

and determined desire in the minds of the pharmacists in this state to stand by their profession in order that the public will stand by them.

On March 9, 1934, there was enacted into law that part of chapter 338 of the Mississippi Code known as House Bill No. 155. This legislation, designed to throw a protective band around the profession of pharmacy, includes everything in the way of drugs and medicine other than patent, proprietary and household remedies. Our Legislative Committee, guided by the experience of pharmacists in other states and ably assisted by T. O. Slaughter, Waynesboro, saw fit to exempt these medicines, feeling that there was little need for legislation to cover their sale and distribution. The Legislative Committee, with reference to this controversial subject, felt that regulation should begin with the manufacture and end with the pharmacist.

Pharmacy in Mississippi to-day has more than one leg upon which to stand, and we are at this time engaged in the multiple task of strengthening these legs to put our profession in the high position it deserves. We are advocating—and there is every indication that we shall carry to a successful conclusion—the formation of what we are pleased to call a Southeastern Drug Club composed of several southern states to band together for mutual protection. At the convention of last June we adopted a program of U. S. P. and N. F. extension similar to other U. S. P. and N. F. plans, and Charles E. Wilson, Corinth, Mississippi, was unanimously elected as the Director of this division of our program. We have an active paid committee whose duty it is to seek ways and means of coöperating with each division of organized activity within this state for the purpose of exchanging suggestions and to establish a spirit of coöperation.

We are face to face with our problems and realize that we have a tremendous task in front of us, but when we think back over the record of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and other organizations that have so long championed the cause of pharmacy, we are encouraged by a knowledge of their achievements and are determined to carry on.

The pharmacists of Mississippi are proud of their national organization, the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and have a deep and sincere interest in the success of its undertakings.

NOTE: Mississippi now has an A. Ph. A. Student Branch.—See April JOURNAL, page 366.

PASTEUR'S TREATMENT OF HYDROPHOBIA.*

"Once more M. Pasteur has startled the civilized world with the prospect of a great discovery in medical science. He believes, and many of the greatest medical authorities believe with him, that he has perfected a method of treatment of hydrophobia which shall be not only prophylactic but, what is of far greater importance, curative also. He has for a long time occupied himself with experiments with the virus of this dreadful disease. He has kept a number of mad dogs, has obtained the poison from their saliva, and has moderated it to a safe dilution by successive inoculations on rabbits; he has "vaccinated" dogs with this modified virus, and he has proved that under the influence of the vaccination they are not, to all appearance, liable to infection. Of late he has had the opportunity of testing his solution of the virus on human beings. The discovery is still on its trial, but there can be no doubt of the great hope which may reasonably be entertained that this most terrible of diseases may not only be cured but extirpated."

* Retrospect of fifty years ago—from *Chemist and Druggist*.