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William J. Husa, newly elected chairman of the National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research, was born in Iowa City, February 5, 1896, the son of Albert and Eleanor (Shonfelder) Husa. His professional training was obtained in the University of Iowa School of Pharmacy from which he obtained the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy in 1913. Later he returned to his Alma Mater to pursue further courses of study which led to the degrees of Pharmaceutical Chemist and Bachelor of Arts in 1920. Graduate work in Columbia University made him the recipient of the degree of Master of Arts in 1921. After this training in the East he returned to the University of Iowa which conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1923.

Dr. Husa is a modern exemplar of a worker with drugs. Before entering the University of Iowa he was employed in the Pharmacy of M. W. Davis of Iowa City and here developed his insatiable curiosity for nature's secrets in the materials of the healing art. As a graduate student in the University of Iowa Dr. Husa heard first the call which was to determine the character of his life's work "And gladly teach" and here he began his pedagogic activities as an instructor of Chemistry for students in Pharmacy.

After a varied experience as a chemist with the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. during the World War and nutritional research assistant under Dr. H. C. Sherman of Columbia University, Dr. Husa at a very youthful age was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacy in the University of Florida. In this capacity he has distinguished himself as a teacher and organizer of graduate work in Pharmacy. In this latter field Dr. Husa was a pioneer in the South. In addition to his arduous teaching duties, the young professor assiduously pursued research in his chosen field. He has been the recipient of many of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION research grants and has always given an excellent account of his stewardship. His comprehensive work on drug extraction is a classic in the field of pharmaceutical research.

As an association worker, the subject of this sketch has been covered with substantial achievement. He has served as Chairman of the Scientific Section of

the A. Ph. A., Chairman of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing, Vice-Chairman of the Section on Education and Legislation, Chairman of the Committee on Prescription Tolerances and a member of the Committee on Research. The offices that he has held in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the Florida State Pharmaceutical Association are numerous and bespeak the trust placed in Dr. Husa by his colleagues and his indefatigable efforts in behalf of Pharmacy.

In 1923 Dr. Husa married Lydia M. Vittengl, Phi Beta Kappa, B.A. University of Iowa. Mrs. Husa has frequently been associated with Dr. Husa in his early researches and with their son William is a regular attendant at the meetings of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research looks forward to a period of brilliant leadership under the Chairmanship of Dr. Husa.—J. C. K., JR.

A SYMPOSIUM ON GLYCOLS.

Although a year has passed since the Elixir of Sulfanilamide incident with its tragic consequences, there has been no attempt so far as is known to get together all the available information about the glycols, despite the fact that perhaps no chemicals have been more widely discussed during this period than have certain members of this relatively simple family of compounds.

It therefore occurred to those responsible for the program of the Pharmacy Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting to be held in Richmond during Christmas week, that a Symposium on the Glycols might be arranged that should prove highly informative and attract widespread interest.

The subject will be discussed under four general heads, and the men who have accepted assignments for the Symposium are acknowledged leaders in their respective fields. Dr. Frank C. Whitmore, president of the American Chemical Society, will discuss the chemistry of the glycols. Dr. H. O. Calvary, chief pharmacologist of the Food and Drug Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, will consider their physiological action. Mr. H. B. McClure, of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, will talk on their industrial uses and Dr. A. G. DuMez, dean of the School of Pharmacy, University of Maryland, and editor of PHARMACEUTICAL ABSTRACTS, will discuss their pharmaceutical uses.

After these formal papers are presented, a general discussion will be opened by Dr. H. B. Haag, professor of Pharmacology at the Medical College of Virginia and Dr. M. G. Milnos of Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons. The program will be held on Tuesday, December 27th, at 10:00 o'clock, in the salon of the Jefferson which is headquarters hotel.

The Program Committee is deeply indebted to Dr. Haag, himself a pharmacist, for much of the work involved in suggesting the subjects, and in choosing the men who will take the leading parts.

WORTLEY F. RUDD, *Chairman.*

In order to promote interest in researches dealing with the water-soluble "B-complex" vitamins, Mead Johnson & Co. have established an annual award of \$1000 to be given over a period of five years through the medium of the American Institute of Nutrition. The institute, through an appropriate committee of judges selected from its membership, will name the recipient of this award; the formal presentation of it will be made as part of the program of the annual meeting held each spring.
