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A CORRECTION, AND AN ADDITION.

The figure "2" in ninth line, p. 196, should be "3," and figure "3" in fifteenth line, p. 197, should be "2."

The following reference note applies to article on "A Palatable Cod Liver Oil Concentrate," on p. 215: "A brief history of cod liver oil as a remedy recently has been published by Dr. Ruth A. Guy, in the *Amer. J. Dis. Childr.*, 26, 122 (1923)."

PHARMACY AT THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL.

Progress in the arts and sciences will be shown at the Sesqui-Centennial in Philadelphia next year. Few of the arts and sciences have made greater progress than pharmacy, which has a part in both. The first edition of the *Pharmacopœia* and the revision now being completed tell the history of progress in nearly all divisions of pharmaceutical art and science, for it must be remembered that pharmacy has its votaries in the wholesale as well as in the retail stores; in the manufacturing establishments and in the schools and colleges and all branches contributing to the *materia medica*.

The Headquarters Building will be representative of all the divisions of the drug business and the realization of that long hoped-for achievement will, within this period in history, mark an epoch for pharmacy. The history, progress and present status of pharmacy will have an interest for the public, as it touches life, health and civilization at many points; the history of medicine is incomplete without it.

Physicians in attendance at the A. M. A. meeting in Atlantic City will be made acquainted with the new standards, now being completed; this may serve, in a suggestive way, in the plans for the Sesqui-Centennial. American Pharmacy has a duty and an opportunity.

PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS WANTED.

Receipt of applications for chemist (pharmaceutical) will close May 12. The examination is to fill a vacancy in the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and vacancies in positions requiring similar qualifications.

The entrance salary for this position is \$3800 a year. Advancement in pay may be made without change in assignment up to \$5000 a year. Promotion to higher grades may be made in accordance with the civil service rules.

The duties are to conduct researches leading to the discovery of active plant principles in vegetable drugs and to develop procedures for the identification, isolation or separation of such constituents; also to develop methods of analysis for drugs; to modify existing methods of analysis for drugs for the purpose of making them more accurate; to cooperate with Government officials, with pharmaceutical chemists in the drug industry and with universities and colleges in the matter of research in the discovery and isolation of active principles in plants and the development and modification of methods for the analysis of drugs.

Competitors will not be required to report

for examination at any place, but will be rated on their education, training, and experience; and writings to be filed with the application.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the secretary of the board of U. S. civil-service examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city.

REVISION OF THE ITALIAN PHARMACOPŒIA.

The Italian Minister of the Interior has appointed the Commission for revision of the Italian Pharmacopœia. The presiding officer is Professor G. Gaglio, director of the Institute of Materia Medica and Experimental Pharmacology in the University of Rome; the Commission includes three pharmacists: Dr. C. Chiappa, President of the Federation of Italian Pharmaceutical Associations; Cav. G. De Mercurio, President of the Pharmaceutical Association of Bologna; and Comm. Dr. A. Quercia, President of the Pharmaceutical Association of Bari.

FOUR LEPROSY CURES REPORTED.

Four men who entered the National Home for Lepers at Carrville, La., several years ago have been discharged as cured.

The United States Public Health Service announced that the men have been under close observation for a year.

Chaulmoogra oil was employed in the treatment of these cases, and other agents.

PHARMACY BULLETINS.

Bulletins promoting the interest in American Pharmacy Headquarters are being distributed. Every pharmacist has the opportunity of buying these from Publicity Director E. L. Newcomb. They are for display on the Bulletin Board, so that patrons of the store may know what pharmacists have achieved and what pharmacy is doing in health conservation, etc.

Excellent bulletins have been issued by the Northwestern Pharmaceutical Bureau; recent ones acquaint the public with sources of drugs and those who instruct young men and women in the science and art of pharmacy.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

About two hundred friends of **Dean Willis G. Gregory** assembled in the Lafayette Hotel at Buffalo, N. Y., March 28th, to do honor to the

Dean upon completion of his thirty-fifth year in that capacity.

