

## EDITORIAL NOTES

### THE HOSPITAL PHARMACY.

"A department of the hospital which is often neglected is its pharmacy. Even in our moderate size or smaller hospitals the pharmacy should be under the direction of a full-time, competent pharmacist. The practice of trusting the compounding of simple staple hospital formulas to any but a competent pharmacist is hazardous, wasteful and should be prohibited.

"A sizable portion of the hospital income is spent for drugs, biologicals, pharmaceuticals and other supplies issued by the pharmacy. The pharmacist can save the hospital a considerable sum every year in the judicious, intelligent and economical purchase of hospital drugs and supplies. His accuracy in the compounding of prescriptions, in stock solutions and pharmaceuticals effect a greater saving. The care and judgment which he uses in dispensing supplies will save the hospital many a dollar.

"But aside from this, there is a definite hazard for which the administration of the hospital is legally responsible, in permitting the filling of prescriptions and the dispensing of drugs by incompetent employees.

"Again the pharmacy should be well located, attractively furnished and equipped. Its shelves should be clean and well ordered and its stock of supplies kept fresh and up-to-date. The same exacting cleanliness should be established in the pharmacy as is practiced in the operating room. It should be in every instance a modern, well-appointed, well-equipped department of the institution staffed by a registered pharmacist."—Editorial in *Hospitals*, November 1936—the *Journal of the American Hospital Association*.

### INFANTILE PARALYSIS RESEARCH.

The will of Mrs. Lelia H. B. Graham provides approximately \$350,000.00 for research work on infantile paralysis at Johns Hopkins University.

### EXAMINATION OF PHARMACISTS FOR MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE CORPS, REGULAR ARMY.

As announced in the September JOURNAL, page 837, examinations will be held December 14-18, 1936, to qualify, candidates for appointment as second Lieutenant in the Medical

Administrative Corps, Regular Army, to fill eight of the existing vacancies. Examining boards will be convened at convenient locations. Full information and application blanks will be furnished upon request by The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

### RESEARCH ON OPTICAL GLASS.

A broad program of fundamental investigations on the chemistry and physics of glass surfaces to aid in the development of scientific apparatus and ophthalmic instruments has been started at Mellon Institute of Industrial Research by the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, of Rochester, N. Y. The first studies will be concerned with the effects of environmental factors on the durability of the various types of glass used in optical instruments. Dr. Frank L. Jones, the fellow since 1931, will be in charge of the new investigations.

### ALLANTOIN.

Allantoin, a synthetic urea derivative, which has already been widely hailed as effective in the treatment of ulcers, burns, gangrene and other skin wounds, which had failed to respond to other methods, has now been applied with decided success to diabetic ulcers by Dr. Eugene C. Rice, of Washington, D. C.

His results were announced by U. S. Department of Agriculture officials in charge of an allantoin exhibit presented before the annual meeting of the Southern Medical Association, Baltimore.

### PHARMACOPŒIAL HEARING.

A meeting of the Executive Committee, U. S. P. Revision Committee was held at Hotel Washington, Washington, D. C., on November 30th. An opportunity was given those interested in U. S. P. Revision to present briefs and statements concerning texts, tests and assays. Chairman E. Fullerton Cook presided at a morning and an afternoon session.

James E. Hancock delivered an address before the Southern Medical Association, during its recent meeting in Baltimore. The subjects included by the speaker related to the origin of the "Star Spangled Banner," Fort McHenry, early Baltimore physicians and their influence on the development of Baltimore. The address was well received by radio listeners and the physicians.

### 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.