

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF ARMY LIBRARY.

"The one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Army Medical Library was observed with ceremonies at the library, November 16th. The principal address was delivered by Sir Humphrey D. Rolleston, Haslemere, Surrey, England, formerly regius professor of physic at the University of Cambridge, former president of the Royal Society of Medicine and the Royal College of Physicians, and physician extraordinary to the king. Other speakers included Col. Harold W. Jones, librarian, and Surgeon General Charles R. Reynolds. Rare books and manuscripts were on display."

### PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

**Dr. Simon Flexner**, director emeritus of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, has been appointed Eastman visiting professor at Oxford University, Oxford, England, for the academic year 1937-1938. The Eastman professorship was founded by the late George Eastman of Rochester to provide for scholars in American universities to go to Oxford as visiting professors for terms of from one to five years.

**John S. Zinser** has been elected a member of the board of trustees of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. Other trustees named are: **George D. Beal** and **Joseph Rosin**.

**Senator William E. Borah**, according to press statements, will give support to the Tydings national fair trade enabling act at the next session of Congress.

**Hugh P. Beirne**, of the Connecticut Board of Pharmacy, was a speaker at a recent meeting of the Waterbury Dental Association; his subject was "Uses of Drugs in Dental Work." He brought into his discussion the relationship of dentists and druggists and references to proposed legislation sought by Connecticut dentists.

**Prof. Ralph W. Clark** will be Acting Professor of *Materia Medica* at the Pharmacy School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, from January 1, 1937, until the end of the school year. He has been granted leave of absence from the University of Wisconsin. Mrs. Clark and children will accompany him.

### U. S. P. AND N. F. EXHIBITS.

Complete sets of the U. S. Pharmacopœia and National Formulary were shown at a model

drug store exhibit in Milwaukee, under direction of Dr. Edward Kremers and Milwaukee Pharmacists' Association.

**Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit** died two hundred years ago, September 16, 1736. He was born in Danzig, two hundred and fifty years ago. His fame rests largely on his temperature investigations and specific gravity work.

### NOBEL PRIZE.

This year's Nobel prize in medicine and physiology has been awarded jointly to Sir Henry Hallet Dale, director of the National Institute of Medical Research in Hampstead, London, and to Dr. Otto Loewi, professor of pharmacology at the University of Graz, Austria, for their discoveries related to the chemical transmission of nervous activity.

### REPORT ON DRUG ADDICTION IN CALIFORNIA.

The State Interim Narcotic Committee of California has completed a Report on Drug Addiction in California. Commissioner H. J. Anslinger prepared an introductory for the report on the National Narcotic situation. He expresses satisfaction that much headway has been made recently in the way of coöperation received from the several states and local authorities in the capture, apprehension and prosecution of narcotic violators.

### PHARMACIST-ESPERANTISTS MEET IN TOKYO.

The following matters were discussed in Tokyo, October 15th, at a meeting of pharmacists:

Editing of a dictionary of pharmacy Esperanto, the extension of the membership of esperantists, extension of Esperanto among pharmacists.

One of the important considerations was the coming national convention of esperantists in Tokyo in 1937 in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of this international language.

A revision of the Japanese Pharmacopœia is contemplated. It is stated that there has been great progress in pharmacy in Japan and that the 5th edition needs complete revision.

### ST. LOUIS N. A. R. D. CONVENTION CITY.

The executive committee of the National Association of Retail Druggists has selected St. Louis, Mo., to be the host city for the 1937 convention of the N. A. R. D. Convention headquarters probably will be the Jefferson Hotel, and dates for the convention were set definitely as September 27th to October 1st. A sub-committee was appointed by Chairman Thomas S. Smith, of Wilmington, Del., to study the possibility of zoning the country to assure adequate representation with reasonable regularity.

Foremost among the objectives of the N. A. R. D. during 1937, the Executive Committee has decided, will be passage of the Tydings-Miller National Fair Trade Enabling Bill. Second only to this will be activities to assure the enforcement and effectuation of the Robinson-Patman law.

### FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee of Florida Pharmaceutical Association at a recent meeting decided to prepare for the presentation of bills at the next session of the Legislature—a Fair Trade Act, Anti-Price Discrimination, bill, a Dangerous Drug Act, a State Poison Law and a bill to amend the State Board of Health Law, increasing its membership to five, one of whom shall be a registered pharmacist.

The Golden Jubilee meeting (1937) will be held in St. Petersburg, May 18th-20th.

### EXPANSION PROGRAM OF VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION.

When the present program of hospital construction is completed by the Veterans' Administration, there will be available 12,914 additional beds. Of these, 8993 will be for the treatment of neuropsychiatric patients, 1576 for general medical and surgical patients, 157 for tuberculosis, and 2188 new beds will be added during the current fiscal year under the administration's building project, which provides for additional beds in forty-two of the existing hospitals and the erection of five new facilities. Appropriations made available by Congress February 2 and August 12, 1935, and March 19, 1936, totaled \$29,015,420.00.—*J. A. M. A.*

### SURGEON GENERAL'S CAMPAIGN.

A general check-up of the results of the syphilis campaign will be afforded at a meeting

which will be held in Washington from December 28th-30th.

A part of the Public Health Service program contemplates the free distribution of anti-syphilitic drugs by states to all sources of treatment. This is believed to be rational as a partial subsidy to the medical profession because of the expense of private purchase of the necessary drugs by physicians particularly when patients are indigent, or nearly so. The drugs offered should include at least two of the common arsenicals and, so far as possible within budgetary limits, a generally accepted bismuth preparation.

### EXEMPT NARCOTIC PREPARATIONS.

Commissioner Anslinger advises retail pharmacists that all sales of exempt narcotic preparations must be recorded for inspection by Federal agents. Failure to make such records is a violation of law.

### MEDICINE AND PHARMACY GO HAND IN HAND.

Liberty is taken in quoting the two opening paragraphs from a radio address by Robert L. Swain, in the following:

"On this occasion, when Baltimore is host to the distinguished visitors comprising the Southern Medical Association, it is very fitting indeed that we give some public discussion to the problems met with in the administration of public health.

"As I visualize those problems after many years of association with them, I am impressed with the kinship of social and legal forces to the medical sciences upon which public health depends. By this statement I do not mean that law has stimulated the development of the medical sciences but I do mean that it has kept the road clear so that there may be a full realization of the social benefits and advantages which medical research has made possible in recent years. As medical scientists have labored, with no thought of time or price to the discovery of new drugs and medicines for the alleviation and treatment of disease, it has been the function of the law to restrain the quack and mountebank. One of the dominant hopes of mankind has been the discovery of remedies and cures for the diseases with which man has been harassed. In fact, the history of the development of medicine and pharmacy might be said to go hand in hand with the development of civilization itself."...