

remedy for its ills, real or imaginary. Since the claims of many of these practitioners are by no means modest with regard to their ability to cure the ills of mankind by a variety of weird and fantastic methods, and they are not modest in proclaiming them to the world, it naturally follows that a certain portion of the public will desert the more conservative but scientifically grounded system of medicine, with its brilliant record of achievement in behalf of human health, and join the hopeful procession which follows in the wake of every ballyhoo artist whose conscience permits him to assure the miraculous and guarantee the impossible. Our part in the solution of the problem consists in lending our effort to any plan which seeks to limit the responsible task of caring for the sick to those who are properly educated and adequately trained according to modern scientific methods, and incidentally to advise our patrons of the unwisdom of jeopardizing their health by submitting to the fads and follies exploited by persons uneducated and untrained in the noble art of healing the sick."

The speaker referred to the uncertainty of the income of the retail pharmacist, and followed these remarks by a discussion of drugless drug stores that continue to engage the attention of students of pharmaceutical problems. "A commendable warfare is being waged," he said, "in many parts of the country against this deceptive method of cheating the licensed pharmacist out of business which rightfully belongs to him. Legislative control is applicable only in so far as the deception in the title is concerned and laws are being passed in many states which forbid the use of any title which falsely implies activities that can only be engaged in by licensed pharmacists. The commercial success achieved by some of these pariahs of the business world emphasized the need for us to stick rather closely to our pharmaceutical birthright if we hope to hold our own as factors in a community. In an out and out contest waged along purely merchandizing lines our chances of coming through successfully are materially reduced because of the difference in overhead, but if the deciding factor shall be the measure of service rendered to humanity our victory is assured."

#### PHARMACY WEEK IS BECOMING AN INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT.

From various publications in the United States, Canada, Australia, and elsewhere, it

is evident that the suggestion of having a Pharmacy Week is meeting with general approval, and the communications referred to also indicate that the necessity is realized for adhering strictly to the thought that this should be for acquainting the public with the service of pharmacy.

#### PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The Frederick Kimball Stearns Memorial Fellowship in Medicine has been founded at the University of Michigan in honor of the late Frederick Kimball Stearns, who was a lifelong patron of the arts and sciences. He exhibited a special interest in the progress of the University of Michigan, where there are evidences of his interest and generosity, as the Stearns botanical gardens, the fellowship in pharmacy, etc.

Publicity was first given by Dr. William Beaumont of the U. S. Army, of his experiments on digestion, by the publication of a series of observations in the *Philadelphia Medical Record* for January 1825. These experiments were made possible by a wound inflicted on Alexis St. Martin, which failed to heal and resulted in a permanent opening into his stomach which resisted all attempts of closure by natural means, and St. Martin refused to submit to surgical procedures. It was through this opening that food in various stages of digestion was removed for study. An interesting article by **Dr. H. M. Whelpley** on the subject may be found in Volume 51 of the *PROCEEDINGS OF THE A. PH. A.*, pp. 560-564.

In recognition of the importance of his work, the William Beaumont General Hospital (U. S.) at El Paso, Texas, is named for this distinguished scientist.

A recent edition of the *Merrell Messenger* contains the pictures of 16 druggists who are members of state legislatures. Those shown are: Governor Moore, Idaho; Senators: Colton of Colorado; Snodgrass, Missouri; Twomey, New York; Sinclair, Idaho. Representatives: Mooneyham, Alabama; Engler, Connecticut; Strickland, Oklahoma; Rogers, Texas; Estabrook, Massachusetts; Caldwell, Oklahoma; Schmuelling, Ohio; Wendt, Ohio; Kidd, Oklahoma; Davis, Tennessee; Hawley, Montana.

Lieut. General **Edgar D. Taylor** of Richmond, while in attendance at the recent reunion of the United Confederate Veterans in Dallas, Texas, was the guest of honor at a dinner

tendered to him by the druggists and their families, and of visitors in attendance.

