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The Chairman of the Committee on Publication has received the following letters on the subject of the JOURNAL:

A. L. I. Winne, of Richmond, Va., writes:

"I am in receipt of a request issued by Mr. W. F. Rudd, Chairman, Special Committee appointed to study the question of how the JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A. may be made a better and more useful publication; and it is rather with reluctance that I address you on the subject, realizing as I do that you have the advantage of larger experience, and probably of more mature thoughts on the question than I have. Nevertheless, I will express myself in the light of an individual reader of the publication.

"Before doing so, however, may I say a commendatory word regarding your very frank editorial on this subject in the January issue of the JOURNAL? I think that you have ably pointed out the course that the JOURNAL has pursued, and have frankly invited outside suggestions. I believe that the JOURNAL has well followed the course mapped out for it.

"That brings me to a rhetorical question. Has the course followed by the JOURNAL produced the *results* that that course was designed to bring about? It seems to me that therein is the crux of the problem. There are roughly fifty thousand pharmacists in the United States; how many are members of the A. Ph. A.? Why are not the other forty-odd thousand interested in the affairs of the leading pharmaceutical association in the country?

"The Journal of the Association is published only to promote the objects of the Association, you say in your article. Without any hesitation we would all assume that the objects of the Association, speaking in the broadest sense, in an all-inclusive way, are to raise to the highest standard the practice of pharmacy in each and every pharmacy, from Maine to California, from the Lakes to the Gulf. The Journal of the Association then is the servant of the organization, its mouth-piece, its medium of propaganda. To serve its purpose, then, it must be read by those into whose hands it falls; to accomplish this it ought to be readable from the point of view of the man in the store, to the man who might not be interested either in the verbatim proceedings of the annual meetings or in the scientific papers showered in such profusion in the various subsections of the Association at its annual gatherings. Has not the Journal in the past, and is it not now, gotten together more with the likelihood of appealing to the vanities of those already strong for the Association—a course which has its points of merit—than with the premeditated aim of drawing others to the fold? In its present scope it undoubtedly livens enthusiasm among those who have already evidenced allegiance to the organization.

"I am personally of the opinion, however, that a great deal of the space of the JOURNAL could be conserved and devoted to other purposes, if the proceedings of the annual meetings were reported in a condensed form, rather than verbatim. Also, I am of the opinion that a great many articles which are published, such as go into details, having long and tiresome tables of statistics and comparisons, might profitably be omitted. Timely discussions on almost any pharmaceutical subjects are of interest to the average man, and being readable, are read. Much of the excellent material published in the JOURNAL is not read by probably 95 percent of those into whose hands the JOURNAL falls. While the printer's bill is a matter of moment, conservation of space resolves itself into a conservation of money. This same money conserved might be expended in securing the same space devoted in part to matter that is designed to appeal to the pharmacist who is not quite so well informed about the aims and objects of the Association as some others are, the commercial side of pharmacy might be given passing notice, inasmuch as it comprises probably 80 percent of the activities of the average pharmacist.

"Legal and legislative matters at this day and time interest the pharmacist about as much as any part of his business does. He is interested in knowing what he may and may not do