

to see the completion of the building, but died before the opening day, January 6, 1825. This is therefore the bi-centenary year of the founding of the hospital and of the passing of its founder.

This is also the 50th anniversary of the isolation of Pilocarpine by A. W. Gerrard, the first qualified dispenser at Guy's Hospital, from 1862 to 1872. His story of a self-administered dose of pilocarpine is worth repeating, and is reprinted from the *Chemist and Druggist*, of June 27, 1925.



Guy's Hospital two hundred years ago from an engraving, made shortly after its opening in 1725, showing the double quadrangle which still remains.—“*The C. & D. Annual*.”

“Having extracted from jaborandi two residues, one of which appeared to be the alkaloid and the other an aromatic principle, he arranged with his assistant to take one of these and he (Gerrard) would take the other, giving his assistant first choice. The assistant selected the aromatic body, which was inert; Gerrard swallowed the supposed alkaloid. In about ten minutes his head and face were covered with perspiration, saliva flowing from his mouth profusely. The house physician was called, and ordered weak brandy and water to be taken. At the end of three hours the action had slightly lessened, and the patient was sent home with a nurse. After six hours the action of the drug had ceased, and so scarce was the saliva that well-buttered toast felt like cinders in the mouth. Next morning all was well again excepting some exhaustion. By means of this experiment Gerrard was able definitely to isolate the alkaloid, and eventually crystallized it as the nitrate. Dr. Ringer,

For U. S. hospitals, of a century or more ago, see December *JOURNAL*, 1920, p. 1132; August, 1922, p. 590; June, 1923, pp. 477, 543.

the eminent therapist at University College, thereafter established its physiological and therapeutical properties.”

#### LARGE GIFT TO BRISTOL (ENGLAND) MUSEUM.

Sir George Wills has given £75,000 to the City of Bristol for the enlargement of its museum.

#### PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The election of a permanent secretary to serve the ASSOCIATION, the House of Delegates and the Council, A. PH. A., brings about several changes. Treasurer E. F. Kelly was unanimously elected at the Des Moines meeting as Secretary. Robert P. Fischelis has efficiently served as secretary of the Council since 1923, succeeding A. G. DuMez, the successor of Joseph W. England. Those who have become acquainted with the work of the outgoing secretary realize how well the work has been done, and this applies also to the precedents. Invariably, what should have been leisure hours were called upon in the discharge of these duties. None of them failed in doing their duty. What has been said of the foregoing applies to the services rendered by Secretary William B. Day, who, however, continues in office until January. The ASSOCIATION has been served by faithful officials throughout the years of its activities; to those mentioned and their predecessors much of the success of the ASSOCIATION is due. Few associations, if any, can point to so large a number of ex-presidents who regularly attend the annual conventions; those who are compelled to be absent, send messages of regret and encouragement. Only five of the past presidents were absent—the others shared the hospitality of Past President and Mrs. Henry M. Whelpley at a dinner during convention week; their good ladies graced the occasion.

A most happy time, at the opening session of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, was enjoyed by those in attendance when the New York members paid tribute to their friend and fellow-member, William L. Du Bois, who had on the day previous celebrated his 87th birthday. The basket of flowers which was presented to him is shown, but only one of the 87 cigars given him by the ladies. Mr. Du Bois came to Des Moines after a visit to his children and grandchildren in Dakota, accompanied by his daughter Miss C. I.

**Du Bois.** Mr. Du Bois was Honorary President of the A. P. H. A., 1923-24. To know him is to respect and love him.



W. L. DU BOIS AND DAUGHTER  
CATSKILL, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George Judisch were host and hostess at Agricultural College, Ames, where Mr. Judisch held the Chair of Pharmacy and Materia Medica for 25 years. Not only were the guests given the privilege of a tour through the beautiful grounds and spacious buildings, but enjoyed a dinner and listened to instructive and entertaining addresses and, withal, a delightful 36-mile drive through a fine agricultural country of which Iowa is justly proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weeks were host and hostess at a banquet on August 27, followed by an enjoyable program of music and other entertainment; a pleasing number of the latter was a rendition of "The Psychology of Snores." Among the speakers were Dr. Jacob Diner, President Charles W. Holton and the host, Carl Weeks. Members also were entertained during the week at the office where they were

shown records of the Weeks' family, rare pictures, a collection of mortars, a miniature drug store, etc. The home of Mr. Weeks, under construction, is an English castle which was recently brought over to be rebuilt.

An old-fashioned Iowa chicken dinner was presided over by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Waterbury at Wakonda Club. Very much more could be said than that everybody enjoyed the outing and the great dinner, which was followed by happy entertainment features. The past presidents and officers were called upon to make a bow and the host spoke words of welcome. Members were also welcomed at the business office of Mr. Waterbury.

