

National Association of Boards of Pharmacy were held during Convention week. This reference must be based on what these two organizations have done in the past. One of the principal aims of both bodies is to improve educational requirements in pharmacy. Their efforts have shaped legislation; high school education is an essential demanded of the students for entrance to all recognized schools of pharmacy, and a large percentage of them exact high school graduation; boards of pharmacy prescribe like qualifications of candidates for examination, and are contemplating a general enforcement of pharmaceutical college education as a prerequisite. Very naturally there is some diversity of opinion among the members of both organizations relative to methods and exactions that should govern in advancing the standards of pharmaceutical education and training. Progress has been made, not in spite of these differences but because of sincere differences in opinion; realism and the present status of pharmacy and the drug business should continue to have due consideration in laying plans for the future. Unquestionably dissatisfaction should obtain with some conditions in pharmacy, but the dissatisfaction should be prompted by the right spirit. Much has been done; there are greater possibilities ahead.

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THE FUTURE OF ALCOHOLIC MEDICINALS.

The concluding paragraphs of the report of the Committee on Alcoholic Medicinals of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, presented at their recent meeting in New York, read in part as follows:

"The members of this association are not unprepared for restrictions placed upon the manufacture of medicinal preparations by the operation of Prohibition Laws. This subject was discussed at the very organization of the association in 1912 and our proceedings show that it has received attention at various subsequent meetings and particularly at that of a year ago. Nevertheless new conditions are confronting us and it is the hope of the committee that discussions at the coming meeting of the association will take serious thought of the effect upon our industries of new conditions under which we must operate. Already the process of elimination of even preparations official in the U. S. P. and N. F. has begun, against the protest of many who are interested in professional pharmacy. It is true that the preparations affected, with several exceptions, may be spared without very serious injury to pharmacy or the public; but it is possible that other official preparations may be added to the list which are classified as intoxicating liquors. Attention should not be wholly centered upon official preparations, but thought should be given to the status of non-official preparations which are being listed by all manufacturers and which have been sold by them without question for so many years that a continuance of this practice is likely to be taken for granted. In the opinion of the Committee, this association should take the initiative in carefully scrutinizing the formulae of alcoholic medicinal preparations, now marketed for strictly legitimate purposes, to discover whether any of these may be perverted to improper use. Also it is not sufficient to know that these preparations have not been made or marketed for such use. The demand from the trade should be given consideration and orders for unusual quantities under suspicious circumstances should be refused.

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"At this time the Committee wishes to recommend the desirability of some action by the association through the appointment of a committee, or otherwise, to further the approval of a number of formulae for specially denatured alcohol for the manufacture of pharmaceutical products for internal use, as is now permitted in the case of Tincture of Iodine."
