

the basic principle underlying the attitude of the Soviet authorities toward science.—*Nature* (March 7, 1931), page 346.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The John Scott Prize, of the City of Philadelphia, consisting of a bronze medal and \$1000 has been awarded to Orville S. Peters, Chevy Chase, Maryland, for his invention of the electric telemeter. Dr. Peters was from 1910 to 1918 assistant physicist at the Bureau of Standards. The prize was founded by a British pharmacist (chemist).

Among the speakers at the formal dedication on April 20th of the School of Medicine and Hospital of Duke University were Dr. David Linn Edsall, dean of Harvard Medical School; Dr. Lewis Hill Weed, director of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Dr. William Henry Welch, of the Johns Hopkins; Dr. Watson S. Rankin, of Charlotte, director of the division of hospitals of the Duke endowment; Governor O. Max Gardner, of North Carolina, and Dr. Thurman D. Kitchen, of Wake Forest College.

President M. E. Rasdel, of Nebraska Pharmaceutical Association, has given a prize to a student of the pharmacy schools of the University of Nebraska and another of Creighton University. The prizes are to be given for outstanding work in dispensing. The students have been named but cannot be given at this time. It is a fine spirit of helpfulness and coöperation of which acknowledgment has been made by Secretary Kelly.

Editor G. A. Bender, of the *Northwestern Druggist*, recently spoke to the pharmacy students on the current pharmaceutical literature.

Upon invitation of President H. C. Kruckeberg representatives of various pharmaceutical societies in the Twin Cities attended the April luncheon of Minneapolis Veteran Druggists' Association.

Dr. William H. Welch, professor of the history of medicine and director of the Institute of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins—has gone to London, where he is to receive the medal of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

President Samuel Palmer Brooks, of Baylor University, is seriously ill, no hope being given for his recovery. He received his doctors' degree at Yale and has been president of Baylor for nearly thirty years.

At the time of closing this form (May 14th) we are advised of the death of Dr. Brooks. The

writer served under him for a number of years, and prizes the association.

Col. William L. Keller, M.D., chief of surgical service of Walter Reed General Hospital, will be the recipient of D.Sc. degree at the commencement exercises of the Medical College of Virginia, June 2nd.

Prof. Marvin R. Thompson delivered an address before the April meeting of the Biological Society of the University of Maryland on "A Pharmacodynamic Study of Ergot." Our fellow member, Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., is the Secretary of the Society.

J. Cameron, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, of the Pharmaceutical Department, Peiping Union Medical College, Peiping, has been visiting in Europe giving attention to the larger pharmacies and those of the hospitals. He will spend several weeks in Canada and the United States before returning to China.

Dean A. Richard Bliss, of the Pharmacy Department of the University of Tennessee, was in Baltimore recently, responding to the invitation of Dean DuMez, to address the student body of the School of Pharmacy, University of Maryland—the subject of his address was "Some Essential Character Traits of Pharmacists."

Linne E. Jones, Oregon City, Ore., has been appointed Secretary of the Oregon Board of Pharmacy and will assume office on May 21st.

Dr. H. H. Rusby celebrated his 76th birthday on April 26th. While congratulatory messages were received the day was quietly spent with members of the family.

Dr. J. Rosin, vice-president and chemical director of Merck & Co., has been elected a member of the Committee of Revision of the United States Pharmacopoeia XI to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edward V. Howell. Dr. Rosin took an active part in the revision of the pharmacopoeia as a member of the committee on the ninth and tenth revisions. He is a graduate of the chemistry department of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Herbert Raubenheimer has been elected professor of Commercial Pharmacy on the faculty of St. John's College School of Pharmacy. He is the son of Prof. Otto Raubenheimer, well and favorably known pharmacist.

Honoring Dr. James H. Beal, forty members of the Orange County Florida Druggists' Association gave a dinner at which time the meeting of the A. Ph. A. in Miami was discussed.

Denny Brann, of Des Moines, Iowa, delegate to the House of Delegates of the Section on Commercial Interests, A. P. A., opened a professional pharmacy on May 1st at 720 Locust St., Des Moines. There will be day and night service and the establishment will be an exclusive pharmacy.

Elmer H. Bobst, treasurer of Hoffmann-LaRoche was honored at a luncheon by co-workers and friends on the completion of twenty years of association with this corporation, on April 16th.

Dean Charles B. Jordan, of Purdue School of Pharmacy, has been given a prominent place in the Who's Who of the Michigan University Alumni group. Dean Jordan graduated from Michigan in pharmacy in 1910, and received his Master of Science from the same institution in 1912.

A picture and short account of his life appeared in a recent issue of the *Michigan Alumnus*. It stated that, "his principal effort aside from the duties of his position has been to help raise the standard of pharmaceutical training."

