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## ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS, U. S. PHARMACOPŒIAL CONVENTION.

The secretary of the United States Pharmacopœial Convention, L. E. WARREN, 2 Raymond St., Chevy Chase, Md., announces that the "Abstract of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Convention," which was held in Washington in May 1930, will be ready for distribution about January 10, 1932. Each officer and delegate present at the 1930 meeting is entitled to receive a copy. In order that unnecessary delay and expense may be avoided the secretary requests such delegates as have moved since May 1, 1930, to send their new addresses to him.

## SUPPLY OF PHARMACEUTICAL STANDARDS AVAILABLE.

Attention is invited to the fact that a new supply of "Pharmaceutical Standards" published by the combined Contact Committee of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, in coöperation with the Food and Drug Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has just been received from the press, and copies in loose leaf form with leather binders may be had at \$3.00 each from Carson P. Frailey, *Executive Vice-President* and *Secretary* of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, Albee Building, Washington, D. C., or from Clarence W. Warner, *Secretary* of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association, care of The Maltbie Chemical Company, 246 High Street, Newark, New Jersey.

This *Manual* contains allowable tolerances and approved methods of analysis for seven ampul formulas; thirty-one compressed tablet formulas, and nineteen hypodermic tablet formulas, to which monographs covering other formulas will be added from time to time. The book has come to be of outstanding importance to all manufacturers of standardized medicinal products as well as to all governmental, state and municipal laboratories having to do with enforcement of drug laws.

## UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following-named open competitive examinations: Assistant Supervisor of Nurses (Indian Service), Chief Nurse (Indian Service), Head Nurse (Indian Service), Graduate Nurse (Various Services), Graduate Nurse, Visiting Duty (Various Services).

Applications for the positions of assistant supervisor of nurses, chief nurse, and head nurse, Indian Service, and for the positions of graduate nurse, and graduate nurse, visiting duty, various services, must be on file with the U. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., not later than December 30, 1931.

## CHINESE PHARMACOPŒIA PUBLISHED.

The Chinese Republic has published its Pharmacopœia; hitherto China has been using the pharmacopœias of Japan, Great Britain and the United States. The contents

of the Pharmacopœia show that it is largely based upon those of Great Britain and Germany. It contains the name of some 680 chemicals. Individual names have been adopted from the British system, so that there is little Chinese about the whole work.

Totaro Shimizu, member of the editorial board of the Japanese Pharmacopœia, said:

"I was much interested in reading the copy—some parts of it resemble the German Pharmacopœia, while others are like the British Pharmacopœia. Maximum limits are adopted from the German system; however, those of other countries are also adopted in part."

#### THE PRESCRIPTION COUNTER IS THE HEART OF A MODERN DRUG STORE.

Dr. Lewellys F. Barker, an outstanding member of the medical profession, speaking before the Alumni Association of the University of Maryland said:

"The modern pharmacy or drug store of the highest type is certainly better than any that ever existed before. It gives due consideration to the ethics of the medical profession and of the pharmacist as well as to the rights of the general public. The prescription counter is the heart of the business of the modern pharmacy; it is regarded as its most important feature, the efficiency and reliability of which must be jealously safeguarded. Such a pharmacy is a most valuable ally of the reputable physician, for with its adequate equipment and competent staff it serves as an important medical service station."

*Die Pharmaceutische Presse* has issued a memorial number commemorating thirty-five years of its existence and the fortieth anniversary of the Austrian Pharmaceutical Association. It is an illustrated number containing pictures of the presidents of the Association and editors of the publication.

The *Northwestern Druggist* for December says editorially that during Pharmacy Week the drug stores received a great deal of favorable publicity. About the same time, however, pharmacy received from certain sources some decidedly unfavorable publicity through captions of articles in the public press, drawn upon to some extent from an address, in which the statement was made, "The Destiny of the Retail Drug-Store Lies in the Field of Merchandising." In commenting thereon in a letter to the *Northwestern Druggist*, Wroe Alderson states that nothing can be done to prevent

the use of captions by journalists, but that the tone and tendency of the article is diametrically opposite to that of his address. The publication comments further that if the newspaper men can through friendship and otherwise discuss the facts and consider pharmacy and the drug store from the proper light such stories will find their way into the waste basket instead of in the press.

