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THE MINUTES OF THE DES MOINES MEETING.

In order to bring the minutes of the ASSOCIATION, of the Council and House of Delegates into this issue of the JOURNAL, it is necessary to leave matter for this Department to be printed in a succeeding number.

PROPRIETARY MEDICINES AT LAUSANNE.

The International Pharmaceutical Federation met in Lausanne, Switzerland, July 21-23. Dr. Arno Viehoever was the delegate from the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and we await a report for publication from him.

Under above head the *Pharmaceutical Journal and Pharmacist* (England) discusses the action of the Federation on Proprietary Medicines. We quote in part:

"One surmises that the deliberations and recommendations of the International Pharmaceutical Federation are of academic interest only. At the Fifth General Assembly at Lausanne the thorny question of proprietary medicines was again tackled, and in view of the likelihood that, sooner rather than later, a new Proprietary Medicines Bill will be introduced in our own Parliament, the opinion of the Assembly as a body on the regulation of the trade deserves attention. Although pharmacists might be expected to endorse the view of the Federation—that the manufac-

ture, sale, and control (under Government supervision) of pharmaceutical specialties (proprietary medicines we call them) should be reserved to the pharmacist—other and powerful interests, in this country at any rate, are hardly likely to agree to the suggestion. Their opposition to these requirements would, however, be faint as compared with their hostility to the other important recommendation—that full disclosure of ingredients, with the proportions, should be made on the label. Formula disclosure has always been the *bête noire* of British patent medicine manufacturers, and some of them have declared that, rather than agree to this course, they would cease to export their products to countries where the law requires such disclosure to be made."

AMERICAN INFLUENCE ON MEXICAN MEDICINE.

The *Journal of the American Medical Association* comments editorially, under above caption, on the fine coöperative spirit of our neighbor to the Southwest, Mexico. Reference is made to papers from the Valdés clinic in Mexico. In the first paper Dr. Ulises Valdés, Chief of the clinic, sketches American influence on the progress of Mexican medicine. He makes the statement: "Surgeons need no longer cross the ocean in search of new teachings and methods."

Quite naturally the spirit which brings the medical men of Mexico and the United States into coöperation, also will influence coöperation of pharmacists. A number of our official

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drugs come from Mexico and there are probably others that are worthy of research. In the June JOURNAL, pp. 498-505, appears an article on "Medicinal Plants of the Aztecs."

BULLETINS OF THE DRUG TRADE BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Director Robert P. Fischelis has issued Bulletin C-39 to C-41.

Bulletin C-39 relates to an address by Ambrose Hunsberger, Chairman-elect of the Section on Commercial Interests, before Massachusetts Pharmaceutical Association—see pp. 747-748, August JOURNAL, A. PH. A.

Bulletin C-40 quotes from the address of President Charles W. Holton, *re* the Headquarters' Fund. For address see September JOURNAL.

Bulletin C-41 deals with the tax on alcohol for medicinal purposes. A resolution was passed by the HOUSE OF DELEGATES, A. PH. A. asking for the repeal of this tax. The bulletin referred to has reference to a series of resolutions to be presented by the Chicago Retail Druggists' Association at the meeting of the National Association of Retail Druggists, held in Memphis, September 21-26.

FEDERAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Federal Wholesale Druggists' Association, a national organization of retail druggists, will hold its annual meeting in Newark, October 21-23.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Publicity Director E. L. Newcomb has recently been in the East, visiting Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, etc. He is encouraged by the results of the Des Moines meeting and hopeful for an early completion of the Headquarters' Fund.

Editor Hugo Kantrowitz has returned from Europe, well pleased with the tour under his direction.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Lehman journeyed to the Pacific Coast, making stops on the way, after the Des Moines Convention.

Miss Helen Timmerman, member of the A. PH. A., who was awarded the Plaut Scholarship, has gone to Europe where she will complete her studies.

Frederick D. Lascoff is now a member of the faculty of Columbia University College of Pharmacy; he has charge of the course in "Commercial" Pharmacy and Accounting.

Prof. Otto Raubenheimer contributed a paper on "Pharmacy in the United States" to *Pharmazeutische Zentralhalle*, Nos. 29 and 30. The author presents and discusses the subject at length and gives consideration to pharmacy in general, the schools, publications, the pharmacies, the German influence on American pharmacy. The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION activities are given due consideration and the paper, as a whole, is an interesting and valuable historical contribution.

In No. 35 of the same publication our fellow-member reviews the YEAR BOOK of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

After being in the family for more than a half century the Coblentz Pharmacy at Springfield, Ohio, has been sold by Edward Coblentz. The father established the store in 1872, and it was here Dr. Virgil Coblentz served his apprenticeship.

Dr. Hans Heger, secretary of the Austrian Pharmaceutical Society and editor of the *Pharmaceutical Post*, celebrated his 70th birthday on September 7.

Franklin J. Bacon, University of Wisconsin, has taken up his work as professor of Pharmacognosy and Pharmacology at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

F. A. Gilfillan (Oregon and Yale) has joined the faculty as professor in the Department of Pharmacy.

Dean Theodore J. Bradley addressed the Lawrence, Mass., Rotary Club, September 10 on the history of pharmacy.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE WILLIAM HOFFMAN.

George William Hoffman, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1904, died September 14th, at his home in Logansport, Ind. The deceased was the senior member of Hoffman-Bishop Drug Company. Mr. Hoffman was 73 years old and had been a resident of Logansport for more than 50 years. For several years he was employed in Logansport drug stores; in 1877 he became a member of the firm of Leonard & Hoffman and, later, its sole owner. In 1887 he sold the business and was for a time treasurer of Logansport and after retirement from the office he again engaged in the drug business and continued until his demise. Mr Hoffman is survived by his widow, a daughter and son.