

EDITORIAL

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHARMACY.

AS stated in February JOURNAL the International Pharmaceutical Federation has selected Brussels for the twelfth International Congress of Pharmacy, July 30th to August 5th, coinciding with the Exposition Universelle of 1935. The Congress is under the patronage of King Leopold III. The program of the Congress details the entire domain of pharmaceutical subjects: Galenic pharmacy, pharmaceutical chemistry, analytical chemistry, toxicological chemistry, bromatology, pharmacognosy, microbiology, bacteriology, hygiene, history of pharmacy. The Secretary-General is Pharmacist J. Breugelmans, 3 rue du Gouvernement Provisoire, Brussels. Those who will attend should advise the latter promptly, giving title and profession, title of paper and advise whether it will be illustrated and whether experiments will be made during presentation. Only those articles will be accepted which are received prior to May 30th, as they are to be printed in advance of the meeting of the Congress. The official language of the Congress is French, but reports and communications may be written in any other language.

The Scientific Committee is composed of Prof. A. Castille, University of Louvain; Prof. A. J. J. Van de Velde, University of Ghent; Prof. F. Schoofs, University of Liège; Pharmacist O. Van Schoor; Prof. N. Wattiez, University of Brussels. The secretaries are: E. Delvaux, University of Louvain; H. Lecocq, A. Gilkinst Institute of Pharmacy, University of Liège. The Professional Interests Section is presided over by G. van de Vorst, of the Société de Pharmacie d'Anviers. M. Breugelmans is the editor of *Journal de Pharmacie de Belgique*; the February 17th number contains a complete program of the Congress, part of which includes the entertainment features and information relative to trips that may be taken by visitors. It is hoped that visitors from the United States will arrange their travels for attendance at the meeting.

PAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE sixth congress of the Pan-American Medical Association will hold its sessions on board the steamship Columbia, sailing from New York on August 28th. The itinerary includes Havana, Curaçao, Trinidad, Santo Domingo, Jamaica, Rio de Janeiro, Santos and Sao Paulo in Brazil. The activities of the Association represent all branches of medicine, including studies on the United States and pharmacopœias of other American Republics. The Association has provided an award for post-graduate study; this year's selection will be made by the medical profession of Brazil.

The session of 1933 was held in Dallas, Tex., at which time Theodore J. Bradley presided over the Pharmacopœial Section. Chairman E. Fullerton Cook,¹ U. S. P. Revision Committee, presented a plan for coöperation, embodying general principles for an effort to reach an agreement on standards, pharmacopœial uniformity, contacts with the Health Departments of the Republics represented,

¹ JOUR. A. PH. A., 22, 456 (1933).

pharmacopoeial information, and to agree upon the adoption of suitable titles and synonyms, and uniform strengths and percentages of purity.

The general plans of this year's congress were made March 1st, in New York City at a dinner in honor of Dr. Oswaldo Aranha, Brazilian Ambassador to the United States. The possibility of valuable results through coöperation of the divisions of medicine in the American Republics is evident, but systematic and persistent encouragement is essential.

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES.

THE regents of the University of Michigan at their meeting in January established a Division of the Health Sciences, which is to consist of the Medical School, the School of Dentistry, the Division of Hygiene and Public Health, the University Hospital School of Nursing, the College of Pharmacy and Post-Graduate Education. The purpose of this new division is to coördinate the work of all the divisions of the University which are concerned with the public health sciences, and the committee of this division is to act in an advisory manner.

The faculty of the College of Pharmacy considers that this step is a clear recognition on the part of the regents of the University of the importance of pharmacy as one of the public health sciences.

DRUG JARS IN NEW YORK MUSEUM.

THE interest of collectors in drug jars is shown in the exhibition at the American Art Association—Anderson Galleries of the collection of the late John Wanamaker. The latter display was in the home of Mr. Wanamaker on shelves which have been brought to the Museum; the containers are traced back to the Middle Ages and were made at the great pottery works of that period, such as Urbino, Castle Durante and Faenze, in Italy, and important centers in France, Holland and Spain.

Associated with the collection referred to are other specimens, mortars and pestles; some of the bronze mortars show "the interest of the time in ornamenting every day objects." Walter Rendell Storey writes interestingly on the subject in the *New York Times Magazine* of March 3rd, in an article wherein descriptions are given of the jars and mortars, now sought by collectors because of their ornamentation and ceramic importance.

DANISH REVIEW OF "PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY."

Svend Nielsen has published an extensive review of "Professional Pharmacy" prepared by Frank A. Delgado and Arthur A. Kimball, under authority of the U. S. Department of Commerce, Daniel C. Roper, *Secretary*, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Willard L. Thorp, *Director*.

This review appeared in the *Farmaceutisk Tidende* and is reprinted as a booklet. It affords the Danish pharmacists an opportunity to acquaint themselves with American pharmaceutical activities and exhibits the interest of Dr. Svend Nielsen in the subject. The authors are honored by the recognition and the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION appreciates the value placed on the publication by the pharmacists of Denmark.

It may be stated here that the first edition of "Professional Pharmacy" is exhausted and a revision with considerable important additional matter is in preparation.