The *American Druggist*, for December, has an editorial page entitled "Helping to Make Pharmacy What It Was Destined to Be." The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION is appreciative of such contributions and doubtless such coöperation will be helpful in bringing the message of pharmacy to the readers of the valued publication. The article speaks of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION "as mellow with tradition, brilliant in achievement, and bound up in its development have been the lives of famous gentlemen to whom pharmacy points with pride. Woven into the fabric of the ASSOCIATION are the labors and the researches and the hopes of the men who have clung fervently to the ideals of their profession, which is pharmacy."

All publications of the drug-trade activities have always lent a helping hand in the work of the A. PH. A., and the ASSOCIATION is appreciative of this coöperation for the promotion of pharmacy.

The December number of the *Journal of the American Dental Association* contains an article by Dr. Jacob B. Bailin on "Prescription Writing and Dentistry" in which the author states that "prescription writing to-day in the dental profession is an art which is being sadly neglected." He makes this statement "after careful observation of prescriptions in pharmacies throughout New York City and also basing his conclusions on an article by Dr. Charles M. Proctor" quoted in the following:

"Another method of which, I believe, we are neglectful is that of prescription writing. So many men are content simply to prescribe a proprietary article, when many times in the treatment of the diseases of the mouth, there ought to be a differentiation even in powders, pastes and washes demanding our careful consideration. We can readily see that with a little care and thought, a prescription carefully written is far more effective in the treatment of the diseases with which the patient is affected and will likewise elevate his respect

for us when we are able to give him something more definite than a proprietary remedy."

The author outlined his article from the ethical and public health angle. He concludes by saying, "Don't be afraid to prescribe for the advancement of our profession (dental) as a true part of the medical art for the benefit of the patient and public and for our own advancement and success in our chosen profession."

An interesting and comprehensive article on Sir Joseph Wilson Swan by William Mair, is printed in the December 5th number of the *Pharmaceutical Journal and Pharmacist*. A very brief article appears in the JOURNAL A. PH. A. for November, page 1244. He was a scientist, a pharmacist and a member of the British Pharmaceutical Society. He was in active control of two notable British pharmacies and associated in his work with Barnard Proctor, a nephew of Michael Faraday, also with John Mawson, a brother-in-law, who was for many years known in connection with collodion manufacture; also, Thomas Barclay who later was knighted.

*Public Health Reports*, for December 4th, contains directories of state and city health officers for 1931—a useful reference.

#### THE WELLCOME RESEARCH INSTITUTION.

The president of the Royal College of Surgeons, the Rt. Hon. Lord Moynihan, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.S., LL.D., on November 25th, laid the corner stone of the new building in course of erection for the Wellcome Foundation, Ltd., at the junction of Gordon Street and Euston Road, London. Among those present at the ceremony was the president of the Pharmaceutical Society (Mr. A. R. Melhuish).

The Wellcome Research Institution embraces the following affiliated research laboratories and museums: Bureau of Scientific Research, Physiological Research Laboratories, Chemical Research Laboratories, Historical Medical Museum, Museum of Medical Science. The new building will furnish the additional accommodation which is required owing to the recent extensive development of these research laboratories and museums, and will provide facilities further to coördinate their activities.

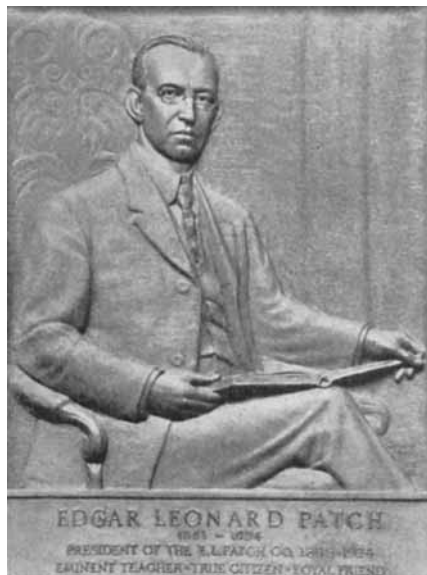
The new building, designed by Mr. Septimus Warwick, F.R.I.B.A., will occupy a site

measuring 225 ft. by 135 ft., part of which was originally occupied by the Foundation's Bureau of Scientific Research and Museum of Medical Science. It will be provided with the most modern scientific research equipment. On the Euston Road frontage there is a colonnade of twelve fluted Ionic columns masking the second, third and fourth floors. A rusticated base extends to the height of the ground-floor story. The top-story above the columns is recessed from the main building. There are eight floors in all. The elevation to Gordon Street consists of two end pylons with a row of six Ionic columns similar to those on the front.—From the *Pharmaceutical Journal and Pharmacist*.

