American pharmacy and every one of its members would attain to a higher, better and a more profitable position in the community.



DETROIT,—THE BEAUTIFUL.

Anyone who has visited Detroit can readily answer the question—"Why is Detroit the greatest convention city in the world?" Space precludes our giving the thousand and one reasons here. Suffice it to say that Detroit fully lives up to the reputation expressed in its world-wide known slogan,

"In Detroit Life's Worth Living Every Day!"

By virtue of its location, Detroit is preëminently the Convention City of America. Situated on the high terraced bank of its beautiful river,—the noble strait which connects Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie,—its climate is ideal for mid-summer gatherings. Its many beautiful public buildings, churches and other edifices delight the artistic eye, while a lover of Nature finds keen pleasure in the enjoyment of its magnificent parks, its boulevards and suburban drives.