

most noted researches were made. Typical of this period of his life are his über "Amerikanische Drogen," die "Rinde von Rhamnus Purshiana," die "Blätter von Duboisia myoporoides," über "Grindelia robusta," über "Yerba Santa," über "Lignum Tupelo," die "Attichwurzel," über "Ipecacuanha," über "Lignum Aloës und Linaloeholz" and über "Digitalis und Verbasum."

Dr. Moeller was a prodigious worker and writer. Besides many scientific articles he was the author of many books relating to Pharmacognosy. He was one of the first, if not the first, author of an illustrated work treating of the microscopical examination of powdered drugs. This is entitled "Pharmakognostischer Atlas" and was published in 1892 while he was professor at Innsbruck. Among other of the works of Dr. Moeller the following may be mentioned. "Mikroskopie der Nahrungs und Genussmittel" (Berlin 1886), "Rohstoffe des Tischler und Drechslergewerbes (Cassel 1884), "Lehrbuch der Arzneimittellehre (Vienna 1893), "Leitfaden der mikroskopisch-pharmazeutischen Übungen" (Vienna 1901), "Lehrbuch der Pharmakognosie" (Vienna 1906) and the aforementioned "Pharmakognostischer Atlas" and "Anatomie der Baumrinden." The work on the "Microscopy of Vegetable Foods" was published conjointly with Dr. Andrew L. Winton, and has been published in both the English and German languages. In 1886-1891 Moeller published conjointly with Dr. Geissler "die Realenzyklopädie der gesamten Pharmazie" (10 volumes

of which the second edition (14 volumes) was published with Dr. Thoms in 1904-1912.

During his life Dr. Moeller held various responsible governmental positions. He was an honorary member of the Deutscher Pharmazeutischen Gesellschaft, a member of the Österreichischen allgemeinen Apothekervereins of Vienna, corresponding member of the Société de Pharmacie of Paris and a member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

ELMER H. WIRTH.

MARION LEROY BURTON.

Dr. Marion LeRoy Burton, President of the University of Michigan, died a victim of over-work and strain. He made a notable record at Ann Arbor, which was a continuation of the fine work he had done at the University of Minnesota and at Smith College. First and last he was an educator, and he gave his life to the colleges of America.

SIR EDWARD THORPE.

Sir Edward Thorpe, professor emeritus of chemistry in the Imperial College of Science and Technology, died in London, February 23, aged seventy-nine years.

Sir Edward was long one of the leading chemists of England and was the author of several works on chemistry. He was a former President of the Chemical Society, British Association for the Advancement of Science, and former chairman of the chemical section of the British Association.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

GREAT PHARMACY LIBRARY URGED IN HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

BY ZADA M. COOPER.*

Of the many good reasons why Pharmacy should have a Headquarters Building not the least is the possibility of a great pharmaceutical library. It is true that America already has some splendid libraries, the Lloyd library at Cincinnati, for instance, and also the libraries in some of the older colleges of the East where they have had years in which to grow, but we need a national one.

It may be visionary to say that our Headquarters Building should have a working library that would be second to none anywhere. Its

books should be accessible to any responsible pharmacist, that is to say it should be possible for a pharmacist anywhere to borrow any book for a brief period of time, exceptions being made only in case of very rare books. The library should be in charge of a competent pharmacist who could undertake to search these rarer volumes for information on any specified subject. It should be possible for any research worker or other student of pharmaceutical or allied subjects to have the use directly or indirectly of all the available literature.

The libraries of our colleges are spending considerable sums on building up their collections but no colleges can have everything they would like to have. If it were possible to build up a more extensive collection as an

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A. Ph. A. library it would be a wonderful asset to pharmaceutical progress. If then the college libraries might have a card catalogue of the books in this library there would be available at all times information about the literature on any subject. Such a library through a system of cards for bibliographic information like that worked out by Dr. Edward Kremers, of the University of Wisconsin, and now being followed at Iowa and other universities could extend its usefulness incalculably.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO PRESIDENT CHARLES W. HOLTON, A. PH. A.

The testimonial dinner tendered to President Charles W. Holton of the American Pharmaceutical Association at the "Down Town Club" of Newark by the New York Branch, A. Ph. A., and the New Jersey and Essex County Pharmaceutical Associations, was a success in every way. The attendance was good, and an excellent menu was enjoyed by those present. Mrs. Holton graced the occasion. President Jeannot Hostmann, of the New York Branch, A. Ph. A., presided as toast-master. Before calling on the speakers of the program he presented President Holton with an ivory gavel—a gift of those who participated in this enjoyable affair. Dr. Robert P. Fischelis was chairman of the Committee on arrangements, and the other members were Hugo H. Schaefer, Robert R. Gerstner and Harry W. Crooks.