Francis B. Hays, dean of the editorial staff of the *Druggists Circular* recently was host at a luncheon party at the Press Club. The guests included **Dean Henry V. Army** of Columbia University College of Pharmacy; **Secretary Robert P. Fischelis**, New Jersey Board of Pharmacy; **J. Leon Lascoff**, member New York State Board of Pharmacy; **Clyde L. Eddy**, E. R. Squibb & Sons; **Harold Hutchins**, of the *Druggists Circular*, and **Reginald Dyer**, editor *The Practical Druggist*.

THE BEGINNING OF THE SIXTH CENTURY OF AN ITALIAN COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

Announcement has been received from President Teofilo Mariani, of the College of Chemistry and Pharmacy, Rome, of the celebration of the fifth centennial in connection with the meeting of the Italian Pharmaceutical Society to be held in Rome May 21st-24th.

The announcement states that the Nobile College dates its present name and charter from the beginning of the fifteenth century; in other words, the eighth of March, 1429, when Pope Martin V established it by a special bull.

It calls attention, furthermore, to the fact that this venerable institution is really of even greater age than five hundred years because it was originally founded under the name of *Universitas Aromatariorum*. (Druggists' University.)

The institution is concerned with the teaching of pharmacy and related specialties and originally had to do with the regulation of pharmaceutical standards, tariffs and other subjects, working in close coöperation with the departments of hygiene and public health.



Casa E Chiesa Del "Nobile Collegio de Speziali" al Foro Romano. (Building and Church of Pharmacy College, Roman Forum.)

An open invitation is extended by the president, Teofilo Mariani, to all those interested to attend the celebration of the fifth centennial.

Secretary E. F. Kelly, of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, has written a congratulatory letter to President Teofilo Mariani and extended best wishes for continued and growing success of the College and of the Italian Pharmaceutical Society.

FIGHTING DISEASE WITH DRUGS.

"Fighting Disease with Drugs," which has been prepared under the editorship of Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., will be ready for distribution before the end of this month. It is of great interest to all members and pharmacists generally that this book, which contains articles by a number of outstanding pharmacists, has been designated the second foremost book for the month of May by the Scientific Book of the Month Club. This book will make the public better acquainted with the work that pharmacy is doing and the part that it has had in science and commerce and in public health activities. It is hoped to write at length regarding this publication in the next issue of the JOURNAL.

Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, are the publishers of the book.

The New York Pharmacist for April contains an article by E. F. Kelly, secretary of the A. PH. A., on the objects of the ASSOCIATION; it evidences the helpfulness of the *Pharmacist* in promoting the work of Pharmacy. Another article of interest to retailers is that by Samuel S. Dworkin on "The Combination Deal Racket." The author desires an expression from retailers on the subject discussed in the message.

The Maryland Pharmacist for April contains an editorial on "Self Preservation Is Now the Fight;" in it Editor Swain ably discusses the present status of pharmacy in the drug business. He makes a telling statement in that "If pharmacy is to become the profession that it deserves to be, it must be through the effort of those who believe in its essential and intrinsic worth."

The Mask, of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity for April, has been named the "Philip-Stoll Number." The sketch of W. Bruce Philip requires seven pages to give very briefly an account of the many things that have been inaugurated and carried forward under his direction. The article interestingly tells of the earlier years and brings some of his activities up to the present. Ferdinand Stoll's energy is depicted in the sketch—besides his work as member of the faculty of Louisville College of Pharmacy, Professor Stoll instructs the nurses of several of the Louisville hospitals and is head pharmacist for the T. P. Taylor pharmacies of Louisville. He is working at the University for his M.S. degree.

The April number of *The Mask* honored the editor of JOURNAL A. PH. A. by the publication of an address given before the student body of the U. of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

The Northwestern Druggist gives an illustrated account of the Veterans' Hospital Pharmacy, near the Twin Cities. The chief pharmacist is Waldemar Sherk, a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Pharmacy. He has been in charge for 4 years and has in that time filled more than 100,000 prescriptions. He states that the prescribing physicians are confined very closely to preparations and drugs of the U. S. Pharmacopeia and the National Formulary, by official regulations.

Commerce Reports, U. S. Department of Commerce, issues valuable reports because of the information contained, and these are frequently quoted in the JOURNAL. Our fellow member, F. A. Delgado, looks after the Chemical Division and these reports are of particular

interest to pharmacists, in all of the divisions of pharmacy. A very interesting and informative issue reporting on "Essential Oils in the United States Industries" is before us in making this brief notation.

We are indebted to Editor C. H. Farquharson, of the *Pharmaceutical Journal* of New Zealand, for the New Zealand *Free Lance*, giving an illustrated account of the recent earthquake in New Zealand which destroyed much property and many lives were lost; every pharmacy in Napier was destroyed. Reference to the great disaster was made in the April JOURNAL. Along with other losses pharmacists have endured great hardships, but have met the situation with fortitude and determination to reestablish themselves. We thank the Editor for the copy of *Free Lance* and express the hope that progressive recovery from the effects of the catastrophe is being made.