The record of service, time and work accomplished by Dean Gregory is deserving of the commemoration; it marks a milestone of this active worker for pharmacy, and there is reasonable assurance he will be given many more useful years. He has won the esteem and affection of faculty and Alumni and the high regard of co-workers.



DEAN WILLIS G. GREGORY.

The addresses of the occasion, besides the response by the guest of honor and impromptu remarks by others, were made by Chancellor Capen for the faculties; Hon. John Lord O'Brien for the Council, and Principal Frank S. Fosdick for the community. Dr. Gregory became a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1886.

Sir William S. Glyn-Jones, honorary member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, Secretary and Registrar to the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, etc., is at present in Canada, and he hopes to visit some of the cities in the United States, if time will permit. A sketch of the distinguished visitor is printed in the JOURNAL A. PH. A., for 1924, pp. 502-505. It is unnecessary to state that Sir William will receive a very cordial welcome from pharmacists of this country.

Paul S. Pittenger, formerly director of the Pharmacodynamic Research Laboratories of H. K. Mulford Co., is now the President of Harvey-Pittenger Co., recently incorporated for the manufacture of pharmaceutical specialties, endocrine products, etc. Gilbert L. Harvey, has served as instructor in Bacteriology at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, and for many years as assistant director of the manufacturing departments of the National Drug Company.

Ex-President John Uri Lloyd has returned from a visit in California. He is recovering from illness and is again at his desk.

A card announcing the birth of Noel Dayton Lee at Nanking, China,¹ on Christmas Day, has been received. Mrs. Lee was Miss Esther M. Haggard of Wuhu, China. Professor Lee is now connected with Nanking University, and stated in his last communication that he would return to the United States this year. It will be recalled that Professor Lee was formerly of Purdue University and active in several of the A. Ph. A. Sections.

Miss Eva Sabine Carr, Church General Hospital, American Church Mission, Wuchang, China, writes that the JOURNAL A. Ph. A. is a welcome visitor. She is engaged in training young women for hospital work and in pharmacy, in addition to her duties as pharmacist in the Hospital.

Dr. Herbert Spencer Jennings, noted zoölogist of the Johns Hopkins University, was awarded the first Joseph Leidy Memorial Medal by the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Science. The award is in recognition of Dr. Jennings' study of the lower types of animal life, notably the Protozoa.

Bishop Charles H. Brent, one of the representatives of the United States at the recent International Narcotic Conference at Geneva, was awarded the Chancellor's Medal of the University of Buffalo on February 23rd. The award characterizes Bishop Brent as a citizen of Buffalo who has performed "a task of civic patriotism and public service."

A. M. Harrison, pharmacist of Murphysboro, states that his store was badly damaged during the storm, but none of his family were injured. Two other drug stores of Murphysboro were completely destroyed. The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has no other members in the storm area of Illinois. Ex-President John C. Wheatcroft, of Illinois

¹ See JOUR. A. Ph. A., July 1924, pp. 650-652.

Pharmaceutical Association, made a tour of the section visited by the storm, for the National Association of Retail Druggists.

Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, has completed another sketch—an addition to the "Fathers of Chemistry"—John Griscom, 1774-1852. He was of the faculty of Rutgers College, taught chemistry, aided in the organization of medical faculty in 1812, he launched the New York High School, edited Irving's "Catechism of Practical Chemistry," etc. The following statement will be of interest—in 1830 Samuel Guthrie sent Griscom "a bottle of a newly discovered liquid which he called 'sweet whiskey';—a lively, healthful and reviving cordial, delightfully sweet and aromatic." On the margin of Guthrie's letter Griscom wrote these words: "This is the first discovery of chloroform. I received the bottle and found it to answer to the description."

Frank X. Moerk gave a public lecture on March 19, at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, on "Chemicals We Should Know." The lecture was illustrated by experiments and specimens and the attention of the audience was directed to the possible injury to property and health that may result from misuse or careless handling of these chemicals.

