

To properly visualize the future we must know the present; to know the present is to accurately see the past; to see the past is not always easy.

Since early times great museums have been maintained to help all to know the past. Many great museums representing different phases of human endeavor exist in this country. There are several splendid collections illustrating the progress of Pharmacy, but there is no National Pharmaceutical Museum.

The pharmacists of the United States are now united in an undertaking to establish a central Headquarters Building in which will be featured and developed a National Pharmaceutical Museum. Such a museum will benefit pharmacy. It will benefit the public. It will make more rapid the progress of pharmacy in the important professional service which it renders to the public.

LIBRARIES FOR REFERENCE AND RESEARCH.

In all cities there are libraries, but only in the larger cities, as a rule, is there a possibility of establishing libraries which serve a special purpose.

Among these, we have the Lloyd Library in Cincinnati, which is known the world over, not only to pharmacists but is consulted by scientists from all parts of the world.

The library of the Commercial Museum in Philadelphia has some unique features, and serves particularly the manufacturing interests of all industries. The classes of books which form its strong point are international official statistics, imports and exports, tariffs, and directories. It contains more than 400 foreign and domestic directories of city and trade alone. Another source of information available here is that relating to the agricultural and industrial possibilities of various countries.

The United States Army Medical Library contains more than 800,000 volumes, making it the largest medical library in the world. The library has an appeal to the literary as well as to the medical men.

The library of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, in its headquarters, should be made available to research workers in pharmacy and of the pharmaceutical industries. Reference to the possibilities of a library are made in the articles by Professor Zada M. Cooper, that by Frederick B. Kilmer, and in other communications relating to the headquarters and printed in preceding issues of the JOURNAL.

BULLETINS OF THE DRUG TRADE BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Director Robert P. Fischelis has issued Bulletins C-17 to 20 of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information.

Bulletin C-17 gave publicity to the All-Pharmacy Day on April 17.

Bulletin C-18 relates to the census of drug stores throughout the country, and the number of salesmen employed by wholesalers. Reference to this is made on page 365 of the April JOURNAL.

Bulletin C-19 announces the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association and their "Declaration of Belief," which points out the obligations of every pharmaceutical manufacturer.

Bulletin C-20 discusses the large number of bills proposed in the various legislatures, and the enactment into laws of many of them.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Sir William S. Glyn-Jones is conferring with druggists throughout Canada relative to drug trade conditions. On April 10 he addressed a meeting held under the auspices of the Province of Quebec Pharmaceutical Association at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal. He gave considerable attention to the evil of price cutting, and how it had been remedied in England by the adoption of some of the tactics of the trade unions.

Manufacturers and wholesalers who dealt in 4000 proprietary articles set the retail price. If the retailer cut the price of one of these articles further orders would not be filled. If a single article was sold at the cut rate, the entire lot was withheld. As a consequence of the adoption of these tactics through the operation of the Proprietary Articles Trade Association fair trading system, fair profits for retailer and wholesaler had been established. Sir William related his own experience stating that he was one of nine druggists compelled to cut prices by the action of one of their number until 60 per cent of the business earned a gross profit of only 7½ per cent. To make up for this low return they were compelled to resort to methods which were neither in the interests of the manufacturer nor of the general public. As a result of the work of the organization 80,000 stores are selling P. A. T. A. articles at protected prices. To bring this about the coöperation of the wholesale trade was essential. The success of the plan in Great Britain

was due to the coöperation of the three interested sections, the manufacturers, the wholesalers and the retailers. He urged Canadian druggists to adopt some system whereby uniformity in prices of proprietary articles would be established.

Ex-President L. E. Sayre, Dean of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Kansas, has been in poor health for several weeks. Reports indicate that he is improving, but very slowly.

W. F. Gidley, formerly professor at Purdue University School of Pharmacy, but now head of the Pharmacy Department at the University of Texas, has been named Chairman of the A. PH. A. Membership Committee of Texas. The Galveston school has fallen into line with other pharmaceutical institutions, and will inaugurate the three-year course in pharmacy beginning with the next school term.

Ex-President James H. Beal has been appointed delegate from the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION to the state meetings in California, Oregon and Nebraska.

President Charles W. Holton will be one of the speakers and honored guests at the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association and will be a delegate.

Secretary William B. Day will attend the meeting of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association, as delegate of the A. PH. A.

Dean D. B. R. Johnson has accepted appointment as the A. PH. A. delegate to the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association meeting.

J. Leon Lascoff is chairman of the Retail Drug Division of the Home Service Appeal for the Salvation Army in Greater New York.

DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT LEWIS C. HOPP.

Just before the completion of the May JOURNAL we are advised of the death of Ex-President Lewis C. Hopp, May 7th. The deceased had been in declining health following an attack of pneumonia several months ago. Mrs. Hopp died Nov. 2, 1922, soon after the A. PH. A. convention in Cleveland. Mr. Hopp was President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION 1903-04. He was the first Secretary of the Ohio State Pharmaceutical Association, President of the Cleveland College of Pharmacy for many years, and an alumnus of the class of 1875 of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He is survived by two daughters.

A sketch of Ex-President Hopp will appear in the June number of the JOURNAL.

Ex-Treasurer H. M. Whelpley, the Remington Honor Medalist for 1925, on March 14 addressed Signal Hill Chapter, St. Louis, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, on "Archaeology."