The Pacific Drug Review is giving whole-hearted support to the survey under the direction and as mapped out by W. Bruce Philip. The May issue of the Review states:

"*The Pacific Drug Review* endorsed the Bruce Philip survey in principle in its April issue; it reaffirms its position and its belief that if fairly and honestly conducted, without prejudice, and with a sincere desire to get at the truth and to use that truth to convince manufacturers that the retail pharmacist is entitled to some measure of protection, the survey will be a fine thing for all concerned.

"But, we submit that pharmacy will have to be more united in thought and action than it has ever been if full benefits are to be obtained."

Mr. Philip has long been in the service for pharmacy and pharmacists and for every associated drug activity that seeks to better conditions.

The British pharmaceutical publications have made favorable mention of the article of the March JOURNAL on "Pharmaceutical History Brought to Light by a Famous Misnamed Picture," by Elsie Woodward Kassner.

According to an illustrated article in the *American Druggist* a memorial tablet has been placed in the "Swallows Corner Pharmacy" (the successor of the pharmacy of Matteo Palmieri) which is inscribed:

"To Matteo Palmieri, citizen of Florence of the 15th Century, historian, moralist, poet—elected to the highest office of the Republic Orator at Naples, Rome, Bologna and Siena, who matriculated in the arts of pharmacy and exercised it in this pharmacy, thus giving ex-

ample of the wise, industrious and simple life of old Florentine citizens in public and private affairs."

The same publication also sketches the Timmermann Pharmacy of New York City (Richard Timmermann and Robert Gerstner, proprietors). This pharmacy averages about 150 prescriptions daily, and 450 physicians depend upon this pharmacy for bacteriological information—the gross income of the establishment has been stated to be about \$135,000 monthly.

The *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal* of

April 15th quotes Prof. C. F. Heebner in the following:

"The ideal pharmacist is the one who has retained his professional standing and used it to aid him in achieving commercial success. There is no incompatibility between professionalism and commercialism in pharmacy if they are developed side by side; each in its own proportion and not at the expense of the other. It is quite obvious that one cannot become a successful pharmacist unless he is a good business man, but neither can he become a successful pharmacist unless he is a pharmacist."

OBITUARY.

JAMES FRANKLIN BALLARD.

James F. Ballard, president of James F. Ballard, Inc., St. Louis, died April 23rd in the Madison Hospital, New York City, following an illness contracted in the tropics about two years ago. He was internationally known as a collector of rare rugs and as an authority on the art of weaving.

Mr. Ballard was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, July 16, 1851. As a young man he engaged with a wholesale drug firm in Nashville; later, he travelled as representative of another wholesale house, which brought him to St. Louis, where he engaged in business on his own account in 1882. His success in business enabled him to pursue a hobby—that of collecting rare rugs. His first purchase cost him \$350.00; later, he spent many times that amount in travel expenses to secure rare weaves; in order to buy intelligently Mr. Ballard systematically studied the art of rug-making. He travelled a half million miles in search of rarities; among these purchases were a rug produced by an art which had been lost, and the finest Imperial Chinese rug ever woven for the Emperor's palace. In 1922 he presented a collection of rare rugs, valued at \$500,000 and containing 126 specimens including Persian, Spanish, Damascene, Chinese, Asia Minor and other varieties to the Metropolitan Museum of New York and he was equally generous to the St. Louis Museum. Mr. G. A. Pfeiffer, in 1927, presented a marble bust of Mr. Ballard to the Metropolitan Museum.

The deceased was interested in a number of industrial, business and banking institutions, active member of the Missouri Historical Society, Archaeological Society, National

Academy of Design, Indian Society of Oriental Art (Calcutta), New York Water Color Society, and member of many clubs in St. Louis, New York and Washington.

Mr. Ballard is survived by two daughters, Miss Bernice C. Ballard and Mrs. David B. White (née Nellie Ballard). Funeral services were held at Mrs. White's home in St. Louis, and interment in Bellefontaine cemetery.

CHARLES G. LINDVALL.

Charles G. Lindvall, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1897 died January 12th at Los Angeles, Calif., aged 72 years. Mr. Lindvall was engaged in the drug business at Moline, Ill., for many years, retiring about thirteen years ago; later, he moved with his family to California. In former years he was a frequent attendant at the annual meetings of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and active in Illinois Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Lindvall is survived by his widow, a son, Frederick, and a daughter, Bessie, all of Los Angeles, and a brother, Alfred, a resident of Moline.

Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. R. L. Deer, of Oreland, Pa., and to Dr. and Mrs. Robert P. Fischelis, because of the death of Mr. Deer, father of Mrs. Fischelis, on May 5th, aged 64 years. The deceased was manager of the Chicago Branch of H. K. Mulford & Co. for more than 25 years, when he was called, in 1919, to take charge of the general branch house business. The burial services were held at Washington Court House, Ohio; the widow and Dr. and Mrs. Fischelis accompanied the body.