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HOME OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE DEDICATED.

Setting anew the government's stamp of approval on the work of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council, President Coolidge, speaking at the dedication of the new home in Washington, April 28, of the two organizations, predicted the coming of "a new day in scientific research." He said—"The scientific man is rending the earth to reveal its secrets. Truth must prevail for the betterment of mankind, and with the energy that the men of science are putting into the problems of research, Diogenes would certainly have a chance to lay down his quarter staff and lantern and rest if he would turn his search in their direction."

PROGRESS IN THE A. PH. A. HEAD-QUARTERS BUILDING FUND DRIVE.

The progress made in collecting funds for the A. Ph. A. Headquarters Building fund is highly gratifying—that so early in the campaign about \$250,000 or more has been subscribed is not unexpected by those whose enthusiasm has been supported by energy and a belief that pharmacists would respond to a proposition in which they will have a part and pride. There is still much work to do. So many quotations are applicable in one way or another and carry messages of encouragement, which may serve a better purpose than other words that might be shaped for comment: "If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly." "The flighty purpose never is o'ertook, unless the deed go with it." Lord Chesterfield said

"Despatch is the soul of business," and Lavater—"Who makes quick use of the moment is a genius of prudence." George Eliot wrote—"Our deeds determine us as much as we determine our deeds;" Emerson advised—"Go put your creed into your deed." Giusti said—"A deed done has a beginning;" and finally lines from Schiller are applicable; in fact, if you have followed the citations you will have noted there is a sequence and leads to this one—"Your deeds are known, In words that kindle glory from the stone"—The Headquarters Building.

More than \$250,000 has been pledged; subscriptions have come in from manufacturers and wholesalers in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$25,000 each. Retail pharmacists are giving from \$25 up to \$1000 each. Pharmacy schools have given liberally in sums ranging from several hundred dollars to more than that many thousand dollars. Fraternal organizations have responded and A. Ph. A. Branches are represented by amounts that indicate the spirit of giving and an appreciation of what the success of the movement will mean for American Pharmacy. This in a general way shows the interest which is also exhibited by State Associations—each one of these organizations has responded liberally, not one has failed—the reports of the conventions whenever the annual meetings are held carry messages of coöperation. June is the big month and will add largely to the fund. Those who present the subject before state meetings may find texts in this comment, they surely will enthuse over the messages, from the Directors H. A. B. Dunning and E. L. Newcomb.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO HEADQUARTERS FUNDS BY STATES.

TABULATED UP TO MAY 1, SINCE THEN THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN MORE THAN DOUBLED.

THE CAMPAIGN HAS STARTED WELL.—DO YOUR PART!

State.	Drug firms operating retail stores in state named in first column.*	Total amount subscribed, i.e., for which returns have been made.
Arizona	125	\$200.00
Arkansas	929	125.00
California	1,823	405.00
Colorado	596	180.00
Connecticut	604	55.00
District of Columbia	195	450.00
Florida	684	25.00
Idaho	238	100.00
Illinois	2,943	10,333.00
Indiana	1,590	7,745.00
Iowa	1,483	9,820.00
Kentucky	849	530.00
Kansas	1,143	50.00
Louisiana	750	260.00
Maryland	561	26,336.00
Massachusetts	1,690	4,599.40
Michigan	1,784	747.00
Minnesota	1,024	8,960.00
Mississippi	692	85.00
Missouri	2,230	2,090.00
Montana	305	105.00
Nebraska	916	195.00
New Hampshire	232	115.00
New Jersey	1,437	12,750.00
New Mexico	130	25.00
New York	4,573	44,250.00
North Carolina	865	667.50
North Dakota	347	200.00
Ohio	2,196	972.00
Oregon	440	25.00
Pennsylvania	3,632	4,320.00
Rhode Island	301	5.00
South Carolina	562	685.00
South Dakota	391	125.00
Tennessee	799	5.00
Texas	3,031	153.50
Utah	185	50.00
Virginia	764	350.00
Vermont	155	10.00
W. Virginia	450	185.00
Wisconsin	1,077	310.00
National	...	525.60
Porto Rico	...	2.00
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* *Druggists' Circular*, May 1924.

