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### BULLETINS OF THE DRUG TRADE BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Director Robert P. Fischelis has issued bulletins D-19 to D-23A, of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information.

Bulletin D-19 makes extended references to the work which will occupy those who attend the meetings of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the Research Conference, and the National Association of Retail Druggists.

Bulletin D-20 relates also to the meetings in Philadelphia and with particular stress on the Headquarters Building for American Pharmacy, President L. L. Walton is quoted.

Bulletin D-21 refers to the Western China School of Pharmacy at Chengtu. Prof. E. N. Meuser speaks of this school as the only one in an area with a population equal to that of the United States and Canada. Reference to Prof. Meuser's work was made in the April JOURNAL, p. 319. The Bulletin refers to scholarships which the school hopes to establish for worthy students. They will be awarded to students showing the highest general proficiency. Suggestions are made for various endowments.

Bulletin D-22 gives a discussion of the Kindred Bill, relating to the production and distribution of narcotics. Secretary Samuel C. Henry of the N. A. R. D. states that the bill provides for the establishment and operation of a Federal Narcotic Bureau under five directors. The bill provides for defraying the

expenses incidental to the organization of the Bureau, amounting to \$250,000. Mr. Henry questions the advisability of further interference on the part of the government in matters so directly related to the life of suffering humanity. It may be questioned whether the provision contemplated would really prove to be a benefit to the latter. Doubt will arise as to the possibility of the government going into the manufacture of narcotics with operating costs comparable with those of chemical manufacturers.

Bulletin D-23 informs the laity of the award of the Remington Honor Medal to Dr. H. A. B. Dunning of Baltimore. The formal presentation was made by the New York Branch on May 12. The address of the Medalist will be found in this issue of the JOURNAL.

Bulletin D-23 also relates to the award of the Remington Honor Medal and particularly to the program of the occasion.

Director Robert P. Fischelis of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information addressed the Baltimore Branch, May 25, on "Pharmacy's Message to the Public," at which time he exhibited many clippings showing the extensive publicity which is being given to the drug industries through the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information. He also gave a history of the organization and its development.

Mrs. Fischelis came to Baltimore with Dr. Fischelis and attended the Branch meeting.

Bulletin D-24 issued a picture of Dr. H. A. B. Dunning, Remington Medalist for 1926.

Bulletin D-25 is addressed to Pharma-

ceutical Journals only and refers to the progress made in the arrangements for the meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, in Philadelphia, and advises relative to the local committees of the Convention. Each committee chairman is given power to select his own committee. Big preparations are being made by the Philadelphia Branch and a large attendance is expected, not only on account of the importance of the meeting but also because of the International Exposition in Philadelphia, which will probably be at its best during the month of September.

Bulletin D-26 relates to "plugging" schools which enable untrained men to pass State Board examinations and become registered pharmacists and menace the nation's health, made in a report by Prof. Zada M. Cooper of the University of Iowa. The greater part of an article on the subject by Prof. Cooper will be found on pp. 1130-1133 of the December number 1925 JOURNAL, A. P. H. A.

#### THE HUMAN FACTOR IN BUSINESS.

Prof. S. S. Huebner, of Insurance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, said in a recent contribution to the Philadelphia Evening Ledger that the modern trend in life has been the encouragement and development of the individual and a searching for the proper avenue through which he can best express himself and contribute his utmost to humanity. The following paragraphs are quoted from the article:

"A knowledge of the outstanding facts and a thorough understanding of fundamental principles and practices prevailing in any type of business underlie all specialization, it is true, and are important as a means to an end. But they are only a means, and the end consists in their being used as tools in such a way as to develop our capacity to think and to work creatively. In the specialized courses, therefore, in the seminar and with respect to the graduation thesis, boundless time should be given to our development in the careful accumulation of data and its correct interpretation.

"We should train ourselves by oft-repeated trial, into the habit of research, which may be defined as the thorough accumulation, interpretation and marshaling of facts, by individuals accustomed to and trained in such work, with a view to reaching some new and worth-while conclusion in the particular subject under consideration.

"Our power to research in the facts of our calling needs to be developed because it is the greatest single power that we can acquire for future vocational usefulness and happiness. Fact-learning in itself may not amount to much because facts are usually fleeting in character. But the spirit for inquiry and the method of approach acquired through frequently repeated endeavor at research and experiment are sure to stay with us as a personal characteristic, ever available to fortify our judgment and to enhance our power to meet problems as they arise."

#### TERCENTENARY OF FRANCESCO REDI.

Italy celebrated the tercentenary of Francesco Redi, February 18. He was a physician, naturalist, poet and philologist. He asserted the therapeutic value of cinchona against the opinions of physicians of his time and taught simplicity in therapy.

