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The General Secretary is also prepared to send dues paid members, without charge, reprints of Dr. S. S. Cohen's address on the Relation of the Pharmacopoeia to the Practice of Medicine, an admirable aid in propaganda work with physicians.

### THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL CON-VENTION.

It was expected that this number of the Journal would contain more or less information concerning itinerary and rates to Denver

from the eastern cities, but up to the time of going to press copy for this had not come to hand. Enough is known, however, to say that the Denver people are hard at work in the endeavor to make the meeting one of the most successful ever held in that city.

The date, August 19, is at the season when a trip to the mountains is most delightful, and the time when druggists can most easily leave their stores.

Don't fail to set aside this date now, and to keep it free from all interfering engagements.

It will be a grand opportunity for a visit to the "Heart of the Rockies."

# WHY PHYSICIANS SHÒULD PRESCRIBE U. S. P. AND N. F. PREPARATIONS.

At the "joint" meeting of the New York Branch of the A. Ph. A., the Brooklyn Pharmaceutical Association and physicians of Brooklyn, held on March 25, 1912, Otto Raubenheimer gave the following arguments:

"Inasmuch as the N. F., an authoritive book of standard preparations, legalized by the Pure Food and Drugs Act, is published by the A. Ph. A., the professional association of pharmacists in the United States, and is prepared by experts who, unselfishly, not only compile the formulas but also improve the preparations so as to be of the highest type, both pharmaceutically and therapeutically.

"And inasmuch as the U. S. P., the legal standard in all the states, is carefully and scientifically revised by a committee, composed of physicians, pharmacists and chemists, elected by the Convention and which committee performs this very important work practically without any compensation.

"Therefore, it is but reasonable to expect that physicians should show their appreciation by prescribing the standard, legal and official preparations of the U. S. P. and N. F. in preference to proprietory preparations which are secret or semi-secret and which are frequently changed at the will of their owners."

### DR WILEY'S PROBABLE SUC-CESSOR.

The size and quality of a man is sometimes better appreciated when it becomes necessary to fill his place than before he vacated it, an illustration of which is seen in the canvass for a suitable successor to Dr. H. W. Wiley as Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry.

One of the first names proposed was that of Prof. Frederick J. Wulling, well known to the drug trade owing to his office as Dean of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Minnesota. Prof. Wulling is not only a pharmaceutical chemist of ability, but has the added advantage of being a graduate in law, and these with his other personal qualities splendidly equip him for the proposed position.

Another pharmacist who has been prominently mentioned is Prof. Eugene G. Eberle, Dean of the School of Pharmacy at Dallas, Tex., and Editor of the Southern Pharmaceutical Journal. He was President of the A. Ph. A. last year, and has always been active in the advocacy of effective food and drug laws, and of laws restricting the traffic in habit-forming drugs. Prof. Eberle is a man of safe and sane, yet of progressive type, and would make an excellent official.

Among the non-pharmacist candidates several excellent possibilities have been presented.

One of these is H. E. Barnard, B. S., Food and Drug Commissioner of Indiana, who is said to be a favorite with the druggists of that state on account of his activity in the Indiana State Pharmaceutical Association, and in other ways. His ability as a food and drug chemist, and his zeal for a rigid enforcement of the food and drug laws are beyond question.

Another state official who has been strongly endorsed is Prof. E. F. Ladd, Food Commissioner of North Dakota, who has been the terror of the food and drug sophisticators of that state. He is well known among food and drug chemists because of his excellent work in establishing analytical standards for various products, and as the author of numerous valuable and practical papers relating to food and drug chemistry.

Dr. R. E. Doolittle, of the present Board of Food and Drug Inspection, also prominent among those mentioned, has the advantage of having behind him the experience of several years in the administration of the Federal law, and of the internal workings of the Bureau of Chemistry, and would consequently be able to assume the vacant position without occasioning a halt in the work of the Bureau. Those who know Dr. Doolittle per-

sonally speak highly of his character and capacity.

'Another whose name has been strongly urged is W. D. Bigelow, Chief of the Division of Foods of the Bureau of Chemistry. Dr. Bigelow stands second to none in his branch of chemistry, is a man of clean, strong character, and in earnest sympathy with an honest and impartial enforcement of the law. His appointment would be well received by the drug trade generally.

Other candidates have been proposed from various states, all of them apparently worthy and well qualified, though the writer is not sufficiently acquainted with them or with their respective merits to make personal mention of each.

It would, of course, be mere affectation for the Editor of the Journal to pretend ignorance of the fact that his name has been mentioned in the list of "favorite sons," but he takes this opportunity to say that this mention has been without his connivance, contrivance, aid or sympathy. He is not conscious of any internal yearning to occupy the chair now vacant, and while grateful to the friends who have thought of him in this connection, trusts that they will support one or another of the several excellent gentlemen named above.

## Communications and Correspondence

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BULLETIN NO. 1 OF THE COM-MITTEE ON COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

The Commercial Section of our grand Association is by no means the one of least importance and the splendid work accomplished by the predecessors of this Committee has borne good fruit.

It is the desire of this Committee to make the meetings of this section at our meeting in Denver of unusual interest and of lasting benefit to the membership of our Association and with this in view, we hereby solicit papers and information pertaining to the Commercial Interests of the Pharmacist. With a view to stimulating and inspiring members of the A. Ph. A. to greater efforts, the Chairman of this Section offers a first and second prize—consisting each of a box of Havanas—to be awarded to the member of our Association who sends in the first paper, and the second prize to the one sending in the fifth paper. The prizes will be awarded at our Denver meeting. Mail papers direct to the Secretary, who will act as judge.

Looking forward to a splendid lot of papers, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

E. Berger, Chairman.

D. W. RAMSAUR, Secretary.

Palatka, Fla.



COMMITTEE ON PRACTICAL PHARMACY AND DISPENSING.

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The votaries of pharmacy in large numbers will convene in the city of Denver in August, and the local committee has already given us assurance of a most royal entertainment. The meeting, however, to be wholly successful must depend chiefly on the individual contributions of its members—on the quality and quantity of the papers presented for discussion at its sessions.

Heretofore, of the entire membership of the Association only about one per cent. have favored us with papers. Surely some among the ninety and nine per cent. of delinquents can furnish some data or an original contribution on some topic germane to the science or art of pharmacy for this occasion. Particularly do we invite our friends in the Government service—who have recently recruited in large numbers to our ranks—to give us the benefit of some of their experiences in the preparation and manufacture of pharmaceutical products and galenicals.

The general excellence and high character of the contributions to pharmacy of our fellow-workers in the past have gone a long way toward establishing the fame and prestige of our worthy association. Let each one therefore who has her continued welfare at heart lend a hand in this unselfish work for the uplifting and advancement of the profession in which we as co-workers are engaged.

Fraternally yours,

P. HENRY UTECH, Chairman.

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