BULLETINS OF THE DRUG TRADE BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Director Robert P. Fischelis has recently issued Bulletins B-12 to B-16.—Bulletin B-12 refers to that issued to the members of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association in which coöperation of the drug trade with the business research of Harvard University is asked. Interest in this cost research work is evidenced by the fact that a higher percentage of cost returns were made by the National Wholesale Druggists' Association than by any other group with which the Bureau had been conducting this kind of study.

Bulletin B-13 deals with the combined curriculum of the University of Michigan. This report is given in the April issue of the *JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION*, pp. 353-356.

Bulletin B-14 was circulated through the Associated Press and the United Press Association. It has reference to the campaign for a Headquarters Building by the American Pharmaceutical Association. This campaign has been given splendid support by all divisions of the drug trade and the publicity by the pharmaceutical press has been most gratifying. Excerpts from comments by retail pharmacists and members of pharmaceutical faculties will be found in the April number, *JOURNAL A. PH. A.*, pp. 285-306, and elsewhere in this issue. Concentrated and prompt efforts should be made to bring the campaign to conclusion at an early day. This should be possible as there is no dissenting voice relative to this greatest event in American Pharmacy.

Bulletin B-15 relates to the formal award of the Remington Honor Medal to George M. Beringer of Camden, N. J. The presentation ceremonies took place at a dinner given in his honor at the Robert Treat Hotel on April 14. The address of the medalist appears in this issue of the *JOURNAL*, also, under Local Branches, a brief report of this very interesting affair.

Bulletin B-16 deals with the Price Maintenance measures now pending in Congress as discussed by Charles Wesley Dunn of the New York Bar and made public by the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information. The Bulletin gives quite a number of pointed statements by Mr. Dunn, emphasizing the harmfulness of unfair competition. Speaking of price cutters, he says: "The attack is always against the fairest articles of merchandise on the

market whose good name they misappropriate and whose just popularity they exploit for their own selfish use and to the detriment of all of those concerned." The effect on the manufacturer is shown in the following: "Thus by the wanton act of another their capital or merchandise is impaired by the deliberate depreciation of its market value and they are compelled to do business upon an unprofitable basis or at a loss." The desire of the public is expressed in the following: "What the public wants is wholesome and constructive competition which tends to and does elevate trade as a whole to the highest plane of efficiency. Prosperity and public service is competition which produces a fair and reasonable price to the consumer and dealer alike." "This is the competition the public wants and profits by."

A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

At a meeting of the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia recently the need for a universal language was discussed and the fact was pointed out that in all activities the need of such means of communication was apparent. The International Pharmaceutical Federation at its meeting last year included Esperanto terms in the nomenclature. This, to a certain extent, may help in developing a universal language; in the writer's opinion the adaptation of Latin is possible and preferable.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Frederick B. Power, A. Ph. A. member since 1872, was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences, at the recent meeting held in Baltimore. The honor is prized highly and the preferment well deserved.

Dean and Mrs. L. E. Sayre celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding April 23. Members of the university, citizens and friends generally joined in congratulations and wishes for the happy couple. A card reads: "It is indeed an inspiration to feel that two very quiet people had gathered around them such a circle of friends."

The bride and groom send thanks to all for the many tokens of affection. Professor Sayre joined the A. Ph. A. in 1883 and is an ex-president of the Association. Mrs. Sayre is gaining in strength; until her recent illness, she usually accompanied the dean to annual conventions.

Hugo H. Schaefer, Secretary New York Branch A. Ph. A., and member of the faculty of New York College of Pharmacy, has re-

turned to Berne, Switzerland, to continue his studies under Prof. Dr. A. Tschirch.

Dr. Carl L. Alsberg, director of Food Research Institute of Stanford University, who was for a number of years head of the Bureau of Chemistry, visions artificial carbohydrates, fats and amino acids as foods but thinks humanity will always be dependent on agriculture for its vitamins. In a paper before the American Chemical Society Dr. Alsberg pointed out that man is not absolutely dependent on the soil for the production of foodstuffs.

