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— *The Editor comments* —

OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

The A. Ph. A. Scientific Section has had a long history of valuable service to the pharmaceutical scientist. While the record of the A. Ph. A. Industrial Pharmacy Section is considerably shorter, nevertheless, even during its relatively brief history it has made a very significant contribution to the profession.

In an effort to consider how the needs and desires of their respective members might be served even better, the officers of these Sections have held discussions to explore the possibility of pooling their individual efforts toward the formation of a single, unified group. Much of the original impetus for such a reorganization came from a combined Section resolution which was passed during the 1962 Las Vegas annual meeting and referred to the A. Ph. A. Council for study. Recognizing the great potential value of the suggested plan to this vital segment of the ASSOCIATION membership, both the Council and the A. Ph. A. staff endorsed the principle of the general proposal and encouraged the officers of the Scientific and Industrial Sections to discuss the plan with their respective Section memberships. In order to meet the expanded services which the membership would require, the employment of a full-time staff person to serve as permanent Secretary of the proposed group was also considered.

After subsequent consideration and preliminary study on the part of the Section officers, a broadly defined organizational structure was drawn up, and the "*Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences*" was suggested as a name for the group. The Section officers then referred the proposals to their respective memberships in order that the matter might be given further consideration at this year's annual meeting.

During the meeting this May, resolutions were adopted by each Section calling for the establishment of a formal Committee composed of representatives designated by each of the interested Sections. The Committee is to be charged with the responsibility of exploring the feasibility of creating such a unified body of pharmaceutical scientists, and with developing a more detailed proposal for consideration by the individual Section memberships. The action taken this May might well represent the initial step in what eventually could lead to unprecedented growth for the pharmaceutical sciences, for while enormous strides have already been made, the ultimate potential is even far greater. The ability of such an Academy to realize these goals will depend largely upon the continued efforts of the Section officers and memberships in patiently, but resolutely working out a more defined proposal for its establishment.

Edward G. Feldmann