

## EDITORIAL NOTES

### COMMITTEE ON BRITISH PHARMACY.\*

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain has established a Special Committee of Enquiry of which its President, Thomas Marns, was elected chairman at the first meeting on October 19th. The following program was adopted:

*"Economic.*—Study the number of pharmacists and pharmacies in relation to public needs; growth of numbers of shops; growth of numbers of entrants; types of ownership of pharmacies; growth of coöperative societies and multiple-pharmacy companies. Lines along which services of retail pharmacist to public are developing. National Health Insurance Act developments. Development of institutional pharmacy. Extent of dispensing by medical practitioners. Extent of supply of drugs, etc., by unqualified traders. Pharmaceutical Society's qualifications and their suitability to present-day needs. Cost of qualification in comparison with other qualifications. Desirability of an assistant's qualification.

*"Historical.*—Relations between grocers, apothecaries and physicians from seventeenth century. What were circumstances when Society was founded?

*"Parliamentary.*—Pharmacy Bills and enquiries since 1900. Parliamentary activities of similar bodies. Organization of pharmacy for Parliamentary purposes.

*"The Pharmaceutical Society.*—Its development; objects, powers and duties; effect of the "Jenkin" case; constitution of Council. Qualifications for registration (including University degrees and foreign and colonial qualifications). Directions in which constitution might be modernized."

The following sub-committees were decided upon and the Committee was requested to render a report in June; this should be of interest to American pharmacists because of its broad scope. The names of the four sub-committees follow:

Sub-committee 1 (Economics of the practice of pharmacy in shops).

Sub-committee 2 (Economics of the practice of pharmacy on the wholesale and manufacturing scale and in the public services).

Sub-committee 3 (Historical and parliamentary).

Sub-committee 4 (Pharmaceutical Society).

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### SWEDISH CENTENARY.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Institute, Sweden, which is stated to be the oldest pharmaceutical college in Northern Europe, celebrated its hundredth anniversary on December 3rd with a banquet in the magnificent hall of the Riddarhus (Knight's House), Stockholm. King Gustav and Prince Carl were present together with representatives of the Swedish Government, Swedish scientific institutions, the Royal Medical Board, the pharmaceutical institutes of Denmark, Finland and Norway and of Swedish pharmacy. Dr. E. Ohlsson gave a short history of the Institute and paid homage to former professors, especially Messrs. P. F. Wahlberg and C. G. Mosander, the latter of whom, through his study of the rare earths, discovered four new basic substances. Addresses were read from pharmaceutical societies, medical boards, veterinary and pharmaceutical colleges in other parts of Scandinavia. Several large donations were received, including one of 20,000 kronor from a donor who wished to remain unknown. The interest is to be used to assist pharmaceutical candidates who wish to pursue their studies further. The sum of 17,000 kronor has also been set aside for the equipment of a modern laboratory for galenical pharmacy. A gold medal is to be awarded every second year to pharmaceutical candidates who have contributed to the advancement of pharmacy.—*The Chemist and Druggist*, January 5, 1937.

### A WORLD MEDICAL CENTER IN WASHINGTON.

The proposed Naval Medical Center is progressing with a budget of \$4,850,000. According to the *Washington Evening Star* of January 8th, "it will constitute a very large unit in a development, in progress without attracting much attention for some years, which is making Washington the medical capital of the world. Other units are the National Institute of Health of the Public Health Service, the great Army medical center which has grown up around Walter Reed Hospital, the agricultural research center at Beltsville, where many experiments have dealt with fundamental medical problems; the INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY; the diagnostic center of the Veterans' Administration at Mount Alto and such older institutions as the Surgeon General's Library. Only second in importance is the great expansion and improve-

ment in the past few years of the three local medical schools, George Washington, Georgetown and Howard. The first two especially have become far more than institutions for the systematic education of physicians. They have become world centers of research. A striking example of this expansion is the Brain Institute recently established at Georgetown for pure research in brain physiology and anatomy. Almost unnoticed in this development has been the establishment this year of the William A. White School of Psychiatry, which promises to raise Washington above Vienna as a world center for research in this branch of medicine.

The activities of these units is at present uncoordinated and there is no immediate proposal to coordinate them. Perhaps the best interests of all will be served if each pursues its individual way in an atmosphere of friendly cooperation.

The fact remains that in the field of medical research America has arrived. Vienna and Paris have lost their prestige in this respect. They began slipping after the war. And of all this American development Washington has become, without any conscious design on the part of anybody, the center which henceforth may be expected to attract students from all over the world.

**Dr. A. R. L. Dohme** has presented a photograph of the late **Joseph P. Remington** from the Photograph Album of his mother, the late Mrs. Charles E. Dohme. Also, a framed group photograph of the Members of the Board of Trustees of the U. S. Pharmacopoeial Convention present at the Seventh Annual Meeting, held at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, May 2, 1907. They are: Dr. Henry M. Whelpley, St. Louis; Charles E. Dohme, Baltimore; Joseph P. Remington, Philadelphia; Frederick W. Meissner, La Porte, Ind.; James H. Beal, Scio, Ohio.