W. F. Baum, Danville, Ill., has been enjoying the climate of San Antonio, Tex., for several months.

H. C. Fuller of the Institute of Industrial Research, Washington, is in Europe. He will attend the 4th Congress of Industrial Chemistry at Bordeaux during the week of June 15th, as a delegate of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and the American Chemical Society. He will also be present at the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry at Copenhagen during the week of June 26th, as a representative of the National Research Council.

Secretary Frank Schachleiter, of the Arkansas Board of Pharmacy, has sent us several copies of Sunday editions of the *Arkansas Democrat* which carry full page advertisements of Little Rock pharmacists; the locations of the stores are given and the statement is made that the space is paid for in the interest of promoting public health and safety and better service. The greater part of the page acquaints the readers with the mission and service of pharmacy. The issue of April 13 carries another full page message and this is entirely given over to the A. Ph. A. Headquarters Building and a message to pharmacists and other readers bearing testimony to what the A. Ph. A. has accomplished during its 72 years of service.

George Washington Edmonds, of Philadelphia, for quite a number of years Representative in Congress, was defeated as Republican nominee. Mr. Edmonds will be remembered for his efforts in behalf of a Pharmacy Corps in the U. S. Army during the war. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Prof. William J. Husa of the University of Florida School of Pharmacy will spend May, June and July at the University of Iowa. After that, he will return to Florida.

Dr. Townes R. Leigh, director of the Florida School of Pharmacy, represented the University

of Florida at the recent conference of the Committee of One Thousand at Washington.

Mlle. Eva Curie, daughter of Mme. Curie, is visiting in the United States. She is a noted pianist and will tour the country in concert.

Dr. Charles Valliant, who lost both hands in experiments with the X-Ray, was recently tendered a reception in Paris at which time a bound volume of addresses bearing on his work was presented to him.

Louis J. Lehman, pharmacist at Washington and Jefferson Avenues, St. Louis, celebrated the 30th anniversary of his business, March 22nd. Prior to the event the store was completely overhauled and rearranged. He is an alumnus of both the St. Louis and Philadelphia Colleges of Pharmacy. A physicians' supply department was added to the store a number of years ago and the prescription department is a most important part of the business. Mr. Lehman is also proprietor of the Polyclinic and O'Fallon dispensaries.

Harry W. Ayers is the recently appointed field secretary of the Washington State Pharmaceutical Association. He was graduated from the University of Washington with the degrees of B.S. and Ph.C. He was for a time connected with the Owl Drug Company; during the war he was in the Aviation Corps; in 1921, Mr. Ayers was named State Food and Drug Inspector of the State of Washington.

Charles H. Huhn was the birthday celebrant at the March 21 meeting of the Minneapolis Veteran Druggists' Association.

Dean Frederick J. Wulling is a member of the Scientific Exhibit Committee of the Hennepin County Medical Society which is sponsoring a health exhibition in Minneapolis this month. The Dean was in Washington, D. C., during the first week of May in attendance at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the U. S. Pharmacopœial Convention.

Publicity Director E. L. Newcomb has converted his Pharmacognosy Laboratory into a publicity bureau where eight assistants are engaged a good part of the time in preparing news items for the press and sending out campaign literature. Professor Newcomb had charge of the pharmacy exhibit of the Health Exposition held at the Armory in Minneapolis May 3-10.

Carl F. G. Meyer has received a commission as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War. A representative citizen and business man in each state is selected to form a connecting link between the civilian citizenry of the states

and the War Department, in the plan of national industrial mobilization.

A. L. I. Winne, secretary of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association, reports that druggists of the state displayed a greater degree of coöperation this year than ever before, which made possible successful legislative work.

George M. McIntosh has succeeded F. H. Jones as president of the American Druggists' Syndicate.

B. E. Pritchard, of Pittsburgh, has been re-elected secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Druggists' Association. He has served in this capacity practically since the organization of this body.

Miss Clara Hulskamp, secretary and treasurer of the Hulskamp Drug Co., Louisville, graces the cover of the *Kentucky Druggist* of a recent issue. Miss Hulskamp is a graduate of the Louisville College of Pharmacy and has been active in W. O. N. A. R. D. work.

Prof. Heber W. Youngken came from Boston to Philadelphia on April 17 to deliver a lecture at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science on "The Drugs of the North American Indian." The uses of quite a number of drugs were described and a large number of samples of drugs used by the Indians was displayed. A large attendance greeted Dr. Youngken and his illustrated lecture was well received.