**Albert De Lorenzi** is sketched in the *Southern Pharmaceutical Journal* for July. His pharmacy has been located at the corner of Main and Ervay, Dallas, Tex., for 35 years.

*The Bulletin* of the New York Academy of Medicine for May has as frontispiece a picture of Dr. Samuel Bard, a co-worker of Dr. John Morgan, who was influential in the separation of medicine and pharmacy in U. S.\*

A Philadelphia paper says that London has its Harley Street noted as a medical thoroughfare, but this array of physicians' signs is not nearly as impressive or numerous as those along Spruce Street (Philadelphia). The record number in a block is between 16th and 17th, which has 64 signs advising of the physicians and surgeons within.

**J. W. Thomason**, chairman of the Birmingham, Ala., A. Ph. A. headquarters building fund campaign, has reported excellent success in the securing of subscriptions.

Director Paul Nicholas Leech, of the American Medical Association Chemical Laboratory, addressed the recent meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., on "Chemistry in the Service of Pharmaceutical Medicine." There is a growing interest in the coöperation of all who serve the public in the treatment of injury and disease.

**Otto J. S. Boberg** has completed 50 years of service in pharmacy. It was on July 3, 1875, that he began his apprenticeship in a Danish pharmacy, and in 1885 he came to America, where he successfully continued the practice.\*\*

Transfer of the prescription files of the T. A. Miller Pharmacy in Richmond was recently made to the Grant Drug Company. These records date back to 1887, and the prescriptions number approximately 500,000. **Mr. Miller** was for many years a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and a regular attendant.

**Prof. Hugo H. Schaefer** has successfully passed his examination for the "Doctor of Philosophy" degree at the University of Berne. Dr. Schaefer is assistant professor of chemistry at Columbia College of Pharmacy, and was local secretary at the New York A. Ph. A. meeting in 1919. He is credited with the inception of the Remington Honor Medal award.

\* See JOUR. A. PH. A., Vol. XII, p. 477.

\*\* See JOUR. A. PH. A., May No., p. 459.

Former dean of the University of Valparaiso School of Pharmacy, **Hugh C. Muldoon**, has been elected dean of the School of Pharmacy of Duquesne University of Pittsburgh.

**Caswell A. Mayo** has been elected dean of New Jersey College of Pharmacy, succeeding Dean **Robert P. Fischelis**, who recently resigned.

Miss Helen Joyce Baldauf, daughter of our fellow member, **George L. Baldauf** of Milwaukee, was graduated with high honors from the University of Wisconsin Department of Journalism.

The U. S. Department of Commerce serves business and manufacturing interests of the United States in many ways. Lists of various importers and dealers in the drug, chemical and pharmaceutical industries are compiled from time to time and may be obtained from the Bureau, or its district and coöperative offices.

Dr. John Alexander Easton, of Glasgow, originated the syrup which is known by his name. However, the late pharmacist, John McMillan of the same city, was the first one to make this preparation—in the pharmacy of George and James Murdoch, where he was senior assistant at the time. Mr. McMillan later became known as the "Martindale" of Scotland.

**Miss Eva Sabine Carr**, pharmacist of the Church General Hospital at Wuchang, China, writes that she is much interested in her work and is endeavoring to train several students under her charge in the art and science of pharmacy.

**W. Bruce Philip**, chairman of the House of Delegates, A. Ph. A., and also of the Section on Commercial Interests, has been taking a course under the auspices of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, for secretaries, at the Leland Stanford University.

The monthly pharmaceutical publication of Havana for June has published in full the comprehensive article by **Chairman E. Fullerton Cook** on "Some Features of the Forthcoming Pharmacopœia."

The secretary of the Kansas Pharmaceutical Association, **J. Will Kelley**, has become associated with the *Pharmaceutical Era* of New York.

Joseph Pearce, of Tampa, Fla., has won the Groover-Stewart prize valued at \$1,000.00, being a scholarship in the College of Pharmacy of the University of Florida. This examination is open annually to graduates of the high schools of Florida.

