

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION.

The 53rd annual convention of the Nebraska Pharmaceutical Association will be held at Omaha, May 7th-9th, with headquarters at the Paxton Hotel. The date of the convention is one month earlier than that of previous years.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MINNESOTA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Minnesota will celebrate for nearly a week, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of its organization. Tuesday, February 13th—addresses will be made by Mayor Bainbridge; President-Elect of Montevideo, Theodore A. Arneson; O. P. Cleaver, who had a large part in arranging the lighting effects at A Century of Progress. Opening of the Drug Show by President J. P. Jelinek. Banquet.

Wednesday—Scientific and Practical Section, Northwestern Branch, A. Ph. A., under direction of Dean Wulling. President's reception and ball.

Thursday—District Meetings, banquet.

Friday—Conclave of Veteran Druggists, social gatherings and various district meetings.—Hugo O. Peterson is chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. George Barger—well and favorably known for "high excellence in the prosecution or promotion of original research in the Chemistry and Natural History of Drugs"—has been awarded the Hanbury Medal. Dr. Barger is author of "Ergot and Ergotism," he is a member of the faculty of Edinburgh University.

The University of Paris has conferred the Doctor's degree on **Prof. L. Van Itallie**, University of Leyden. He is an honorary member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. Dr. Van Itallie is president of the technical commission of the League of Nations for the standardization of the analysis of opium; he is professor of toxicology and pharmaceutical chemistry, University of Leyden.

Dr. John Jacob Abel, in his presidential address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, included the following striking statements:

"We ourselves are walking drug shops. An experienced chemist or pharmacist would have no difficulty in preparing arrow poisons from

some of our own organs that would have delighted the heart of primitive man. I incline to the belief that no living cell exists whose contents or metabolites are not toxic to some other living cell."

Prof. Heber W. Youngken, of the faculty of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, presented two papers during the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held in Boston. The first of these was entitled "An Investigation of the Viburnums and Their Medical Aspects" which was given before the Section on Medical Sciences, at the Boston Medical Library on Friday, December 29th. The second, delivered before the General Section of the Botanical Society of America, at Mallinckrodt Hall, Harvard University, on December 30th, was entitled "A Comparative Study of the Seeds and Spikes of Certain Caulescent Species of *Plantago*." Both papers were illustrated with the lantern.

Prof. Marston T. Bogert, head of the department of organic chemistry at Columbia University, has been appointed a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Research Institute, whose headquarters are at Eustis, Florida.

Colonel Samuel Price Wetherill, Jr., president of the Philadelphia Art Alliance and member of the executive committee and former president of the Tri-State Regional Planning Federation, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science at a meeting of the trustees January 9th. He succeeds Joseph W. England, who had been chairman from 1924 until his death December 2nd. He is the great great nephew of Samuel Price Wetherill who was the presiding officer at the meetings of the Philadelphia College when it was organized in Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, in 1821.

Dr. R. L. Swain was speaker at the meeting of the Maryland Academy of Medicine and Surgery on January 15th. The address was under the auspices of the U. S. P. and N. F. Publicity Committee—the subject of Dr. Swain was "The U. S. P. and N. F.—Their Relationship to the Costs of Medical Care."

Ambrose Hunsberger has resigned as member of the N. A. R. D. executive committee.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, in an address, said:

"A great many people, of whom I happen to be one, still believe that the business stability of this nation depends upon the self-reliance

and initiative, the energy and unfettered industry of independent men, and that our national happiness and prosperity will not survive if the independent merchant—the grocery store, the drug store, the retail store, the corner store and the neighborhood store—are overwhelmed by mass wealth and by giant size and power.”

Prof. Karl Sudhoff, formerly of the University of Leipzig, where he held the chair of History of Medicine, celebrated his 80th birthday, November 26th. Lately, he has devoted his chief energies to research on Paracelsus, whose medical writing he is publishing in an imposing edition.

John O'Brien, Omaha pharmacist, Pharmacy Week prize winner of 1932, has developed the professional side of his drug store—the returns from prescriptions represent 50% of the total volume of the gross income. The soda fountain is Mr. O'Brien's hobby and represents one-third of the total sales volume.

E. V. Lynn spoke before Phi Sigma, Washington State University, at its recent meeting on “Biology in Relation to Drugs.”

Dean C. W. Johnson, who became seriously ill on the train bound for the Madison A. Ph. A. meeting, has taken up his work as dean and on the faculty.

G. H. P. Lichthardt is now connected with California Department of Public Works (Research Department). He, recently, spoke to the students of the University of California on the opportunities of trained pharmacists in non-pharmaceutical occupations.

Anton Hogstad, chairman of National Week Committee, writes that within the next five years there will be a marked change in American Pharmacy. He is convinced that the trend of pharmacy is definitely toward a revival of the professional in pharmacy. He holds that many important factors should be receiving attention—professional window displays, personal contact with physicians, consideration of the advantages of an open-view prescription department, a professional library and methods for promoting the professional phases. The trend should be to the fundamentals of pharmacy and emphasis should be on quality and service.

Walter J. Hartung addressed the annual meeting of Columbia University College of Pharmacy January 16th, on “Changing Styles in Modern Materia Medica.”

J. A. Porter, Lincoln, Neb., has been appointed member of the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy.

Prof. Alexander Tschirch, of Bern, Switzerland, celebrated his 77th birthday on October 17th. Many of the prominent leaders in European pharmacy called at his home to extend congratulations. This visit was arranged by Dr. Ferchl of Mittenwald, who is well known on account of his famous pharmaceutical calendar which has been published for many years.

Prof. Tschirch was formerly head of the Pharmaceutical Institute in Bern, the new building for which was recently dedicated. He is an honorary member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Dr. Horatio N. Fraser, pioneer in the tablet triturate industry, received the congratulations of the New York Veteran Druggists on his 82nd birthday, November 30th.

Mrs. John F. Hancock and Mrs. Charles E. Dohme (Baltimore), widows of A. Ph. A. ex-presidents, celebrated their 93rd birthdays this month. All good wishes are extended.

Our fellow-member, **Vladko Bartulic**, is owner of the pharmacy in Zagreb, Jugoslavia, dating back to 1599. Recently Mr. Bartulic re-furnished the pharmacy throughout. He has photographs of nearly every owner, and these with sketches are collected in a 36-page booklet, published as part of the celebration of the 333rd anniversary of the establishment.

Theodore D. Wetterstroem issued a publicity statement in which he stressed the importance of the pharmacist in public health service. He dwelt with particular emphasis on the general adherence of pharmacists to standards.

Leo G. Penn, a member of the faculty of Temple University Pharmacy School, was elected president of the Philadelphia Association of Retail Druggists at the annual meeting of the organization.

Hugo Kantrowitz, former editor of *New York Apotheke Zeitung*, was elected *honorary president* of the New York Veteran Druggists' Association.

James H. Beal, **E. Fullerton Cook**, **Samuel L. Hilton**, **E. F. Kelly** and **Samuel C. Henry** attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees, U. S. Pharmacopeia, in Washington, during the week of January 22nd. They also conferred on the food and drug bills now in Congress, in the consideration of which they were joined by **President R. L. Swain**, of the A. Ph. A.