

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The president-elect of the American Medical Association, Dr. James Somerville McLester, comes to office with a distinguished career of service to organized medicine. He was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., January 25, 1877. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Alabama in 1896 and the M.D. degree from the University of Virginia Department of Medicine in 1899. Then followed postgraduate work at Göttingen and Freiburg in 1901 and 1902. He became professor of pathology and later professor of medicine in the Birmingham Medical College, holding this position from 1902 till 1912. This period also included postgraduate study in Berlin and Munich during 1907 and 1908. In the World War he acted as major and chief of medicine in the Base Hospital at Camp Sheridan and was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the American Expeditionary Forces, becoming commanding officer of Evacuation Hospital 20, in 1918. During this time he was a consultant in the medical service. In 1919, following the World War, he became professor of medicine in the University of Alabama School of Medicine.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF PHARMACY.

Delegates from thirty-four states participated in the deliberations of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, including Porto Rico. One hundred per cent attendance was shown by Connecticut, District of Columbia, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire and North Carolina.

A report of the Executive Committee recommended that the offices of the Association be moved to the American Institute of Pharmacy, Washington, by May 1935, if possible.

Congressman Thomas, of New York, who is a pharmacist, was guest speaker at the banquet.

Provisions were made for a scroll for the officers of the Committee on Pharmacy Exhibit, World's Fair.

Dr. Lopez, delegate from Porto Rico, delivered a message from the Island and gave an interesting account of pharmacy in Porto Rico.

F. W. Hancock, of North Carolina, was elected *Honorary President*; Charles H. Evans,

of Georgia, *President*; the *Secretary* and *Treasurer* were reelected.

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

Details of the tentative program for the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association to be held June 25th to 28th, inclusive, on Cape Cod, at the Chatham Bars Inn, Chatham, Mass., have been issued and the schedule includes a number of interesting and important subjects including addresses by prominent individuals in the industry.

OFFICERS OF THE PROPRIETARY ASSOCIATION.

The officers elected by the Proprietary Association at its recent annual meeting are as follows: *President*, Frank A. Blair, New York City; *Honorary Vice-President*, Dr. V. Mott Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.; *First Vice-President*, Henry P. Bristol, New York City; *Second Vice-President*, E. K. Hyde, Buffalo, N. Y.; *Third Vice-President*, James H. Howe, St. Louis, Mo.; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Charles P. Tyrrell, Syracuse, N. Y.; *General Representative*, E. F. Kemp, 425 Star Building, Washington, D. C.; Harry B. Thompson, 422 Star Building, Washington, D. C.; *Executive Committee*: Z. C. Patten, Jr., Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. F. Hindes, Baltimore, Md.; A. H. Beardsley, Elkhart, Ind.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

The ninety-fourth meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was held in Berkeley, Calif., from June 18 to 23, 1934. This is the fourth summer meeting of the association on the Pacific Coast, previous meetings having been held at San Francisco in 1915, at Portland, Oregon, in 1925, and at Pasadena in 1931. All these have been joint meetings with the Pacific Division. This year the University of California and the Pacific Division of the association are cooperating as hosts. Sessions were held for the most part in lecture halls of the University of California on the campus at Berkeley. As has been found desirable in summer meetings, symposia and invited programs are emphasized and field trips are numerous.

OFFICERS OF WEST VIRGINIA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The following officers were installed for the current year: *President*, Fred C. Allen, Marlinton; *First Vice-President*, Robert R. Pierce, Morgantown; *Second Vice-President*, Herman Wild, Huntington; *Third Vice-President*, H. J. Matthews, Mannington; *Secretary-Treasurer*, J. Lester Hayman, Morgantown; *Council Member*, W. R. Crane, Fairmont.

The following were nominated, election to be made by mail ballot, for the Association officers to be installed at the next annual meeting: *President*, Robert R. Pierce, Morgantown, G. S. Flesher, Cairo; *First Vice-President*, John A. Greear, Huntington, E. B. Moore, Elkins; *Second Vice-President*, James A. Patterson, Martinsburg, J. R. Hertzog, Worthington; *Third Vice-President*, H. A. Goodykoontz, Bluefield, W. S. Coleman, Lewisburg; *Secretary-Treasurer*, J. Lester Hayman, Morgantown, Carl E. Furbee, Clarksburg; *Council Member*, Chas. V. Selby, Clarksburg, L. C. Harlan, Huntington.

The next annual meeting will be held in the City of Parkersburg, in June 1935.

Among the speakers of the convention were, Jerry McQuade, Albert Fritz, Dr. Roy B. Miller, Fred L. Fox, Thurston Merrell and F. J. Nichol.

A resolution adopted is to the effect that pharmacists should be represented on the Board of Health. The federation of State Pharmaceutical Associations was endorsed.

OFFICERS OF MARYLAND PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Maryland Pharmaceutical Association elected the following officers: *Honorary President*, H. R. Steiner; *President*, Andrew F. Ludwig, Baltimore; *First Vice-President*, Harry W. Matheny, Cumberland; *Second Vice-President*, Melville Strasburger, Baltimore; *Third Vice-President*, A. A. M. Dewing, Centreville; *Secretary*, E. F. Kelly, Baltimore; *Treasurer*, Harry S. Harrison, Baltimore; *Editor*, Robert L. Swain, Baltimore. *Executive Committee: Chairman*, Charles C. Neal, Baltimore; W. B. Spire, Mt. Rainier; Aquilla Jackson, Baltimore; L. V. Johnson, St. Michaels; Samuel Y. Harris, Baltimore; Simon Solomon, Baltimore.