An afternoon tea was served at the home of D. S. Chamberlain for the ladies, who also participated in other entertainments, of which there seemed to be no end. Having again touched upon the latter subject, the pleasures of Wednesday evening were enhanced by the program of the chanters of Za-Ga-Zig Temple (Shrine). The musical program was under the direction of George F. Ogden; numbers by daughters of Dean and Mrs. E. O. Kagy, Misses Elberta and Virginia, added to the enjoyment.

Chairmen Charles Saverude, C. H. Breusing, Denny Brann, J. J. Gillespie, Nelson E. Fletcher, John McNerney, William Wiseman, J. E. McCambridge, W. C. Fifield, Harry E. Eaton, their good ladies, and their co-workers, made the entertainment features a wonderful success.

Ernst Stauffen, General Director and William A. Sailer, Secretary and General Manager of Sharp & Dohme, Baltimore, have been on an extended tour of England, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, France, and other countries. They will return some time this month.

Pharmacists Otto and Herbert Raubenhaimer, father and son, are shown in a "snap" of the *Practical Druggist*, for August, with granddaughter of the former, daughter of the latter, enjoying the waters of Lake Queechee, N. Y., at their summer home.

Editor Walter H. Cousins, wife, daughter and son motored through the South, up East, North to Canada and back to Texas by way of Chicago, spending about two months going and coming and visiting on the way; one of the days was spent in Philadelphia.

H. A. B. Dunning will be one of the principal speakers at the jubilee banquet given by the alumni association of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy September 18.

Sister **Hannah Cramer** was one of the hospital pharmacists at the Des Moines convention. She is located at Bethesda hospital, Cincinnati.

**F. W. Nitardy** was a recent visitor to his old home, Denver, Colo. He was guest of honor at a dinner given by old friends at the Metropole hotel.

**H. C. Christensen** and **William Mittelbach** are on the program of the jubilee celebration of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Alumni Association, September 18.

**Dr. P. Casparis**, editor of the *Apotheker Zeitung* (Switzerland) joined with **Hugo Kantrowitz**, editor of the *Apotheker Zeitung* (New York) in sending greetings to the editor of the JOURNAL A. PH. A. The American pharmacists who toured parts of Europe under the guidance of Editor Kantrowitz have returned after a most enjoyable trip.



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FAIRCHILD SCHOLAR, 1925.

Morris Mellen was born in Russia in 1904. He came to Detroit at the age of three and a half years. He graduated from Bishop Grammar School, attended Central and Northern High School and graduated from the latter.

He has worked during summer vacations and after high school graduation at the Wayne County and Home Savings Bank as messenger, and Assistant Savings Bookkeeper at a branch; as clerk in the advertising office of Frank and Seder's Department Store, and

later selling boy's clothing in the same store.

He decided to study Pharmacy and has completed his first year with credit at the College of Pharmacy and Chemistry of Detroit Institute of Technology. He is at present working at the LaSalle Manor Pharmacy, 2454 Fenkell Ave., Detroit, the proprietor of which is Mr. L. N. Bernbaum.

The *Pacific Drug Review* has donned a new cover, an improvement; also, the front cover will carry messages to the readers.

The *Virginia Pharmacist* is printing the transaction of the recent meeting of Virginia Pharmaceutical Association.

**A Correction.**—It is regretted that two errors occurred in making copy of the notes for the sketch of Eugene Ayers Carrell in the August JOURNAL. The ending *s* in Ayers was inadvertently omitted; also Mr. Carrell was elected at the Boston convention (1875), not New York as stated in the sketch.

#### NORRIS GATHERCOAL.

Members of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION sympathize with Professor and Mrs. E. N. Gathercoal of Chicago. Their only son, Norris Gathercoal, aged 22 years, has not been heard from since July 27, when he and two friends left Chicago in an airplane, expecting to fly around Lake Michigan.

Norris Gathercoal had recently received his commission as Lieutenant in the Flying Corps. The three flyers were in a plane owned by one of them, a Mr. Coutellier, and they left Maywood Monday afternoon July 27th expecting to fly around the Lake and across Michigan to Detroit. The surmise is that they tried to cross the lake, though they had not originally intended to do so and that through some accident they were forced to land in the lake and were drowned. Professor Gathercoal has searched in every possible way and assistance in the search has been given by the *Chicago Tribune* by broadcasting and otherwise, but so far without results. It has indeed been a trial for the parents and sympathy is extended in their sorrow.

#### THE N. A. B. P. AND A. A. C. P.

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy elected M. N. Ford of Ohio as President and reelected H. C. Christensen, Secretary. The American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties is now the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. E. H. Kraus of Michigan is the President and Zada M. Cooper of Iowa is the Secretary.