

Although appointed only in 1929, he immediately took an interest in national affairs and had attended a District No. 3 meeting in Detroit, also the national convention at Miami. He was of a happy, fun-loving disposition, as those who met him will remember, yet very earnest and serious in the fulfilment of his board responsibilities and duties. The Illinois Board has lost a very valuable member. The N. A. B. P. extends sincere condolences to Mrs. Bond in her bereavement.

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### STATE BOARD NEWS.

**Kansas.**—Joseph D. Paradowsky of Kansas City was appointed a member of the Kansas Board of Pharmacy by the Governor on Saturday, December 19, 1931 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of T. V. Campbell of Topeka. Mr. Paradowsky was also elected president of the Retail Druggists Association of Greater Kansas City on Nov. 20, 1931. He is a graduate of the Kansas City College of Pharmacy and has been a very successful pharmacist for many years on the Kansas side, also being quite active in the Association of Greater Kansas City in recent years.

Out of a class of thirty-seven who took the examination for registered pharmacist in Lawrence, Kansas, on November 18th–19th, eighteen were successful—passing percentage 48+. (There are still non-graduates taking examination under the exemption.)

**Kentucky.**—A welcome is extended to Albert E. Ely of Glasgow and Linwood A. Brown of Lexington, both honorary N. A. B. P. members, who have recently been reappointed to the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, succeeding George E. Porter and R. Lee Cassell, retired. At the re-organization meeting, George D. Duncan of Franklin was elected *President*, George Wilhelm of Newport, *Treasurer*, and J. W. Gayle of Frankfort, *Secretary*.

The report of the October examination shows four out of a class of eleven candidates as successful—passing percentage 36+. The January meeting was held at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, on the 12th and will be reported later.

**Maine.**—Charles S. Pierce, president of the Maine Board of Pharmacy, has been reappointed by Gov. Gardiner for a term of three years dating from December 1st. Mr. Pierce has been very active in the N. A. B. P. on committee work, and the reappointment is very gratifying as it is a recognition of his splendid service.

**Michigan.**—Clare F. Allan, N. A. B. P. vice-president and Chairman of District No. 3, was elected *President* of the Michigan Board at the annual meeting held in Lansing on December 30th. Howard Hurd of Flint was named *Vice-President*. The retiring member of the Board is Orville Hoxie of Grand Rapids and a new member will be appointed by the Governor some time in January.

Clare F. Allan is chairman of the program committee of the Wyandotte Kiwanis Club for the second all-city banquet at which prominent state officials are to be guests on January 19th. The Secretary of State, Frank D. Fitzgerald, and State Treasurer, Howard C. Lawrence, will be among the guests of honor.

**New Mexico.**—W. H. Duckworth of Clovis has been appointed secretary and treasurer of the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy to succeed C. C. Haussamen, resigned, but who retains his membership on the board. A hearty welcome is extended to Mr. Duckworth who has been an honorary N. A. B. P. member since 1920 and now again becomes active by this appointment.

**Ohio.**—A class of 71 applicants was examined at the October meeting of the Board, 52 being successful in getting licenses. Passing percentage 72+ (practically all graduates in examination).

The highest grade was made by Charles S. Ehlers of Cincinnati with a general average of 98%, next Paul F. Schindler of Coldwater with 93% and third Chester A. Gregory of Cincinnati with 90.1%.

**Porto Rico.**—The central office was honored by a personal call from Mr. Ramon Lopez Irizarry of the Porto Rico Board of Pharmacy early this month. Mr. Irizarry is the youngest and newest member of the Board, having been appointed over a year ago. However, he is very active, having prepared a very commendable piece of pharmacy legislation which was introduced at last year's session of the legislature but unfortunately failed. He reports that another attempt will be made this year in a somewhat different manner.

College graduation has been a compulsory requirement of the Porto Rico Board since 1921; the University of Porto Rico is a member of the A. A. C. P. and the four-year course will be the minimum offered in 1932. The changes sought in the law are a repeal of the section permitting diploma registration; also enactment of a one-year practical experience requirement. The present law contains no experience provision.

**South Carolina.**—Six new licenses were issued as a result of the November examinations—total number taking same being 10. Passing percentage 60. The next meeting is scheduled for Columbia, S. C., on the third Wednesday in March 1932.

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM MEXICO.

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### PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY IN MEXICO.

ARTICLE IV of the Mexican Constitution has been the subject of debate for many years. Congress has taken up its discussion and regulation in order to establish definitely the rights of the professional man over those practicing without a degree. Concerning pharmacy, there are no limitations for its practice except that any one wishing to practice it must notify the Health Department. The government office will send an inspector to see if the new establishment meets the requirements of the Sanitary Code. The non-professional pharmacist, must state, both in labels and in a sign outside of the establishment, that he practices "without a title or degree." There are some 5000 pharmacies in Mexico of which a large number are conducted by non-professional men.

### DRUG IMPORTS INTO MEXICO.

It is estimated that Mexico imports drugs from foreign markets to the figure of some \$40,000,000.00 (Mexican pesos) yearly. This includes crude drugs, patent medicines, toilet preparations, chemicals, etc.

Pharmaceutical industry in the country is largely dependent on importation of raw materials or semi-finished products. Although many of the common raw materials are found in Mexico, no effort has been made to refine them for domestic use in the industry.

### FOREIGN COMPETITION.

The idea that foreign medicinal products are better than home-made similars is still prevalent in Mexico. The Mexican medical profession shows a marked preference for European, French and German products. Several pharmaceutical manufacturers take advantage of such prejudice by giving their laboratories foreign names and labeling their

products with names suggestive of foreign origin in order to compete with true foreign manufacturers and with Mexican manufacturing pharmacists.

In order to counteract this competition, a group of Mexican manufacturers has organized a Syndicate called "Sindicato de Laboratorios Nacionales de Productos Farmaceuticos." The board of directors is composed of Dr. R. Trevino as President, Dr. G. G. Colin as Secretary and Mr. Manuel Grey as Treasurer. Only those firms operating with Mexican capital and investing their profits in the country can be admitted to membership.

### PRODUCTION OF BIOLOGICALS.

The government budget for 1932 has been so reduced that the Mexican Health Department has found it necessary to commercialize its "Instituto de Higiene" where biologicals were formerly manufactured only for government use. This institution had been manufacturing biologicals valued at some \$400,000.00 (Mexican pesos) yearly in the past.

Serums and vaccines now manufactured by the "Instituto de Higiene" are available for commercial use, physicians and pharmacists being invited to visit its laboratories and to prescribe and prefer them over imported similars.

## CONANT TO RECEIVE CHANDLER AWARD.

The Chandler Medal for achievement in chemical science has been awarded for 1931 to James Bryant Conant, chairman of the Division of Chemistry, Harvard University, for research including work on free radicals, hemoglobin, reduction and oxidation of organic compounds, and quantitative studies of organic reactions. Dr. Charles F. Chandler in whose memory the Medal is named was for more than 50 years a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.