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ENDOWMENTS.

Medical colleges are being remembered with large endowments, dental schools have not been neglected, and while a few schools of pharmacy have been favored, there are many more institutions entitled to such recognition. Institutions that have for years provided pharmaceutical education certainly have contributed toward the upbuilding of pharmaceutical and chemical industries, and financial encouragement should come to them as a reward for their valuable and faithful service, but still another motive may rightfully prompt such endowments, namely, to enable these institutions to carry on their work in accord with modern demands.

Extended mention was made in last month's issue, page 102, of the generous gift of Mr. George Robert White to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Pharmacy, at large, appreciates this recognition of an institution, educating pharmacy students, and it is to be hoped that the example set will persuade others to do likewise; some to give thought to the fact that their success has been somewhat due to one or the other or all pharmacy schools, and that a gift to one or the other institution will speak for their appreciation and interest.

What has been said of the work of schools is applicable in a way to the American Pharmaceutical Association. To place this organization beyond the constant worry for sufficient funds in carrying on its mission and good work, and to extend it, would be a fitting recognition of the services rendered and place the Association in a position to utilize its opportunities in a wider field of activity. The work of the American Pharmaceutical Association speaks for itself, and those who have given of their time and energies have also been among the most generous supporters in a material way.

THE COMMITTEE ON DRUG REFORM.

Chairman L. E. Sayre is actively continuing his work and has issued a letter from which abstracts are presented. Doubtless there are

many who can be helpful in promoting the work of this important committee. He refers to the report presented at the Atlantic City meeting, which is printed in the *JOURNAL A. PH. A.*, p. 1237, and continues by saying:

"It seems to me that this next Committee should take, first, a recognition of one fact in particular, namely, that Professor H. H. Rusby has been obliged to resign his position in New York as inspector on account of not having what he feels to be a fair chance to inspect imported drugs. I think you will find the statement in the January issue of the *Druggists' Circular*.

"Second—Permit me to call the attention of the present Committee to the problem of patent medicines, with reference to their proper control. Is it possible to suggest any method looking toward this?

"If patent medicines are to be legally recognized, it would seem unfair to ask a state analyst to go to the trouble and expense of *analyzing* these various products or preparations of this class as they drift into the market. It ought to be possible to require of the manufacturer who has the privilege of their sale to submit a confidential formula, at least to the proper authorities. The analyst should only be called upon to *verify* the alleged ingredients.

"Should not a properly organized committee be created to decide upon the question of the reliability of the statements on label and circulars of patent medicines?

"It may be unwise for any state board of health, state pharmaceutical association, or even a committee composed of members selected from each, to decide the question of trustworthiness, but should not the combined effort of the boards of health and state pharmaceutical associations be directed to the problem? Should they not make some move toward *national legislation* for the approval of the *A. Ph. A.*—leading to the proper solution of this problem?"

In concluding, Chairman Sayre refers to the article by Dr. J. H. Beal printed in the November issue of the *JOURNAL A. PH. A.*,

p. 1251, on "A Plea for Sanity in Drug Regulation."

LETTER OF SECRETARY JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

The following letter will interest the members of the American Pharmaceutical Association:

"Your esteemed favor of November 6th arrived at a time when I was so completely occupied with contracts for a large number of vessels authorized at the last session of Congress, that I was unable to give attention to my personal mail, and, while I thought I had acknowledged the receipt of your letter and expressed my appreciation of the Association's action, it appears that I have overlooked doing so.

"I am gratified to receive the approval of the Association for my action in this matter. The Navy is very proud of its official corps of Hospital Stewards, and I was very glad to assist in bettering their opportunities.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) JOSEPHUS DANIELS."

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This letter was written in response to one from the American Pharmaceutical Association and in recognition of Secretary Daniel's interest in behalf of pharmacists in the Government service (see p. 884, August issue of the JOURNAL A. PH. A., and also p. 1038, October number).

BILL FOR RELIEF OF PHARMACISTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Chairman S. L. Hilton advises that the following bill to fix the pay and allowance of pharmacists in the Public Health Service

has the approval of the Surgeon-General and is satisfactory to the men in the service. Encouragement should be given the measure and members should use their influence with Senators and Congressmen in its behalf. The measure is entitled:

A BILL.

To fix the pay and allowance for the pharmacists of the Public Health Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the pay of the pharmacists of the Public Health Service shall hereafter be at the following annual rates: For pharmacists of the third class, \$1200; for pharmacists of the second class, \$1400; for pharmacists of the first class, \$1600; and pharmacists of the first and second classes shall receive an additional compensation of ten per centum of their annual pay for each five years of service; such additional compensation, however, shall in no case exceed forty per centum.

Section 2. That pharmacists, when on duty at marine hospitals and quarantine stations, shall be entitled to quarters with furniture, fuel, and lights; and when they are on duty at stations where quarters are not furnished them, they shall receive compensation therefor at the rate of \$25 a month; and the allowance of subsistence is hereby abolished.

Section 3. That pharmacists may be placed on waiting orders when they are incapacitated for active duty by reason of age or illness not caused by their own vicious habits. A pharmacist having been on waiting orders longer than two months shall thenceforth, as long as he shall be on waiting orders, receive three-fourths of the pay to which he was entitled at the time when he was placed on waiting orders.

OBITUARY.

FRANK H. SHURTLEFF.

Frank Hamilton Shurtleff, of Roslindale, Mass., passed away December 2, 1916, after only a few days' illness. Mr. Shurtleff had been in poor health for a year. He was born in Somerset, near Fall River, Mass., fifty years ago. After graduating from the schools in Somerset he came to Boston and his early training as a druggist was obtained with Folger & Co., Washington St. and Worcester Sq., Boston, which was then the best part of the

city. In his later years he went to California, and in 1909 J. G. Godding engaged him and he held the position as manager of the Dartmouth street store. He was a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association (1914), and a member of the Episcopal Church.

He leaves a widow, two daughters, and a son, a brother and sister.

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