#### CLEVELAND MUSEUM EXPEDITION.

The little schooner, "Blossom," owned by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, which sailed from New London, Conn., on a scientific expedition October 29, 1923, returned to the latter port June 5. More than 4000 specimens of plant and animal life were brought back from the distant points reached by these scientists. Of the crew of college men who started with the expedition only four remained throughout the voyage, including Capt. George Finley Simmons and W. Kenneth Cuyler, of the Department of Zoölogy at the University of Texas, who served as biologist of the expedition.

#### GRADUATE LIBRARY SCHOOL.

The Carnegie Corporation has donated \$1,385,000 for the establishment of a graduate library school at Chicago. According to an announcement by President Max Mason, the funds have been provided to meet an urgent need which has been disclosed in a recent study of the library situation in America conducted by the American Library Association and Carnegie Corporation. There will be established, as a result of the grant, a School of Library Science of new character and purpose which will emphasize the broad principles of library work and its relation to society, as well as technical fundamentals.

## FIRST FREE LIBRARY IN AMERICA.

The little brick building, shaped like a Greek cross, which housed Queen Anne's gift of 1000 books, still stands on the State House Hill in Annapolis. It is the oldest public library building in the country and probably the oldest public building still standing and in use. The library was established prior to 1700 and 457 volumes remain of the old library, stored in Woodward Hall in the Library of St. John's College. Dr. Thomas Bray was assigned the duty of establishing libraries in Maryland. Between 1695 and 1699 he had expended more than \$12,000 which went into the making of thirty libraries in various towns.

## PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Prof. Charles R. Richards, Director of the American Association of Museums has received the decoration of the Legion of Honor from the French government.

A Commission appointed by the Medical Society of Virginia has authorized the purchase of the little frame building at Belroi in which Walter Reed was born, as a memorial to the discoverer of the means of transmission of yellow fever.

**A. John Schwarz**, of Indianapolis, addressed the classes in Pharmacognosy of the Pharmacy Department of Purdue University on May 14th. His subject was "Commercial Aspects of Crude Botanical Drugs."

**Ex-President John Uri Lloyd**, A. Ph. A., was the speaker at a special meeting of the officers and faculty of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, June 2nd; the subject of his address was "Some New and Interesting Phases of Colloid Chemistry."

**Dr. Chen** of Peking, Professor of Pharmacy, who is taking a post-graduate course at the University of Wisconsin, will address the members of Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association at its meeting in La Crosse, June 23-24.

**Emil L. Boerner**, first dean of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Iowa, celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as pharmacist in Iowa City, Iowa. Mr. Boerner became head of the College of Pharmacy when it was established in 1885, and held the office for 29 years. He is now *Professor Emeritus*.

**John J. Possehl** of Milwaukee and Mrs. Possehl celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a dinner and dance on May 8th.

**J. Fuller Frames** has been reappointed a

member of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy by Governor Ritchie, to succeed himself. He is now President of the Board.

**Samuel H. Williams**, veteran druggist of New Haven, Conn., was elected Grand Commander of Connecticut Commandery, Knights Templar.

**Ex-President H. V. Army**, of the A. Ph. A., is to be a speaker at the annual meeting of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association.

**Euclid Snow**, of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, has donated "Essays on Materia Medica," by G. W. Carpenter, to the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. The book was published in Philadelphia, in 1834.

**Miss B. Olive Cole**, Secretary of Baltimore Branch, A. Ph. A., of the faculty School of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland and Assistant Professor, will represent the Baltimore Quota Club at the convention of the Quota Club International, in Philadelphia, June 10 and 11. Miss Cole is President of the Baltimore Quota Club.

**H. A. Schuette**, Professor at the University of Wisconsin, reported at a regional meeting of the American Chemical Society that search for a substitute for alcohol as a solvent in flavoring extracts had so far been in vain. Each solvent had some deterrent to its general use—one type separated very soon into its components, another was not soluble, etc.

**Chairman E. Fullerton Cook**, of the U. S. P. Revision Committee, has sent a note to the Editor, while *en route* to Switzerland and on board the S. S. "De Grasse." Among the acquaintances made by Professor Cook is a young doctor, who is on his way to Africa for the study of tropical diseases; he remarks on the common interest of science and service. Professor Cook and family will remain in Europe for a year or more.

The Editor has received through Frater **Wilhelm Bodemann** a "round robin" birthday greeting signed by himself, John Blocki, William B. Day, E. H. Ladish, R. E. Rhode, Frank Schrage, Andrew Scherer, C. A. Storer, Carl A. Abrahamson, James P. Crowley, E. von Hermann, Chas. E. Matthews, Geo. H. Wright, Theophilus Schmidt, L. P. Larsen, Richard Merz, Geo. W. Haering, E. D. Irvine, Frank H. Ahlborn, Iver Qualess, and some others whose signatures are not quite as readable as those of Fra. Bodemann. To all of them the editor expresses fraternal greetings and appreciation of their thoughtfulness, and wishes for them the additional number of