

EDITORIAL NOTES

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

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS BY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF PHARMACY.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

Prizes consisting of a nomination to membership and a year's dues in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION are offered by several officers and teachers. These prizes are awarded to members of the graduating class who have made good averages on the senior work in all subjects and exceptional records in separate subjects, as noted.

1. *All subjects*, awarded to John A. MacKenzie. 2. *Pharmacy*, offered by Professor LaPierre, and awarded to Isidor S. Tolpin. 3. *Organic Chemistry*, offered by Treasurer Gammon, and awarded to Phyllis Toon. 4. *Materia Medica*, offered by President Glover, and awarded to Sylvia Rapaport. 5. *Commercial Pharmacy*, offered by Vice-President Ellis, and awarded to Angelo P. Papulis. 6. *Analytical Chemistry*, offered by Dean Bradley, and awarded to Elizabeth H. Wismer.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

Bernard J. Schiller, Duquesne University, School of Pharmacy, Pittsburgh, was awarded membership in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION for excellence in *Pharmacy* by Prof. W. A. Jarrett, of Duquesne University School of Pharmacy. Other memberships were awarded as follows by Duquesne: Benjamin Elkind, by Prof. H. W. Werner for excellence in *Materia Medica*; John J. Ilcisin, by Dean C. Muldoon, for excellence in *Chemistry*. Paul J. Lucas was awarded a membership prize for the best paper presented during the year before Duquesne University Pharmaceutical Association.

PHARMACEUTICAL EXHIBIT AT THE CENTURY OF PROGRESS.

THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION is, as last year, sponsoring the exhibit. A significant indication of the enthusiastic approval given last year's enterprise is the fact that the committee this year received almost 100 per cent favorable responses from participants to the questionnaire sent to the leading contributors to the 1933 exhibit. The pharmaceutical showing of last year proved to be one of

the most popular of the exhibits in the medical division.

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

A correspondent in *Science* questions whether a more fascinating readable and informing essay on the rise and counter influences of scientific discovery by Dr. Welch has ever been written. It must have been a sympathetic labor of love to Doctor Welch merely to compile the data, since medicine as a discipline for the pursuit of science shines out so dazzlingly. For does he not record that, "I have collected, without pretense to exhaustiveness, the names of over a hundred physicians or men trained for the practice of medicine or pharmacy who have made contributions to physics sufficiently notable to secure them a place in the history and records of this science."

POISONING BY METHYL CHLORIDE.

Quite recently Gorham (Bristol), has again called attention to this gas. "Toxic effects," he says, "are produced usually by unnoticed leaks happening in closed or ill-ventilated places. Often the leak may not be noticed, but at higher concentrations toxic symptoms may arise. The gas when inhaled is excreted slowly; small amounts are thus apt to be cumulative and may not cause symptoms until after some days. Some persons appear to be more susceptible than others." Gorham describes four cases illustrating the symptoms of a mild attack—chiefly nausea and vomiting. The collected records show that the effects begin with drowsiness and apathy, leading to stupor, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. Muscular tremors may be present, and anuria is usual in severe cases. Treatment consists in first getting the patient into the fresh air, and early administration of oxygen. Alkalis should be given freely. It may be necessary to control convulsions, but on no account should chloral or chloroform be used for this. The anemia may have to be treated. The gas is oxidized slowly, and the aim of the treatment is to hasten oxidation.—*The Prescriber*, June 1934.

Dr. James Henry Breasted has completed a new screen picture entitled "The Human Adventure." Press reports state that faculty members of the University of Chicago and

newspaper men sat "popeyed" when the picture was presented in the University's Oriental Institute. Before them a panorama of the human race was unrolled on the screen, in a preview of the film showing how the secrets of dead empires are brought to light by archæologists. The film was shown to the public in Chicago on June 6th.

Dr. Breasted is a graduate in pharmacy, although he has not practiced pharmacy for many years.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. **Walter A. Bastedo**, president of the U. S. P. Convention, **Dr. Horatio C. Wood, Jr.**, well-known author of medical and pharmaceutical textbooks, **Prof. E. N. Gathercoal**, chairman of the N. F. Revision Committee, and **Dr. Oscar W. Bethea**, of Tulane University, received the honorary degree of "Master of Pharmacy" from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. The latter delivered the Commencement address.

Among those knighted by King George on his birthday are Dr. F. G. Banting, discoverer of Insulin, and Major R. G. Archibald, director of the Wellcome Tropical Research Laboratories in the Sudan.

Dr. **Frank Kirby** has announced that beginning on Sunday, June 24th, it is expected to have weekly lectures on scientific subjects in the Hall of Science at the Century of Progress. The first lecture of the series was given by Dr. Arthur Osol, assistant professor of Chemistry and Physics at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science on the topic, "A B C of Vitamins."

Samuel S. Dworkin has been named *associate editor* of "Drug Store Retailing."

Sir Henry S. Wellcome, a native of Wisconsin, the Remington Medalist for 1934, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, by Marquette University, on June 13th. The ceremonies took place at the Milwaukee Auditorium.

Miss Edna Gleason, Stockton, Calif., former president of the Southern California Pharmaceutical Association, and also of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce, was one of the speakers at the meeting of Texas Pharmaceutical Association, held in Mineral Wells. Miss Gleason represented the N. A. R. D.

Dr. George F. Zook, U. S. Commissioner of Education, has resigned to accept the director-

ship of the American Council on Education. His resignation will become effective on July 1st.

Prof. J. A. Haefliger, Basel, Switzerland, was elected vice-president of the Society for the History of Pharmacy. At this meeting an address was delivered by Professor Haefliger and among the number who listened to him were representatives of sixteen states and fifteen university pharmaceutical institutions, and many prominent in pharmacy and as members of organizations. There were present the *Honorary Dean* of the Pharmaceutical Faculty, Paris; Dr. F. Hauser, and Dr. Labhardt.

Dr. A. Richard Bliss, director of the Reelfoot Lake Biological Station, Tennessee, delivered the address at the 84th annual Commencement of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy.

Dr. P. A. Foote, professor of Pharmacy at the University of Florida, is spending the summer visiting points of pharmaceutical interest in Europe. Part of the time is being spent in England; in Brussels he is studying crude drugs; and in other sections of Europe Dr. Foote is finding interest in the museums, libraries and laboratories.

Robert L. Swain, former president of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, delivered the principal address at the Commencement Exercises of the Connecticut College of Pharmacy. He was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Pharmacy, and the same honor was conferred on Robert P. Fischelis, president of the A. Ph. A. Dr. Robert L. Swain delivered the address at the commencement exercises of the College of Pharmacy of Columbia University.

Wilhelm Bodemann, veteran of veterans, celebrated his 88th birthday on June 6th. He was the recipient of congratulations from many friends in various sections of the country.

T. L. Swenson, associate bacteriologist, Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture, was recently given a Kappa Psi (pharmacy fraternity) scholarship key. Among those at the presentation were Carson P. Frailey, president, National Drug Trade Conference; Dr. Swenson; Editor E. G. Eberle; W. Bruce Philip, N. A. R. D. counsel; and Secretary E. F. Kelly.

In recognition of his service to the drug industry and the pharmaceutical profession, the Indianapolis College of Pharmacy at its recent commencement exercises conferred the degree of Bachelor of Science in pharmacy on A. Kiefer Mayer, Indianapolis.