**Prof. C. T. P. Fennel**, dean of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy, recently was injured when an auto struck him as he alighted from a street car. He sustained a fracture of the collar bone and painful bruises. It is reported that he is recovering satisfactorily.

*The Carolina Journal of Pharmacy* for August carries as frontispiece a picture of the president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, **Albert Allison James** of Winston-Salem, accompanied by a sketch. In the same number the former president, **James P. Stowe** of Charlotte, is biographed. The latter sketch is a reprint of "Pharmaceutical Personalities" of the *July Druggists Circular*, which also introduces Meyer Feinberg, president of the New York Retail Druggists' Association.

**Joseph B. Clower**, of Woodstock, Va., has won the "Pictorial Review Company" prize for the best window display in America, and also the second prize for the best letter written on "Pictorial Review as a Sales Getter in My Store." The result indicates not only the value of window dressing but the opportunity of linking up salesmanship with advertising.

The Abbott Laboratories' manufacturing plant at Lawrence and Ravenswood Avenues, Chicago, has been sold to G. D. Searles and Company. The plant consists of two four-story and basement brick buildings. G. D. Searles and Company are manufacturers of scientific, chemical and pharmaceutical products. The property will be used for offices, scientific research laboratory, pharmaceutical manufacturing and shipping.

The Abbott Laboratories will move to new and larger quarters in North Chicago in October.

*The Brazilian National Pharmacopæia*, as prepared under direction of Señor R. Albino Dias da Silva and approved by the Pharmacopœial Commission, of which Dr. Carlos Chagas is chairman, is ready for publication after authorization has been given by the government of Brazil.

*The New Swedish Pharmacopæia* has been accepted by the Board of Revisers and awaits Royal approval. This will be the 10th edition and becomes official January 1, 1926. The new nomenclature will require change in labels of the shop bottles of Swedish pharmacists, but adequate time will be given for making these changes, as it means a large expense. The Latin nomenclature, with few differences and modifications, conforms with that of the U. S. Pharmacopœia.

*Commerce Year Book for 1924* is a cloth-bound volume of 715 pages and may be obtained from the Government Printing Office, Washington, at \$1.00 per copy. This is the third annual issue of the *Commerce Yearbook* and constitutes a comprehensive record of U. S. business life and its foreign competitors and customers; it is a useful guide and source of information relative to problems of trade, industry and the markets.

*Leaves from My Life* by Annie Kilburn Kilmer, mother of Joyce Kilmer—published by Frye Publishing Co., of New York—will interest all pharmacists because of the association that brings all of the same profession near, because of the sacrifice the son made, because he brought nature near to us in his poetry, because it is his mother's book. The devotion of mother and son are beautifully shown in the verses of the son and in the memories of the mother.

*Leaves from My Life* contains an intimate sketch of Joyce Kilmer's life from the age of 12 by his mother, and essays of the poet never before printed. Much of the material made of perpetual record is released from diaries of Mrs. Kilmer. A reviewer states: "It is a fascinating chronicle of fine American family life and a testimonial of the enduring love which abides between mothers and their sons." We please to close this reference with words of the mother:

"From then on (the death of Joyce Kilmer) my life has passed like a troubled dream. My greatest comfort was in reading and reciting Joyce's poems to various gatherings of people in clubs, and other societies to whom the name Sergt. Joyce Kilmer was dear. And it is sweet to know that they still hold him in tender reverence. Only last week I read and spoke before some college men, and the rapt silence with which they heard 'Trees' showed that his name and memory still live!"

**Dr. Robert P. Fischelis**, former dean of New Jersey College of Pharmacy, is recuperating from a breakdown in health at Spring Lake, N. J., and is making excellent progress toward complete recovery.

#### PLANT SCIENCE LABORATORY SEMINAR AT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Two pages of the July JOURNAL, pp. 637 and 638, were given over to the Plant Science Laboratory Seminar, to be held at the College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota, during the week of August 17.