TEXAS BOARD OF PHARMACY.

The Texas Board of Pharmacy held its final examination for non-graduate pharmacists at

Waco, Texas, May 14th, 15th and 16th, with 203 applicants in attendance. The Board elected new officers at the meeting. They are: John A. Weeks, Ballinger, *President*; W. H. Cousins of Dallas was reelected *Secretary*; C. B. Allison was reelected *Treasurer*. All members of the Board, including J. Dan Allen, Houston; Paul D. Carroll, Texarkana; E. E. Weaver, Fort Worth; Erwin Joseph, Austin; Mr. Weeks and Mr. Allison were in attendance.

C. M. Brewer, secretary of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, has been elected vice-president of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. Mr. Brewer will preside over the sixth district, which includes Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Kansas, Louisiana and Missouri.

ALPHA ZETA OMEGA FRATERNITY.

Members of sixteen chapters of colleges and schools of pharmacy met in Baltimore, June 24th. Among the speakers were Doctors John C. Krantz, Jr., E. F. Kelly and David I. Macht.

NARCOTIC THEFTS.

Professional men and druggists, wholesale and retail, are urged by the Bureau of Narcotics to store all narcotics under lock and key, preferably in metal cabinets or safes, since the check-up of many thefts by narcotic agents has shown that they were committed without trouble due to the use of wooden cabinets and unlocked cases. Legal purveyors were cautioned also against letting the Government order forms issued to the drug trade and the medical profession fall into the hands of illicit traffickers and addicts.

In addition to opium, morphine and heroin thefts, in the two-year period, more than 700 ounces of cocaine, dionin, and other opium and coca leaf derivatives were stolen, these drugs bringing considerable return in the illicit traffic when addicts find it difficult to obtain morphine or heroin. While the manufacture of heroin is forbidden in this country, and the medical profession has voted against its general use, there are some small stocks on hand and it was from these stocks the thefts were reported.

REFORM ADVERTISING.

The newly formed advertising committee of the Proprietary Association will shortly establish headquarters in New York City with a staff of experts to make a study upon which to base its recommendations. The new group has been

charged with the responsibility of developing a plan for voluntary advertising control, to eradicate such evils as exaggerated claims and bad taste. An organization meeting in New York City during the week was attended by William Y. Preyer, chairman; Lee H. Bristol, chairman of the executive committee of the Association of National Advertisers; William S. Groom, James F. Hoge, legal expert, and Frank A. Blair, president of the association.

NEW JERSEY CODE MARK-UP SUSPENDED.

The fifteen per cent mark-up provision contained in Article 12 of the code of fair competition for the retail trade in the State of New Jersey was suspended by the State Industrial Recovery Administrator, effective May 24th, pending a study of distributive costs in the state. The suspension was considered as only temporary, however, and the provision may be either reaffirmed or revised within the next few weeks, depending on the results of the cost study.

The action came as a surprise to retailers, inasmuch as the mark-up had been granted for a trial period of sixty days and no change was expected before that time. Since the code was approved by Governor A. Harry Moore a few weeks ago the druggists had set up a code authority, opened offices in the Industrial Office Building, Newark, and had circulated lists of prices, including the mark-up, for many nationally advertised products.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Volumetric Analysis. By H. P. STARCK, M.A., Head of the Science Department, The Technical College, Kingston-on-Thames, published by William Wood and Company, Baltimore, 1934; VIII + 228 + 31 pages. Price \$3.00.

This text was originated in connection with the author's teaching of volumetric analysis to students reading for School certificate, University Scholarship, National Certificate, and Pharmaceutical, Medical and General examinations in chemistry in Great Britain. Portions of the work are designated for certain classes of students by definite headings, such as, "Inter. and Final B.Sc. Students" "For Degree Students," "Estimations for All Advanced Students." The articles and preparations which should be estimated by pharmaceutical students have their Latin Titles mentioned in

parentheses and exceptions are indicated by an asterisk.

The subject matter includes a brief consideration of a large number of well-known analytical processes. Concise procedures are given and emphasis is placed on the explanation of equivalent weights. The book is divided into five sections treating of: I—Introduction, II—Acidimetry and Alkalimetry, III—Oxidation and Reduction, IV—Precipitation Methods, and V—Application Methods, appendices, index and qualitative analysis tables. A number of well-selected problems are included in each section.

The book is well suited to the purposes for which it is intended no doubt. Since we in this country do not have a type of examination similar to that which obtains in Great Britain, it is not likely that a text covering so wide a variety of materials will find extensive use here. The many pharmaceutical items treated of make the book of value and interest, however, to all who are engaged in the analysis of pharmaceutical chemicals—GLENN L. JENKINS.

The JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A. is indebted to Dr. Edward Kremers, of the University of Wisconsin, for *Bulletin*, Series No. 1919, General Series No. 1703, "Phytochemistry," by Edward Kremers and collaborators, being No. III of the "Methane Series of Hydrocarbons."

NRA HANDBOOK.

The National Recovery Administration has compiled an authoritative guide in the form of a 30-page document, entitled, "What Is the NRA?" Descriptions are given of the various steps taken in formulating codes and suggestions are advanced to show why no two codes of fair competition are alike. They all must contain certain specified features.

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The International Red Cross Society will meet in Tokyo, October 19th to 29th. Elaborate preparations are being made by the Japanese Red Cross Society for the annual meeting of the Red Cross Society in Tokyo, which is to be held in the Japan Red Cross Society Building in Shiba Park.

Reports of Local Branches had to be deferred to a succeeding issue of the Journal.