

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

GOVERNOR HAMILL'S ADDRESS.

In addressing the members of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, Governor Hamill said: "If your profession is going to keep pace with the others, you must be alive to all of the things that are of advantage to your profession and be ready to aid in its growth and development."

"We must keep the fundamental facts in mind—we must be builders; we must have a program, not only in our profession, but in all activities of life; business methods must be applied to the professions—business methods are nothing more nor less than the application of common sense to the things before us. We must be constructive; it is easy to be a critic; it requires more to be builders."

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS IN MEMPHIS.

The meeting of the N. A. R. D., in Memphis, was a complete success. A member said the thermometer was near the 100° mark every day, but no one complained—the spirit of hospitality and coöperation prevailed. The high points were marked by the purpose of raising the standard of pharmacy—by higher education, keeping the unfit out and restricting ownership of drug stores to pharmacists. Price maintenance was given support because it requires profit to render service, and to attract by the bait of "cut" prices is almost invariably a deceptive practice. Favorable comment was heard everywhere relative to the prohibition policy of Lincoln C. Andrews.

President Peterson said in his address:

"The past twelve months have been momentous. We have witnessed a national orgy of price cutting in the larger as well as in some of the small centers. It has accentuated the need for organization as never before. The sacrifice of retail profits cannot be justified in good business or good logic. It is plain bunk. One starting on such an adventure is heading toward disaster, for it not only deceives the public but is self-deceptive. The public is entitled to fair treatment."

"During the past year the pharmaceutical press of this country have given us new evidence of their desire to serve the best interest of retail pharmacy. It is with pleasure we acknowledge the helpful space they have devoted to organization matters. It is particularly gratifying to note the growing tendency to

counsel the trade against price cutting and defend price maintenance."

Chairman A. C. Taylor of the Committee on Pharmacy Laws, reported that only twenty-one states required pharmacists to be American citizens and only three—New York, Illinois and Indiana—had laws restricting the ownership of pharmacies to individual pharmacists and partnerships.

Samuel S. Dworkin, reporting for the Committee on Biological Products, said the licensed pharmacy should be the only source through which drugs, biologicals and patent medicines could find their way to the consumer. "Otherwise," he said, "the door would be closed to professional pharmacy."

Frank T. Stone, of Washington, D. C., was elected president of the N. A. R. D.; the vice-presidents are: B. F. Leidel, of Milwaukee; H. S. Caldwell of Oklahoma City; J. A. Goode, of Asheville. Samuel C. Henry and Harry Guenther were reelected to their respective offices. Julius Riemenschneider and Ambrose Hunsberger were reelected to the Executive Committee. Philadelphia was chosen for the meeting of 1926.

NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The National Wholesale Druggists' Association met in fifty-first annual session in Detroit, October 5-8. Both the educational and business program assured an interesting convention and the entertainment program was fully as replete as the former, giving assurance that the delegates would be kept busy or entertained when not at the sessions of the convention. The announcements of the Association are drawn upon for these lines, as they are written prior to the convention. Legislation always is a subject for consideration and discussion. From expressions of the members Price Maintenance was one of the more important matters for consideration, and some of the details of the prohibition laws relating to the sale of alcohol.

A letter urging the use of a standard price card has been sent by the National Wholesale Druggists' Association to the Proprietary Association of America, American Drug Manufacturers' Association, American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association and the American Manufacturers of Toilet Articles.

CHEMICAL EXPOSITION AT GRAND CENTRAL PALACE, NEW YORK CITY.

The 1925 Chemical Exposition was held at Grand Central Palace, September 28 to October 3.

A section of the Exposition was given over to various government departments for a series of exhibits. The divisions which had exhibits included the Bureau of Chemistry, Bureau of Soils, Bureau of Animal Industry, Bureau of Plant Industry and others of the Department of Agriculture; the Chemical Division and the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce.

The American Chemical Society program provided for four meetings, held during the morning of each day. The last of the sessions was held at the Faculty Club of Columbia University, as an informal dinner and smoker, the speaker of the evening was Dr. Alexander Findlay, of the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

A CONVENTION OF NEW YORK CITY PHARMACISTS.

The Druggists Circular comments editorially on a convention of New York City Pharmacists—the number of pharmacists in the Metropolis exceeds that of most states. The convention is to be held during two days of the last week of this month. The following paragraph is taken from the editorial referred to:

"The New York City convention will concern itself entirely, with business problems. Cut prices, price maintenance measures, overcrowding in the retail field, prohibition rules and regulations and other timely topics will be discussed. State and national legislators will be asked to tell the convention what they propose

to do to remedy present conditions. Legal experts will explain exactly what may be done by manufacturers and their wholesale and retail distributors to prevent indiscriminate price cutting. The New York Pharmaceutical Conference will be given an opportunity to show what it has done and to demonstrate its usefulness to the limited number of local retailers who are not yet members of the organization."

AMERICAN PHARMACISTS RETURN FROM EUROPE.

The party of American pharmacists, that recently journeyed through Germany, Austria and Switzerland returned September 2. Editor Hugo Kantrowitz, under whose direction the tour was planned, reports a most enjoyable time and receptions that will linger long in the memory of the participants. The *Apotheker Zeitung* of August and September has given an interesting account of the trip and the issues have been nicely illustrated.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY ST. LOUIS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Members of the Alumni Association of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, numbering more than 3000, who are scattered throughout every section of the United States, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their organization on September 18 with a program and luncheon at the College of Pharmacy, 2108 Locust Street, and a dinner at the Chase Hotel. Among the speakers were Prof. Francis Hemm, Edward H. Wolff, Dr. H. A. B. Dunning, H. C. Christensen, William Mittlebach, Carl Meyers, William Böhm, Dr. H. M. Whelpley and Charles Gietner.

THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

RULING ON DISPENSING OF LIQUORS AND SALE OF SOFT DRINKS IN WISCONSIN.

A news item states that drug stores, in Wisconsin, owned by corporations will be prevented from dealing in soft drinks and at the same time selling intoxicating liquors on prescriptions, Attorney-General Herman L. Ekern has informed District Attorney J. E. Murray of Fond du Lac, Wis.

The district attorney had made inquiry concerning an amendment to subsection 30 of section 165-01 which provides that regis-

tered pharmacists may be exempt from the provision of that section of the laws which states that no person licensed to sell soft drinks shall have in his possession intoxicating liquors.

The attorney-general holds that a corporation clearly cannot hold a pharmacist's license, and that as the pharmacist employed does not own the drug store, the exemption provided in the amendment does not apply to a corporation.

This section of the law applies only to drug stores which sell soft drinks in addition to their regular prescription business.