

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Wishes for a Successful 1936.

H. K. Mulford was tendered a dinner at the Union League on October 31st, by the National Drug Club, in honor of his completion of 50 years in pharmaceutical work.

C. C. Harris, of Houston, has resigned as *President* of Texas Pharmaceutical Association. **B. B. Brown**, of Dallas, is the *First Vice-President*.

Martin E. Adamo, a fellow-member has been appointed a member of the Advisory Board of the Division of Immigration and Americanization, under the Department of Education.

Among the highlights of the National Drug Trade Conference were: Endorsement of fair trade legislation, fair trade enabling act, Copeland bill, collection and compilation of evidence relating to harm or danger to public health in the present system of distributing medicines at retail.

Dr. Raymond A. Pearson, former president of the University of Maryland, has been appointed special assistant to Rexford G. Tugwell.

Officers of Ohio Valley Druggists' Association are: *President*, Philip A. Schwartz; *Vice-President*, Chester A. Lathrop; *Secretary*, Stanley Roth; *Treasurer*, Otto E. Kistner.

Members of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION were ably represented at the St. Louis meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and several of the papers received front page recognition in the press. Among the latter, papers by John C. Krantz, Jr., C. Jelleff Carr, Ruth Musser, William Harne, James C. Munch, Theodore Koppányi, James M. Dille, Charles R. Linegar. No doubt others of those mentioned on page 943 of the November JOURNAL received related mention, but at this late day their contributions did not come to this writer's attention.

The Texas Centennial will open at Dallas, June 6th. Here in August the 84th meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION will be held.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

A Text-Book of Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology. By JOHN GLAISTER, MD., D.P.H., F.R.S.E., in collaboration with JOHN GLAISTER, JR., M.B., CH.C., M.D., D.Sc. Fifth edition. Published by William Wood and Company, New York City, 1931; xv + 954 pp.; 132 illustrations and 7 plates. \$10.00.

Glaister has been an authority in medical jurisprudence and toxicology for the last half century in England. American students are probably less familiar with this authority. The first sixteen chapters of the fifth edition deal with medical jurisprudence: the various British laws and Scotch criminal procedure, nature of evidence, identification, pathological changes in drowning, hanging, electrocution, exposure, apoplexy and following various types of wounds, blood stains and identification, pregnancy, abortion, infanticide, drunkenness and lunacy. A very large number of case reports are presented to illustrate various phases of medical jurisprudence, and 117 figures set forth various features. Photomicrographs of various types of hair, post-mortem appearances following wounds, methods of identity by fingerprints are clearly illustrated.

The second section deals with toxicology: definitions of poisons, poison schedules, the Dangerous Drugs and the Therapeutic Substances Acts, and the procedure to be followed in cases of suspected poisoning. The last three chapters deal with irritant poisons, arsenic, phosphorus, various halogens, the opium alkaloids, cannabis, cocaine and a number of vegetable alkaloids. A portion of the last chapter discusses food poisoning, botulism, snake bites, stinging fishes and arrow poisons. The world tolerances for arsenic are discussed, but the Manchester Beer poisoning receives only brief mention. Characteristic responses from exposure to toxic doses of various poisons, as well as abstracts of a number of legal cases of murder with various types of poison (Crippen, Smith, Lyons, McCracken, Cotton, Cross, etc.) are described in some detail. This will prove a very helpful book for analysis and legal presentation of toxicology.—JAMES C. MUNCH.

The Seventh American Scientific Congress was held in Mexico City, September 8th-17th, in the Palace of Fine Arts. It was opened by the President of the Republic of Mexico. Various American countries were represented by delegates. The work of the sections was divided into physical and methodical sciences, geology, engineering and industrial chemistry, agricultural sciences, biological sciences, medical sciences, hygienical sciences, anthropological and historical sciences, social and economic sciences, and bibliography, Indianism, juridical sciences.

A number of interesting papers were read and the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was represented by Guillermo G. Colin and Manuel Donde Gorozpe.