O. L. Biebinger, general manager of the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works for many years, was elected President of that corporation at the last annual meeting.

A. C. Schulte, President of the Missouri Pharmaceutical Association, recently assisted in the organization of the Hannibal Retail Druggists' Association. The Mark Twain Hotel has been selected as the headquarters for the coming state meeting.

Edward Plaut has established a research foundation in memory of his father, to be known as the Plaut Research Laboratory. The work to be undertaken will be a continuation of a series of researches which have been carried on in the Research Laboratory of Lehn & Fink, Inc., for a number of years; the results of these researches will be published from time to time.

Dean Albert Schneider, of the School of Pharmacy of the North Pacific College of Oregon, will again deliver a course of lectures on "Methods of Crime Investigation," in the summer sessions of the University of California, Berkeley, Cal. He will also give a laboratory course in "Police Microanalysis" to a select group from the Department of Police of Berkeley.

President E. G. Raeuber, of Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association, recently was host to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Raeuber, at their 60th wedding anniversary.

Secretary Charles H. Waterbury, of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, on March 28th addressed the meeting of the National Fire Waste Council in Washington, D. C. He described the methods employed by wholesale druggists in reducing fire losses by preventive methods.

Francis E. Holliday, general representative of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, who with Mrs. Holliday was on a Mediterranean trip, has returned and is again at his desk.

Charles Ehlers, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and active in organization work, has been named a member of the Ohio Board of Pharmacy.

Henry J. Schmidt, of Elizabeth, N. J., has recently disposed of his drug business, and will retire from active work. He has been steadily engaged in pharmacy since 1865. He gradu-

ated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1873, and became a member of the A. PH. A. in 1904. A testimonial dinner was given to him by the Elizabeth Pharmaceutical Association, and he has been elected an honorary life member of the organization.

Caldwell Sweet opened the drug store at present location in Bangor, Me., fifty years ago; in 1881 he became a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Addison Dimmitt, of Louisville, Ky., and **Robert S. Lehman**, of New York, grace the "Pharmaceutical Personalities" columns of the *Druggists Circular* for April; both of them are members of the A. PH. A.

The "Publicity Helper," supplement to the *Northwestern Druggist*, besides articles on State and National Association work, has full page reprints of the bulletins issued by the Northwestern Pharmaceutical Bureau and those in the interest of the A. PH. A. Headquarters. The illustrations are good and instructive; they serve a most useful purpose and will attract the attention of the public wherever displayed.

The Paine Drug Company, of Rochester, N. Y., has published an illustrated booklet depicting the pioneer days of Rochester, in commemoration of the centenary of this establishment. The etchings are of the beginnings in Rochester, even of the time when the thriving city of to-day was a "Dismal Swamp;" some of

the early proprietors of the establishment are sketched.

The April number of the *Virginia Pharmacist* is largely devoted to the annual report of the Board of Pharmacy of Virginia. The Registered Pharmacists' Association of Virginia is interesting the pupils of Virginia grammar grade and high schools in an essay contest on "Why is Your Pharmacist More Than a Merchant?" The prizes aggregate \$250.

The Druggists Circular for April contains a contribution by the Chairman of the Trade Committee of Kings County (N. Y.) Pharmaceutical Society, Charles E. Heimerzheim, on U. S. P. and N. F. Propaganda. One or the other suggestion made therein can be followed in other sections. Blotters, on which three official formulas are printed, are distributed at intervals to physicians, and members are advised, so the preparations may be dispensed without delay.

The *Southern Pharmaceutical Journal* is now located in the new Santa Fe Building, Dallas; this structure has received considerable attention by architects and the press. It is made up of one 20-story and four 10-story buildings, including 31½ acres of floor space.

The April *Bulletin of Pharmacy* discusses several publicity campaigns carried on by associations and individuals. More and more pharmacists are realizing on systematically conducted advertising programs.

OBITUARY.

THOMAS WAKEFIELD.

Thomas Wakefield, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and well known druggist of Oak Park (Chicago), died April 15, aged sixty years.

Mr. Wakefield was a member of the Executive Board of the Chicago Retail Druggists' Association and while attending the monthly meeting became seriously ill; he was taken to a hospital, where it was found that he had a hemorrhage of the brain.

Funeral services were held in Oak Park and the body was taken to Kilbourn, Wis., for burial. The services in Oak Park were attended by many pharmacists of the city and the various drug organizations were represented.

Mr. Wakefield was a pharmacist of the old school and stood very high in the esteem of his community. He attended the Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1888 and 1889 and had been

engaged in the drug business almost ever since, at Harlem Ave. and Madison Street in Oak Park.

Suitable resolutions were drafted by a special meeting of the C. R. D. A. and the Chicago Drug Club in which organizations he had been especially active. Mr. Wakefield was a well-known figure at the annual conventions of the N. A. R. D. and the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association, which he attended regularly.

G. ARTHUR KIEDAISCH.

G. Arthur Kiedaisch of the class of 1900, University of Illinois College of Pharmacy, passed away on February 3, 1925 following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Kiedaisch was an unusually successful business man and had risen to the position of President and Manager of Wilkinson & Company Wholesale Druggists of Keokuk, Iowa.