

EDITORIAL NOTES

Because of association matter in this issue a number of items were omitted from this department.

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS.

The International Exposition—A Century of Progress—opened May 26th and closes November 1st. Indications are that this year the exposition will be greater than last year; additional exhibits have been included and improvements have been made in some of the entertainment features. The Pharmacy Exhibit will be continued.

ABSTRACTS OF PHARMACOPŒIAL LITERATURE.

Another "Abstract of Scientific Literature" dealing with pharmacopœial subjects, appearing in publications of 1933, has been prepared under the direction of F. W. Nitardy by E. R. Squibb & Sons. Copies of these abstracts have been sent out with the compliments of the Board of Trustees of the U. S. P. convention. This abstract is issued as a supplement to the series of the U. S. P. Revision. A very limited edition has been published and all copies have been distributed to the libraries of medical and pharmaceutical colleges and may be consulted there; no extra copies are available. This is a most valuable contribution and has been abstracted by the staff of the Brooklyn Plant Library, Miss E. Pickering, Director, and published under the auspices of the U. S. P. Board of Trustees. The abstracts have been taken from more than three hundred different Journals in the fields of medicine, pharmacy, chemistry and biology, and constitutes a distinct service for pharmacopœial revision and the service of libraries and research workers.

LEGIBLE PRESCRIPTIONS.

A news dispatch from Berlin states that sick-fund officials have complained to the government about physicians writing prescriptions so illegibly that pharmacists have difficulty in reading them. The government has issued a general order to physicians to improve their handwriting.

The same condition, but evidently not to the same extent, is brought out in the National Drug Store Survey issued by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic

Commerce. "The Professional Pharmacy," published by the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION presents the findings of an intensive survey among the strictly professional type of retail pharmacies; a detailed analysis of operations, methods, etc.—A detailed analysis of nearly 24,000 prescriptions from selected drug stores—shows the importance of the prescription department in the operation of a modern retail drug store.

DONATIONS.

Daughters of the late Charles E. Dohme, Mrs. E. C. True and Mrs. C. W. Holton, have presented to the museum of the American Institute of Pharmacy a beautiful counter scale which was used by the retail firm of Sharp & Dohme prior to the establishment of the manufacturing establishment under that name.

Mrs. C. W. Richardson of Washington, D. C., has presented a stone mortar from Sothorn's drug store in Georgetown; also an ointment jar from John Paul Jones' brothers' drug store in Fredericksburg.

Lawrence Williams, of Baltimore, presented a representative number of show globes from his large collection. He also donated several scales and balances, ointment jars and mortars, all of which made an attractive display in the museum of the A. Ph. A. headquarters.

The display, by Chairman E. Fullerton Cook of pharmacopœias and of circulars, acquainted the visitors with the methods of revision and the tremendous amount of work and careful study involved in U. S. P. revision and attracted much attention.

Pharmacist J. Leon Lascoff's collection of foreign prescriptions and of methods for finishing them forms an interesting display. Mrs. Whelpley's large assortment of badges is an interesting study in color, art and association history.

An unusual gift was made by James H. Beal at a general session in the presentation of a fine specimen of Bezoar to the ASSOCIATION. Further mention will be made of this valuable gift in reporting the proceedings of the meeting. Charles H. LaWall gave an historical account of Bezoar stones.