

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

INSECTICIDE-DISINFECTANT MAKERS TO MEET MAY 16TH.

The midsummer meeting of the Insecticide and Disinfectant Manufacturers' Association will be held May 16th to 18th at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago.

ASSOCIATION OF BRAZILIAN PHARMACISTS.

The officers of the Brazilian Association of Pharmacists for the ensuing diennial are:

President, Rodolpho Albino Dias da Silva.

Vice-President, Octavio Alves Barroso.

Secretario-General, Oswaldode Almeida Costa.

Secretaries, Tito Porto Carrero and Dirceu Bastos.

Treasurer, José Gomes da Cruz.

Official Orator, José Coriolano de Carvalho.

PARIS SOCIETY OF PHARMACY.

M. Casimir Funk of Warsaw attended the February meeting of the Paris Society of Pharmacy at which time he presented a paper on his recent studies of the isolation of certain principles obtained from internal secretions.

Prof. E. Perrot, honorary member of the A. Ph. A., and Professor of *Materia Medica* at the Paris Faculty of Pharmacy, delivered a lecture on "Plants in the Healing Art." He outlined evolution of vegetable drugs from pre-historic times to the present day, and commented on the proficiency in toxicology often displayed by primitive races.

He referred with considerable detail to the growth of the crude drug industry and raw materials for perfumes; he stated that the exports of drugs and aromatic plants now exceeded the imports. A film was shown illustrating the collection of medicinal plants by rural school children, various phases in the perfume industry and the cultivation and gathering of medicinal plants. The effect of certain galenicals was shown—on the heart under the action of digitalis, the pupil of the eye under the influence of belladonna and pilocarpine, etc.

PHARMACY THESES IN FRANCE.

Among the theses presented during the scholastic year 1925-1926 at the Paris Faculty of Pharmacy were: Mlle. Barel's study of the percolation of extracts and tinctures; Mlle. Berman's researches on the anatomic

structure of the fruit of the Boraginaceæ; Mlle. Dubois's study of dental cements; and Mlle. Seguin's researches on phagocytosis *in vitro* (Virulence and phagocytability). M. Choquette presented a thesis on *Dirca Palustris*; M. Jolivet on the idigenous *Genista*; M. Rousseau on some species of the *Malva* and *Lavatera* families; M. Metin on the alkaloidal content of *Aconitum Napellus*. M. Salle presented a study of some forms of benzhydrylamines; M. Morel of methylacetyl glycerins; M. Awad of the determination of acetone; M. Genevois of the estimation of xanthic bases in urine; M. Beguin a biochemical research of glucosides and sugar; M. Guillerot on Botelle's reagent in the sero-diagnosis of cancer. M. Surun submitted a contribution to the study of official vegetable carbon; M. Suta studied two methods of estimating phosphoric acid; M. Kavakibi, the determination of nitrates from a biochemical standpoint; and M. Zeki, the toxicity of sodium nitrate. *Chem. & Drug.*, March 12, 1927, page 304.

ANNIVERSARIES OF GERMAN UNIVERSITIES.

Four German universities will celebrate the anniversary of their foundation this year; namely, Wuerzburg, founded in 1402; Tuebingen, founded in 1447; Marburg, May 30, 1527; Breslau, 1702.

The German Druggists' Association has organized a propaganda week for instructing the public in the use of medicinal herbs which may be sold outside of pharmacies. For this purpose the members of the Association use their show-windows for transmitting their message to the passersby.

The Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy will be held in Warsaw this year.

NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND SCIENCE.

Ground was broken for the new buildings of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science on March 17th. The first spadeful of earth was turned up with a golden spade by Mrs. Joseph P. Rennington. Addresses were made by H. C. Wood, William C. Braisted, Mrs. William E. Lee, F. X. Moerk, J. W. Sturmer, Joseph W. England and others.

The site is a most attractive one of four acres, facing the beautiful Charles H. Clark

Park. The buildings, of Georgian-Colonial type, will cover the block of Forty-Third Street, Kingsessing Avenue and Woodland Avenue. The main building will be three stories in height, of reinforced concrete and brick with limestone trim, and a basement 141 feet on Forty-Third Street and extending 141 feet along Kingsessing Avenue, having two wings of 62 by 141 feet each. The diagonal frontage is 108 feet with a depth to the rear of 135 feet. There will be, also, a building (40 x 60 feet) on Woodland Avenue for heat, light and power, and the College has ground on the north side of Kingsessing Avenue for additional buildings, when needed.

MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL VETERAN DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATIONS.

The birthday of Charles Huhn was celebrated at the Minneapolis Veteran Druggists' Association meeting of March 18th. Miss Hazel, daughter of the celebrant, provided the birthday cake. Mrs. Josie Wanous Stewart was a hostess on this occasion. Frater F. J. Wulling gave a brief historical sketch of the Minneapolis Veteran Druggists' Association.

Mrs. Stewart invited the Minneapolis and St. Paul Associations to hold their June meeting at the Stewart summer home.

Mrs. Stewart was elected an honorary member of the St. Paul Veteran Druggists' Association.

The St. Paul Veteran Druggists' Association has been organized. President Henry Kruckeberg of the Minneapolis Veteran Druggists' Association who assisted in the organization was elected an honorary member.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: *President*, W. E. Burke; *Vice-President*, F. A. Conger; *Secretary*, L. J. Aberwald; *Treasurer*, Harry Iverson.

GEORGIA PHARMACEUTICAL JOURNAL.

It is very evident from the *Journal of the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association* that this official organ is proving to be very satisfactory in arousing interest and adding members to the Association. President Munn contributes a monthly page and in the February number he makes this timely statement: "It is everyone's job to take an active interest in association affairs. Our Association is not the agent or instrument of any one group or clique. It is the official mouthpiece of the druggists of Georgia. Its purpose is service in the protection of the public health and phar-

maceutical interests. Whenever a member or a group holds aloof and charges that the Association is controlled by cliques, an injury is done not only to Georgia pharmacists but to organized pharmacy in general."

Secretary Frederick T. Bridges sketches briefly the members of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy composed of the following: Mack D. Hodges, Claude Rountree, J. B. Pendergrast, J. E. Bush and Jessie A. Mitchell.

MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY SECURES A GRATIFYING SUM FROM STATE BUDGET.

Governor Ritchie's budget has received the approval of the Maryland Legislature, whereby the Dental and Pharmacy departments at Baltimore will receive \$495,000. This will provide for the new building and grounds for these departments. The favorable consideration of the Governor and of the Legislature is gratifying and it is pleasing to know Governor Ritchie's estimate of Pharmacy. Last year, at the meeting of the Maryland Association, he said, that it is the Public Health contact that makes the pharmacists' activities of great significance for the State and because of this he took a keen and very active interest in it.

COÖPERATIVE BUYING IN ROUMANIA.

A central buying organization has been formed in Cluj of an association of pharmacists from which the members draw their supplies.

An agreement has been made between Rutgers University and Johnson & Johnson, pharmaceutical manufacturers of New Brunswick, N. J., to carry on research work in problems related to pharmacy at Rutgers. Johnson & Johnson will lend financial assistance to the project. The work will be supervised by Dr. Sumner C. Brooks and Prof. Thomas J. Murray.

Responsive to a questionnaire sent out by *The National Drug Clerk* the opinions of many who are in position to know have been secured, and an editorial of the publication expresses its conclusions, based on deductions from the responses, that the creation of an "Assistant Pharmacist" license was a mistake. The address of *The National Drug Clerk* is 1350-1360 Monon Building, offices are also maintained at Palmyra, Wis. and 2058-2060 N. Western Ave., Chicago, Ill.