President-elect L. L. Walton, of the A. Ph. A., spoke on "Flora of the Medicinal Plants of Pennsylvania," before the Garden Club of Williamsport, in Trinity House, March 7. The lecture was illustrated, and acquainted the audience with medicinal plants—those that are poisonous, and the value of some of the drug-yielding plants that are also ornamental. The address was well received and the local papers devoted considerable space to the presentation.

H. S. Noel delivered an interesting talk on "How to Make More Money Out of Retailing," before New York College of Pharmacy, on March 17; on March 18, Mr. Noel delivered an address before the Essex County (N. J.) Pharmaceutical Association, and on March 19, he spoke at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy.

R. R. Lampa has yielded to the request of friends in printing the poem—"A Dream"—read before the Veteran Druggists' Association of New York, October 21, 1924.

Arthur D. Little, President of Arthur D. Little, Inc., of Boston, has been elected to succeed Charles H. Herty as chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Exposition of Chemical Industries.

As a tribute to the late **Howard B. French**, for many years President of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, a tablet has been placed on the building occupied, as office, by Samuel H. French & Co., from 1852-1924. The building was built by John Penn.

A new war threatens the world, a war the extent of which defies the imagination, yet which might ultimately result in the complete extermination of the human race, in the opinion of Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the Bureau of Entomology, Department of Agriculture. The fighting is already under way. Mankind apparently won the first phase, but the enemy seems to have the upper hand in the second phase which is just the beginning of the war. The battle is between men and insects.

Ex-President James H. Beal will be one of the principal speakers at the meeting of California Pharmaceutical Association, May 25-27.

James F. Ballard, head of several proprietary houses and well known in the wholesale drug trade, and as a collector of Oriental rugs, arrived in Paris in February after completing his second tour of the world since January, 1924. The Paris edition of the New York *Herald-Tribune* gave him front page space and went into details at some length of the many miles (some 400,000) he had traveled during the past twenty years in order to add to his collection. Several years ago Mr. Ballard presented more than one million dollars' worth of antique creations to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

B. C. Tharp, candidate for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Texas, is writing his thesis on "Studies on the Ecology of East Texas Vegetation." In his search for data he has traveled over 15,000 miles.

Charles E. Matthews, of the Chicago office of Sharp & Dohme, has been spending a vacation in Miami, Fla.

John L. Herpich, for 40 years at 4th & Main Sts., Columbus, Ohio, recently opened a new store at Mount Vernon Ave. and Bolivar St.

Otto J. S. Boberg, Secretary of Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association, says that a contribution to the American Pharmacy Headquarters' fund does not mean a donation, but an investment, beneficial to the progress and prestige of American pharmacy.

Mrs. W. W. McNeary, wife of our fellow member **W. Wilson McNeary**, Superintendent of the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, is recuperating after an operation, which detained her in the hospital for about four weeks.

Members of the A. P. H. A. sympathize with

Robert J. Ruth, former Chairman of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing, in his bereavement. Mrs. Ruth died in a Milwaukee hospital, following an operation March 14.

BULLETINS OF THE DRUG TRADE BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Director Robert P. Fischelis has issued further bulletins of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information.

Bulletin C-6 speaks of a plan being considered by the National Wholesale Druggists' Association for determining the salaries of salesmen according to results. The trend is toward a scale of commissions which increases in direct ratio with the profitableness of the merchandise sold. The bulletin also considers methods of handling, drawing accounts, etc.

Bulletin C-7 reports on the progress being made in the campaign for funds for the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL Headquarters. The points brought out in this bulletin are that the druggists are organized for the purpose of having a larger number contribute thereto, and among the expressions abstracted from various comments are the following: "The headquarters will centralize research work, and upbuild a national pharmaceutical library and museum." President Holton says that "it will foster fuller recognition of pharmacy, and that the result will influence greatly the welfare of druggists as well as the committee." R. T. Ellis, of Memphis, says that "the drug industry has permitted itself to be the door-mat of professional and commercial life too long. The drug trade has been too tardy and too narrow in its views." The splendid cooperation of the national and state bodies is then referred to.