NOTE: Dr. Wellcome is Honorary President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and has been a member since 1875.

#### BRONZE BAS-RELIEF OF E. L. PATCH UNVEILED.

"With impressive ceremonies, a memorial tablet for the late Prof. Edgar Leonard Patch, founder of the E. L. Patch Company, pharmaceutical manufacturer, was unveiled De-



cember 6th in the office of the company, at Stoneham. The ceremony was attended by many pharmaceutical leaders and men and women in all walks of life who had been touched

in some way by the spirit of the man they came to honor.

"The tablet, a life-size bas-relief, cast in bronze by the Gorham Manufacturing Company, is the work of Leonard Craske, famous Boston sculptor. Mr. Craske, who attended the unveiling, is widely known for his memorial to the Gloucester fishermen, "The Man at the Wheel," at Gloucester, Mass.

"In keeping with the simplicity of the life of Professor Patch, the tablet bears the plain inscription: 'Edgar Leonard Patch, 1851-1924, President of the E. L. Patch Company, 1888-1924, Eminent Teacher—True Citizen—Loyal Friend.' The tablet occupies a prominent place on the walls of the company's office, with a special light installed in a beam of the ceiling, the better to bring out the fine work of the sculptor.

"The unveiling was at an appropriate time because Professor Patch was born eighty years ago, December 2, 1851. He died February 27, 1924, after a busy life of service to the community and to his chosen profession. George Y. Hutchins, a lifelong associate and secretary of the E. L. Patch Company since its organization in 1888, released the silken cord which unveiled the tablet. Preparation of the tablet and of the unveiling exercises was under supervision of a committee of directors consisting of Ralph R. Patch, president and general manager; James A. Patch, vice-president; George Y. Hutchins, secretary; William S. Lister, assistant treasurer; and Edgar W. Emery."—Liberty is taken in quoting the foregoing from the *Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter*.

Professor Patch was president of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1894; for a sketch see JOURNAL A. PH. A., April 1922, page 243; pages 442 and 900 of Volume X, March 1924, page 274, and April 1924, page 382.

#### HISTORY OF THE KAPITEL APOTHEKE ZUR HEIL, MARIA, ZAGREB (AGRAM).

Our fellow member in Agram, Dr. Viadro Bartulic, is owner of above-named pharmacy which dates its origin back to 1599. A history of this venerable establishment has been prepared and in a succeeding issue it is hoped to present an article, accompanied by news of the pharmacy.

#### PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The Veterans' Hospital at Indianapolis was dedicated on December 13th. It has a

capacity of one hundred and fifty-two beds and will be ready for occupancy soon after the first of the year.

A page of the *Virginia Medical Monthly* is devoted to an article by Prof. W. G. Crockett, of the School of Pharmacy, Medical College of Virginia. The article deals with U. S. P. and N. F. preparations. The purpose of the paper is two-fold—"to urge a wider use of official preparations in prescription practice; to express the hope that physicians and pharmacists in Virginia may work in closer coöperation to the end that their common cause, the promotion of public health, may be definitely advanced."

The *Pharmaceutisch Weekblad* of October 31st quotes the *Berlin Tageblatt* in saying that the Chemical Institute in Hamburg, through Prof. Dr. P. Rabe, has prepared synthetic quinine and its hydrochloride. If this proves correct a great step in synthetic chemistry will have been made.

*Revista Filipina de Medicina y Farmacia* for October prints an address by Dr. Basilio J. Valdez on Pharmacy Week, and another by our fellow member Dr. Patrocino Valenzuela on the same subject. An interesting article also is the "Story of Quinine." Abstracts of articles from the JOURNAL A. PH. A. are included in this interesting number.

The *Maryland Pharmacist* has issued a special number which includes the proceedings of the 1931 annual meeting of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association. It includes addresses of importance and the issue will serve as a valuable reference.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, is a recipient of the Nobel Prize for this year.

Dr. James Henry Breasted, famous Egyptologist of the United States, who has received many degrees from various countries, graduated from the Chicago College of Pharmacy. He was one of the foremost speakers, this month, at the dedication of the new million dollar building of the University of Chicago. His discoveries have been written about in the magazines, in press and by scientists, and he has been honored by many institutions. In 1921 he was awarded the Rosenberg medal for his contribution to civilization.

Matthias Noll, a pioneer member of Kansas Pharmaceutical Association and also an honored member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, has been requested to compile a history of Kansas pharmacy. He is en-