The toast-master made the introductory remarks, and then presented Prof. H. V. Army as representative of the New York College of Pharmacy, who spoke on "Holton and the New York College of Pharmacy." He sketched the life of the President from the time that he entered as student to the present, as an official of the *Alma Mater*.

George M. Beringer, Ex-President of the American Pharmaceutical Association, spoke on "Holton—The Association Worker," and in that connection, of the success of the promotions of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, and also within the American Pharmaceutical Association and the New York Branch, in which the honored guest of the evening had a part.

The preceding speakers were in position to speak of the activities of President Holton through their associations with him, but the presentation of "Charles W. Holton as a Citizen" was most interestingly told by the Rev. Alexander Cairns, pastor of the High

Street Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Holton is a member. Evidently Mr. Holton did not expect his friend to tell of his disinterestedness and his many acts of kindness and charity. Throughout the remarks the training and bringing up of Mr. Holton could be discerned by those who had known his father.

The response of President Holton after the conclusion of the address by the last speaker indicated his filial attachment and love, and how well he observed the wise counsel of his father and mother. He paid them a fine tribute and also his helpmeet. The good deeds and accomplishments of a son are sometimes obscured by those of an honored forebear but the pride of giving full credit and acceptance of the benefits as a precious gift does not detract from the good work and deeds of President Charles W. Holton. It was an evening which Mr. and Mrs. Holton will remember with a great deal of pleasure for many years. Those who were present enjoyed the occasion, the program of which was very successfully carried out. Many congratulatory telegrams, letters and messages were received, among them one from all the living ex-presidents, except Ex-President Lewis C. Hopp, who was prevented by serious illness.

MINNESOTA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

M. B. Kraemer, reporting the meeting of the Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association for the *Pharmaceutical Era*, states that "a large percentage of pharmacists are scientific and professional despite the present-day trend toward extreme commercialism." "This was shown," she says, "by the large attendance at the recent annual meeting of the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association."

The Scientific and Practical Section, which joins in the program with the Northwestern Branch A. Ph. A., at the state meetings, was in charge of Dean Frederick J. Wulling. Many interesting papers were presented and discussed at length.

Professor E. L. Newcomb and others related their experiences in the identification of poisonous plants. An interesting paper was presented by David F. Jones of South Dakota on "Building up Pharmaceutical Business on Scientific Lines Where Competition will Find It Hard to Follow." In this contribution Mr. Jones gave his actual experiences, and in making a survey of the profits of different de-

partments he finds that the largest percentage of profit in his store is derived from the prescription department. His contention is that this department can be developed in a pharmacy according to the needs of the community.

Prof. Chas. H. Rogers pointed out how pharmacists can do considerable research work which will have practical value elsewhere. Prof. Gustav Bachman reported on the pharmaceuticals of the market, and called attention to the variation in the quality of cod liver oil, and said that pharmacists should be careful in selecting a brand which has been tested physiologically.

Secretary Samuel C. Henry, of the N. A. R. D., spoke on national legislation, dwelling particularly on the Cramton bill.

Another speaker was Secretary H. C. Christensen, of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, who reported on the work of state boards of pharmacy.

There was considerable discussion anent the liquor problems. Almost a unanimity prevailed in expressing that the practice of dispensing liquor on prescriptions has worked an unnecessary hardship on pharmacists, and has been a constant source of annoyance, if not of embarrassment. The expression was quite general that the United States Government should take over the dispensing of liquors.

The third annual Northwest Drug Show, held in the St. Paul Municipal Auditorium, was a success in every way. There was a constant attendance of visitors during the open hours, and it is estimated that more than 500 druggists, and others interested in pharmacy, gathered at the various meetings and attended the drug show.

IOWA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The mid-winter meeting of the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association was held in Des Moines. Among the speakers of the occasion were Governor Hammill, H. S. Hansen, George S. Jay, Al. Falkenhainer, Carl Weeks, J. R. Sutter, and Samuel C. Henry. The latter spoke on legislative subjects, and Governor Hammill congratulated the members on their efforts to build their business and profession into the position that they now hold. He also complimented them by saying that the Association had always turned more money into the State Treasury than had been taken out for defraying the expenses of the Board of Pharmacy.