Bulletin C-8 analyzes the report by Dr. Robert P. Fischelis, Dean of the New Jersey College of Pharmacy, to the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties. The advanced conditions of education are analyzed and the progress made pointed out. He states that the drug stores where students of pharmacy can now obtain real professional training are few in number because the tendency to departmentize drug stores has had the effect of bringing the student clerk to the sales counter. The installation of modern business methods in the retail pharmacy practically requires the elimination of the training features of the store. The bulletin closes with requirements relating to pharmacy in New York State.

Bulletin C-9 differs from other bulletins in that it is regional in scope, and this one relates

to the efforts being made in Wisconsin for the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION Headquarters Building. The point made in the campaign refers to the possibilities of the research laboratories, the library and the museum in the building. In this connection, it might be said that Wisconsin aspires to have the Headquarters Building located either in Madison or in Milwaukee.

Bulletin C-10 refers to promiscuous use of poison labels to the extent that it will have an untoward influence; that is, the wide use of a poison label fails to impress the individual so that it ceases to be an effective warning. The reference is chiefly to the action taken at the last meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference.

The concluding paragraph of this bulletin reads:

"The use in legislative enactment of such general descriptive phrases as 'all other poisons,' or 'all other substances of similar or equivalent properties' are highly objectionable both from a scientific and from a practical standpoint."

Bulletin C-11 was accompanied by a photograph of Charles W. Holton, President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and the occasion was the testimonial dinner tendered to him at Newark.

Bulletin C-12 urges consideration of price regulation measures, and the arguments presented are those of various national associations.

Bulletin C-13 refers to several articles dealing with medicinal plant gardens, and specifically the article by Prof. C. J. Zufall, printed in the JOURNAL of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION for January on pp. 26 to 28.

Bulletin C-14 relates to the election of the officers of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and also the progress made in the pharmacy Headquarters Fund.

Bulletin C-15 relates to a national pharmaceutical museum, a national pharmaceutical library, and the Dohme Memorial Research Library to be established at the headquarters. Quotations from various articles are given.

Bulletin C-16 relates to the meeting of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association to be held in New York City at the Hotel Biltmore on April 20th. Surgeon General M. W. Ireland is to be one of the speakers of note. Prof. W. E. Freeland of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will discuss "The

Scientific Approach to the Solution of Marketing Problems." Dr. Ralph E. Heilman, Dean of Northwestern University School of Commerce, will speak on "Government and Industry," and Editor Morris Fishbein of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, will outline "Trends in Therapeutic Research." Further references are made to the program of the organization named.

ALL-COMMUNITY HEALTH PAGEANT IN CHICAGO.

The all-community health pageant held at the Midway Masonic Temple, under the joint sponsorship of the Jackson Park Branch of the Chicago Medical Society and the second district Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, with the Chicago Dental Society, the Chicago Retail Druggists' Association, the Chicago Health Department and the Illinois State Department of Health cooperating, was a step forward in community education. U. S. P. and N. F. preparations were on display, with literature, in the C. R. D. A. booth. Samuel C. Henry, Secretary of the N. A. R. D., delivered an address entitled "New Lights on Old Issues." He took advantage of this opportunity to bring home to his auditors the fact that the drug store is an establishment essential to the welfare of every community and pointed out the remarkable development which pharmacy as a science has shown during the past century.

STATUE OF BALTO FOR CENTRAL PARK.

Funds are being raised to place a statue of Alaska's dog hero in Central Park, New York City. The dog is certainly a faithful animal and the fact that dog teams brought hope and remedial agents to the afflicted, adds to human interest.

Some objection is being raised to the move under the supposition that it is propaganda; certainly no such thoughts prompted the firms when the appeal for help came. In the same daily paper in which the objection was printed there appeared an article on a treatment by a physician of high repute; that is, the item gave an account of his statement regarding the treatment. Some might consider this propaganda—we do not. Pharmaceutical manufacturers conform to a code of ethics which is deserving of commendation.