

cally or scientifically interested in the promotion of pharmacy. Those who are not so informed I would refer to its constitution and annual proceedings. From a bright star of the Pharmaceutical firmament in 1852 the association has grown to an effulgent sun of intellectual light, its divulging rays with increasing splendor permeating every part of this vast country. The various standing committees, representing every phase of interest connected with the trade and profession of pharmacy will bring forward a valuable store of well digested information, whilst the exhibition department, so attractive in the past, promises to be unusually large and interesting this year. The many advantages accruing to members, especially those who attend the annual gatherings, the proceedings of which are published in book form, being faithfully recorded facts in the progress of pharmacy and its allied sciences are essential to every well-regulated pharmaceutical library, and in money value being more than equal to the annual dues, should induce every pharmacist and druggist who feels a pride in his vocation to apply for membership. Copies of the Constitution, By laws, and blank applications for membership will be furnished by Professor Maisch to those who apply for them.

The experiment of electing when the annual meetings shall be held, regardless of invitations from local organizations, to judge by the results of the last two meetings, is a success, and promises greater usefulness to the Association in the future, by relieving local members from any obligation to give unnecessary attention to visiting members. The good influence of last year's meeting in the South; the large increase of Southern members; the very hospitable manner in which the Association was received and entertained by the pharmacists, druggists, and municipal authorities of Richmond, the subsequent organization of the Richmond Pharmaceutical Association, which, doubtless, to some extent, was influenced by this Association, are pleasant remembrances to those who were fortunate enough to be present.

I sincerely hope that equally good results may attend the meeting this year in the South-west.

All who are interested in the advancement of pharmacy are hereby invited to attend and to place on exhibition any articles of interest relating to the objects of the meeting. In short, the meetings are pleasant and profitable to the overworked pharmacists; socially and intellectually, while they promote the general health and extend professional and business enterprise.