**Mrs. H. M. Whelpley** has donated to the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION two wooden microscopes. They are accompanied by a note from Frederick A. Parsons, Assistant Secretary of the Royal Microscopical Society, London, England, under date of June 2, 1903. The letter accompanying the microscopes reads as follows:

"Dr. H. M. Whelpley, I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 5th, which with the photographs enclosed, has been submitted to Mr. E. M. Nelson who is of the opinion that the microscope was probably made by Brander of Augsburg, about 1750."

A newspaper clipping in connection with the microscopes refers to an occasion in St. Louis called, "An Evening with the Microscope," and was a most successful meeting of the Academy of Science in St. Louis. Dr. Whelpley in a short talk outlined the object of the displays. Aside from the display of microscopes the visitors and members examined the slides and displays.

Mrs. H. M. Whelpley has also presented three volumes of "The Analysis of Drug Powders," an Atlas for apothecaries, druggists and students of pharmacy, prepared by Dr. Ludwig Koch, Professor of Botany at the University of Heidelberg. There are many illustrations; the first volume relates to Barks and Woods; the second to "Rhizomes, Tubers and Roots; and the third is divided into Plants, Leaves and Flowers. The volumes were collected in 1902, 1904 and 1907, by the late Dr. W. M. Whelpley. The shipment also included many pharmaceutical publications and a number of other books.

The Whelpley collection (Dr. and Mrs. Whelpley) fits in a number of displays of the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY: Photographs, microscopic slides, manuscript, documents, badges, letters, etc., to which from time to time Mrs. Whelpley is making additions.

#### PAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS.

More than 300 American physicians, members of the American Medical Association, sailed January 15th on a fifteen-day cruise to Havana and the West Indies to participate in the Pan-American Medical Association Congress to be held in Havana beginning Jan. 18th.

The American group is headed by Dr. Joseph J. Eller, director general of the Pan-American Medical Association and dermatologist to the City Hospital of New York. In Havana the United States group will join medical authorities from all South American and West Indian countries.

The delegates took with them a letter from President Roosevelt wishing every success and cooperation among all peoples in the Western Hemisphere.

#### THE HARVARD MICROSCOPE.

The Harvard microscope, designed by Prof. L. C. Graton in collaboration with Dr. E. B. Jane, Jr., can magnify objects up to 50,000 their normal diameter. Its application is chiefly in the geological department.

## DETERMINING AMOUNT OF ODOR.

Prof. Rudolph Gmelin, of Mannheim, Germany, has reported to the German Society of Physicists and Mathematicians the invention of an instrument which detects odors much in the same manner as the human nose. The instrument will be used in tunnels where there is auto traffic in order to determine the amount of impurity in the air.

President Tom Smith, of the N. A. R. D., was tendered a testimonial dinner on December 3rd, by members and pharmacists of Wilmington, Delaware. National and State Associations were represented.

F. W. Connolly, Dorchester, has celebrated the fifty-second anniversary of his pharmacy, maintaining the professional phase during these years.

He has been making valuable donations to the Museum of the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY.

The resignation of F. V. McCullough, of New Albany, as secretary of the Indiana Pharmaceutical Association has been announced.

Mr. McCullough, who served the association for many years as its secretary, has also given up his position as editor of *The Indiana Pharmacist*, official publication of the association.

The new address of the association and of *The Indiana Pharmacist* is 806 Test Bldg., Indianapolis; Mary Louise Byrn is acting secretary.

Alice-Esther Garvin, secretary of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association and editor of the "Connecticut Capsule," is ranked as one of the ten outstanding Connecticut women in the new publication of the American Historical Society of Connecticut year book to be issued this spring.

The biography will mention Miss Garvin's work as contributor to numerous publications, author of various poems and a play, and her work in the lecture field.

In her extensive travels, Miss Garvin, among other things, has made a thorough study of pharmacy. At present, she is writing her first long book, tentatively entitled, "Pharmacy under Fascism." She is now planning a trip to Russia for further study.

Following publication of his third book "Ancient North Yarmouth and Yarmouth," Druggist-Author William Hutchinson Rowe

has announced that he is considering writing a volume devoted to the growth of pharmacy in Maine.

Allen Taylor, of Elizabethton, Tenn., has been named to the State Board of Pharmacy here by Governor Gordon Browning, succeeding Harold L. Ellis.

*New York State Pharmacist* for January presents Dr. Hugo H. Schaefer by the *Managing Editor*, Milton S. Malakoff, who brings out the high points of an active pharmacist. An interesting statement is that, where Dr. Schaefer now is looking after the affairs of an institution, devoted to education of pharmacists, he, as a youth, attended school in that locality.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

President George A. Moulton, of New Hampshire Pharmaceutical Association, issues *bulletins* to the members. The December letter gives instructions relative to Fair Trade Contracts and explains the importance of proper filing.