The Paris correspondent of *Chemist & Druggist* states that the Examination Hall of the Strasburg Faculty of Pharmacy has been ornamented by a portrait of Pasteur who was for some time professor there. Members of the Pharmaceutical Association of Alsace-Lorraine have contributed two bronze medallions, one of Gerhardt, the chemist, and the other of Kirschleger, the botanist.

Dr. Walter H. Eddy of Columbia University has announced his success in isolating vitamin D. He was assisted in this work by Drs. Ralph W. Kerr and R. R. Williams.

The frontispiece of the *Carolina Journal of Pharmacy* for April presents a picture of **Franklin Willis Hancock** of Oxford. A sketch of the well-known pharmacist accompanies the frontispiece. Mr. Hancock has been a member of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy for 27 years.

Francis P. Garvan was honored by a testimonial dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel last month, attended by seven hundred men and women identified with the American chemical and allied interests. Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith presided as toastmaster and among the

speakers of the evening was President Leo H. Backeland, of the American Chemical Society.

The Boston Medical History Club held its annual meeting April 21 at which time Sir D'Arcy Power of London was one of the principal speakers. Dr. John Donley read a paper on Experimental Neurology of Galen, and Dr. Henry Viets had as his subject Fifteenth Century Medical Libraries.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

The British Empire Exhibition will be open until the close of October 1924. During that period there will be other industrial events of interest to visitors. The British Industries Fair will close May 23rd. On the 23rd of June the Chemists' Exhibition will be opened in the Central Hall, Westminster, London. The exhibition will consist of a comprehensive display of drugs, medicinal preparations and sundries of various kinds manufactured in Great Britain.

ZINC STEARATE DUSTING POWDER.

The American Medical Association at its meeting in San Francisco passed resolutions calling attention to the fact that there is a hazard to infant and child life from the accidental aspiration of zinc stearate and urges that manufacturers shall place a cautionary label on the package.

OLD STANDARD MEASURES STILL IN USE.

A brass yardstick and a pint cup sent by King George II of Great Britain to the Colony of Virginia in 1744 are still in use. They were recently tested by federal and city authorities and found to be correct.

BE AN AIDE IN PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Pharmacists should encourage their patrons to get rid of the mosquitos before they become disseminators of disease. Their larvae are now showing life in pools of stagnant water and a film of oil will cause their destruction. Shady and dark places protect the mosquito.

IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR E. L. PATCH.

The March number of *Patchwork* is given over entirely to events in the life of the late Prof. E. L. Patch. The biographical sketch is quite complete and a number of illustrations are included which indicate the beautiful home life of the deceased. Several pages are given over to brief tributes by some of the friends of the deceased, resolutions of various organizations, and several poems written by him at different periods of his life.

Mrs. Clair A. Dye, wife of our fellow member, Dean of the University of Ohio School of Pharmacy, died April 21. Mrs. Dye was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sinclair of Woodfield, Ohio, and was married to Professor Dye June 30, 1903. The deceased attended quite a number of the annual meetings of the Association and was for a number of years a member of the Executive Committee of the Women's Section, A. Ph. A. She was a member of the University Women's Club, the Women's Pharmacy Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution, having served as librarian of the latter. The sympathy of the Association is expressed.

Frank W. Ekstrand of Salina, Kansas, a past president of the Kansas Pharmaceutical Association, died April 3, after a brief illness. By his death the Kansas Association has lost one of its most earnest and conscientious workers. At the time of his death he was a member of the Executive Committee of the State Association and had been engaged in the drug business in Salina for about thirty years.

Dr. E. F. Nichols of the Nela Research Laboratory died suddenly April 29 while reading a paper to the American Academy of Sciences on the occasion of the inauguration of its new building in Cleveland. The deceased was widely known because of his researches on "Light Pressures." He was formerly president of Dartmouth College and also for a time head of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the war he served as research expert in the Navy Department. He was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1869.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

BUFFALO MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The outstanding feature of the Buffalo Meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Associa-

tion will be the report of the Headquarters Building and Campaign Committees, announcing the success of the undertaking to raise the required funds—it is a question of amount—success is assured.