Jospeh R. Sutter spoke on advertising. The

points made in the advertising of the firm of which he is a member were related to service and quality. He considered that it was profitable to tie up the advertising of the store with national advertising—by doing so, information is given where products can be secured that are advertised in periodicals. He concluded by saying that "if you really wish to build up a permanent business, do your own advertising of the store and keep in line with national advertising campaigns."

Dean E. O. Kagy, of the College of Pharmacy of Des Moines University, who is State Chairman of the A. Ph. A. Headquarters Building Campaign, reported that Iowa pharmacists and manufacturers had pledged about \$20,000 toward this fund. He explained that the location of the building will be determined by the vote of the membership following the completion of the fund. He considered that Des Moines had an excellent chance for securing the building because of its central location. He also said that a sum representing about \$50,000 would be donated in case Des Moines is selected for the headquarters.

The following officers were elected: *President*, Denny Brann, Des Moines; *First Vice-President*, J. J. Gillespie, Des Moines; *Second Vice-President*, P. J. Jepson, Newton; *Third Vice-President*, Gus Reppert, Des Moines; *Treasurer*, J. M. Lindley, Winfield; *Secretary*, J. W. Slocum, Indianola.

STATE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Hotel Delmonte, where California Pharmaceutical Association will hold its annual session, was damaged by fire. The officers of the Association have, however, been advised that the meeting will be taken care of.

South Dakota Pharmaceutical Association is making arrangements to put the Unit plan into operation.

Texas Pharmaceutical Association will have a Drug Show in Fort Worth during its annual convention.

Utah Pharmaceutical Association will meet in June at Cedar Breaks. It is expected that one of the entertainment features will be side trips to Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, and other scenic points of interest in Southern Utah.

The Virginia Pharmaceutical Association will hold its convention in Staunton, Va., June 23 to June 25. A cordial invitation has been extended to the association by the Chamber of

Commerce and Kiwanis and Rotary clubs of Staunton. Headquarters for the convention will be located at the Stonewall Jackson hotel.

RHODE ISLAND PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The fifty-first annual meeting of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association was held at Providence. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, Franklin N. Strickland, Providence; *Vice-President*, Herbert Haynes, Providence; *Secretary*, William Shallcross, Providence; *Treasurer*, John J. Pastille, Providence; *Executive Committee*, Arthur W. Boston, Joseph L. McDonald, Charles F. Gilson; *Legislative Committee*, Walter J. Batchelder, John B. McGorty, William A. Fortin, William D. Strachin and Earl H. Mason.

The Secretary's report showed a membership of 385, the largest in the association's history, 74 having been admitted during the past year. Frank A. Jackson, Woonsocket, and Harvey I. Leith, Providence, both charter members of the organization, were present. The annual outing of the association will be held during the summer months.

STATE BOARDS OF PHARMACY.

Attorney Jerome Steiner, of the New York State Board of Pharmacy, holds that the New York Pharmacy Ownership Law is valid. He concludes an article in *The Messenger*, N. Y. College of Pharmacy, by saying: "Due to this legislation the time will arrive when, with few exceptions, none but pharmacists will be engaged in the operation of pharmacies. It is safe to predict that the place of pharmacy among the professions will attain a station exceeded by none. This beneficent law deserves the vigorous support of all pharmacists."

Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy urges registration of pharmacies as well as pharmacists, contending that thereby it will be possible to stop some of the current practices of using certain drug stores for the illegal sale of liquor and a few others for the dispensing of narcotics contrary to law.

Ohio Board of Pharmacy refuses to renew the license of a violator of the prohibition law.

The Texas Board of Pharmacy is now composed of the following members: E. M. Joseph, of Austin; W. A. Klecka, of Temple; A. H. Seely, of Cleburne; M. E. Dooley, of Wolfe City and Wilford Harrison, of Wichita Falls.

Members of the Utah Board of Pharmacy—John Culley and W. A. Hedquist—addressed

the University of Utah Pharmaceutical Association. The Board members were pleased with the advancement being made by the Pharmacy Department.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF BALTIMORE RETAIL DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual banquet of the Baltimore Retail Druggists' Association will be held at the Hotel Rennert on March 25. The committee of arrangements includes P. J. Boening, Charles L. Meyer, William H. Pensel, Samuel Y. Harris and G. P. Hetz, with Melville Strasburger as chairman.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF PHARMACY.

The New York Academy of Pharmacy accepted applications of sixteen additional charter members, at its recent meeting. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: *President*, Jacob Diner; *Vice-President*, Robert S. Lehman; *Second Vice-President*, Henry B. Smith; *Third Vice-President*, Samuel S. Dworkin; *Secretary*, Gustave Horstman; *Treasurer*, Peter Diamond.