The Mid-Winter Meeting of the Association was held January 25th; the Association also sponsored a January cruise to Cuba for 9 days and enjoyed the visit with the Cuban Pharmacists. The *Havana Post* featured the visit of the visitors; these meetings not only present an opportunity to become acquainted with the members, but also get the views of pharmacists in nearby countries. President Moulton has taken advantage of opportunities.

*Drug Topics* of January 31st shows O. Henry (W. S. Porter), a balance used by him in the store of Morley Drug Company, Austin, Texas, and L. S. Doyle, who clerked with O. Henry in the latter store. Several years ago, in going through some records, a counter blotter was found on which O. Henry wrote one of his first short stories.

## INTERNATIONAL PHARMACOPŒIA.

Dr. L. van Itallie in an address during the Copenhagen meeting of the International Pharmaceutical Federation brought up the question of an International Pharmacopœia, not as a new subject, but an effort dating back to the first International Congress of Pharmacy in Brunswick and discussed at each succeeding congress. A committee of seven, drawn from different countries, assisted by a number of collaborators, representing scientific and practical pharmacy, will take up the subject.

#### THE BULWINKLE-LAFOLLETTE BILL.

The U. S. Public Health Service is interested in the Bulwinkle-LaFollette bill and is supporting it.

Secretary Kelly said it was gratifying that the U. S. P. H. S. had taken the initiative and called his attention to the measure and suggested that representatives of the profession of pharmacy should be present at various conferences of public health officials and others which will be held later to discuss all the phases of the bill.

President E. N. Gathercoal, A. PH. A., is adjusting the laboratory and fixtures in the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY. On February 1st, he was the speaker at the meeting of Philadelphia Branch.

Secretary **Robert P. Fischelis**, of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy, discussed "Proprietary Medicines" in the *Scientific Monthly* for January.

**E. P. Enloe**, of Rome, has been elected member of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, succeeding **H. M. Herrin**.

#### TEMPLE UNIVERSITY.

President-Elect J. Leon Lascoff, of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, chairman of the Recipe Book Committee, will be honored by Temple University on February 15th, when the university will confer upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in recognition of his outstanding services in the field of Pharmacy.

Dr. Lascoff will be one of five persons prominently identified with local, state and national affairs, who will receive academic distinction from Temple. The occasion will feature the traditional observance of "Founder's Day" at the university. Dr. H. Evert Kendig, Dean of Temple's School of Pharmacy, in a brief citation, will present Dr. Lascoff for the honorary degree. Dr. Lascoff, whose home is in New York, was the recent recipient of the coveted Remington Medal for conspicuous service in the pharmaceutical profession.

#### BALTIMORE.

The Tydings National Fair Trade Appreciation Dinner was held in Baltimore on February 3rd, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. A large attendance was present from Baltimore, District of Columbia and various parts of Maryland and Delaware.

The Baltimore Branch A. PH. A. elected the following officers for the ensuing year: *President*, Albert C. Gakenheimer; *Vice-President*, Andrew F. Ludwig; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Robert S. Fuqua.

The Charter Day Banquet of the University of Maryland was held in Baltimore, January 20th.

R. L. Swain addressed the University of Maryland Medical Forum on December 17th, in the Wilson Memorial Auditorium of the University Hospital, Baltimore. He spoke on, "Medical Advertising and the Law."

#### DR. CHARLES H. LAWALL MEMORIAL MEETING.

A memorial service for Dr. Charles H. LaWall was held Wednesday afternoon, January 12th, at 2:00 o'clock at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

The program prepared for the occasion included: Remarks by the Presiding Officer; Representatives: Board of Trustees, Col. Samuel P. Wetherill; Faculty, Dr. J. W. Sturmer; AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, Dr. E. F. Kelly; American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Dr. Ernest Little; Revision Committee, United States Pharmacopœia, Dr. E. Fullerton Cook; The Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania, Dr. Henry B. Allen; State Board of Chemists, Bureau of Foods and Chemistry, Dr. Elmer E. Harter, Jr.; *American Journal of Pharmacy*, Dr. Ivor Griffith; Wagner Free Institute of Science, Dr. Samuel C. Schmucker; Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, Mr. Ambrose Hunsberger; Alumni Association, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, Mr. John E. Kramer; Local Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, Dr. William A. Pearson; Student Body of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, Mr. Warren R. McPeck.

#### OBITUARY.

J. T. Coulson, the 16th president of Texas Pharmaceutical Association and vice-president of Southwestern Drug Corporation, Dallas, died January 26th, after a brief illness. He was a prominent Texas retail druggist for many years and took an active part in collecting the Texas fund for furnishing the Editor's Room in the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY.