

EDITORIAL NOTES

THE FLOODS.

The flood visitation, affecting many states, reached the proportion of a national disaster, but the loss and suffering is apt to be forgotten, after the newspapers no longer carry headlines, except by those who endured loss.

Speaking from former experiences and the present, manufacturers and wholesalers responded quickly and helpfully. This statement is general, so that no injustice may be done, for manufacturers have responded in the generous way which has marked former occasions. Service, time and products were supplied at once for the greatly needed biologicals and other materia medica and offer to replace damaged products has been made. The wholesalers have also responded to the immediate needs of their patrons. All of this should be worded into a story deserving of the action prompted without thought of fee or reward. During times of stress, affliction and loss the close relation of the divisions of pharmacy comes into evidence and speaks for the existing fellowship. Appreciation is extended to those who gave comfort, relief and help in the hour of need.

In the stricken sections many pharmacists have suffered direct and indirect loss and they should be given more than passing encouragement. Pharmacists are always well represented among those who respond to needs.

THE U. S. P. VITAMIN COMMITTEE.

The U. S. P. Vitamin Committee held sessions on March 24th in Washington; Chairman E. Fullerton Cook presided. Various phases of the work were presented in papers and discussions and the sessions were well attended.

MEETING FOR DISCUSSION OF U. S. P. AND N. F.

A meeting devoted to addresses and exhibits dealing with U. S. Pharmacopoeia XI and National Formulary VI will be held at the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY, April 9th; a program is being arranged. The Medical School of George Washington University and members of the Medical and Dental Faculties have been invited; also the Medical and Dental Societies of the District of Columbia.

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

It is hoped to have the medical section of the Pan-American Conference visit the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY on April 9th.

THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETIES FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY.

The federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology formed by—the American Physiological Society, the American Society of Biological Chemists, Inc., the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, Inc., the American Society for Experimental Pathology—met in Washington, March 25th–28th, under the auspices of the School of Medicine, George Washington University with the coöperation of the National Institute of Health and other Government and University Institutions.

A large number of papers were read and discussed.

PURDUE DRUGGISTS' CONFERENCE.

The Sixth Annual Druggists' Business Conference held under the sponsorship of the Purdue University School of Pharmacy convened March 25th–27th. Included in this three-day conference were joint meetings of the business and professional groups with the Boards of Pharmacy and groups of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Dr. Howard W. Haggard and Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, were on the program.

Subjects which were considered and discussed included "Reëntering the Drug Business," "What Shall We Do about It?" "Marihuans," "Service vs. Mutuals," "New Competition," "A New Lesson in Prescription Pricing," "What Figures Reveal," "News from the Front," "The Pharmacist and the Dentist," "The Pharmacist and the Doctor," "The New U. S. P." and "The New N. F."

E. W. Runyon, member of the A. P. H. A. since 1875, and his niece were recent visitors at the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY.

TOUR OF GERMAN APOTHECARIES.

No more definite information has been obtained relative to the tour of the German apothecaries in this country than submitted heretofore. The Hamburg-American Line—North German Lloyd, has the matter in charge. New York, Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington will be visited. The party arrives in Washington Sunday, April 26th.