NEW YORK PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE ASKS COÖPERATION FOR ITS ACTIVITIES.

Asking the coöperation of all pharmacists and retail druggists in the city in furthering the work of the organization, Dr. Jacob Diner and Nicholas S. Gesoalde, President and Secretary respectively of the New York Pharmaceutical Conference, which embraces 18 organizations, have issued a circular letter to the druggists outlining the present and contemplated activities of the conference.

ALBANY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

The Education Committee of the Albany Chamber of Commerce has issued a booklet of a hundred pages in which education in Albany is featured and among these institutions the Albany College of Pharmacy. Dean William Mansfield is chairman of the Committee. The business side of education is emphasized; it is an idea that civic bodies in other cities may advantageously follow.

VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

The Pharmacy Department of the Medical College of Virginia aims to enlarge its service for those engaged in pharmacy in Virginia. One feature of the plan is to give information regarding scientific, practical and commercial problems, which includes the every-day drug store questions. Dean Rudd has stated that

the extension of this service has been made possible by the coming into the faculty of Roy Childrey, formerly of the Childrey Drug Store.

THE 104TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND SCIENCE WAS CELEBRATED FEBRUARY 23.

The 104th anniversary of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science was observed February 23. President William C.

Braisted, Deans Charles H. LaWall and J. W. Sturmer made brief addresses. Prof. E. Fullerton Cook, Robert J. Ruth and members of the student body, made reports of activities under their supervision. A musical program, rendered by students of the College, was followed by a One-Act Play, entitled "The Shades of the Alchemists"—the dramatic satire was written by Dean LaWall and presented by the Bachelor in Science and Post-Graduate students.

THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

Because of an intense desire to carry into effect certain purposes there is sometimes a cynical disregard of the principles of justice and equity with which taxation must be animated if it is to be differentiated from arbitrary expropriation. Thoughtful citizens cannot view this disposition with complacency; if it is encouraged Legislatures will feel free in their quest for revenue and get it where there is least danger to the political lives of the legislators.

20,000 BILLS IN STATE LEGISLATURES.

The *National Industrial Council* estimates that 20,000 new laws have been or will be proposed during legislative sessions. Among the "freak bills" pending in legislatures are the following:

"To make it unlawful for a corporation to make any noise interfering with radio broadcasting from 6 P.M. until midnight; requiring state examination and license of beauty doctors; prohibiting the use of paint-spraying machines, so union painters can use more time and get more pay by hand painting; making it unlawful for any employer or worker to offer or accept employment under an individual contract not to join a labor union; requiring corporation employers to file proof with state banking department of ability to meet payroll; requiring motor vehicles to come to a full stop before entering upon paved state roads; providing semi-monthly pay-day for all labor; limiting freight trains to half a mile in length."

STATE LAWS AFFECTING THE DRUG BUSINESS.

In many states regulation and taxation of tobacco and cigarette sales have been under discussion and in some states the proposed measures have become laws. A number of bills in the California Legislature seek to amend the pharmacy law.—Senate bill No. 80 seeks to

create a department of narcotic enforcement; No. 180 provides for the establishment of an institution for treatment of narcotic addicts No. 162 seeks to regulate the hours of work of employees in retail drug stores.

Governor Alvan T. Fuller of Massachusetts has signed the bill to dispense with the annual local votes on the question of liquor licensing in each city and town. The law reads that such votes will not be taken, as provided by other statutes, so long as the sale of liquors is forbidden. Pharmacists of Massachusetts are opposing a measure which seeks to consolidate various examining boards.

A bill to prohibit others than registered pharmacists from owning a drug store was introduced in the Minnesota legislature. A companion bill would forbid the use of the term "drug" or "pharmacy" in connection with a store unless it is equipped to fill prescriptions.

A bill which, it is said, is aimed to curb large cut-rate concerns and booze drug stores, has been introduced in the House and now is pending before the Committee on Public Health and Scientific Institutions of the Missouri Legislature. Edward G. Davidson, an insurance agent of St. Louis, is the author of the measure, which would prohibit anyone from owning a drug store who is not a registered pharmacist, nor would it allow the employment of any but a registered pharmacist as manager of the store.

New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association seeks to amend the State Pharmacy law in order to simplify the penalty clause; another bill provides for the registration of pharmacies and limits the use of the terms "Pharmacy," "Drug Store" and "Apothecary Shop" to places so registered by the Board of Pharmacy.

Under the provisions of a bill introduced in the New York Assembly by Edward J. Donohue, Sec. 234, Public Health Law is amended