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PAPERS FOR THE ISSUES OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

As the papers that were read at the Detroit meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association have nearly all been printed, the editor requests that contributions for the succeeding numbers of the Journal be submitted. It is not desired to interfere with the work of the Sections and doubtless papers read at the Branch meetings will contribute largely to our present needs.



WILLIAM MARTIN SEARBY MEMORIAL.

The Alumni Society of the California College of Pharmacy paid a deserved tribute to the memory of William Martin Searby by presenting to the University of California a marble chair bearing the inscription:

"Dedicated to the memory of
William Martin Searby,
the Father of
Pharmaceutical Education
in the West.

Born 1835. Died 1909."

The ceremonies took place in the Greek Theater of the University at Berkeley, May 16, 1915.

Mr. Searby was elected President of the



Searby Memorial Chair

American Pharmaceutical Association in 1907, presiding at the meeting in Hot Springs (1908). The closing words of his address bear repetition:

"I ask you to turn your faces to the rising sun; feast your eyes on visions of a brighter

day, towards which we are all working as we seek to promote true pharmacy by education, by legislation and by steady, persistent efforts to develop a scientific, practical and ethical pharmacy."

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TABLET TO THE MEMORY OF
DR. DAVID WALDIE.

A bronze portrait medallion tablet has been placed upon the wall of the building occupied by Dr. David Waldie in Linlithgow, England. The sculptor was H. R. Hope-Pinker, Master of the Art Workers' Guild. The tablet bears the following legend:



"DAVID WALDIE.

Surgeon, L. R. C. S. E. and Chemist,
Member of the Asiatic Soc. of Bengal.
B. Linlithgow, 1813. D. Calcutta, 1889.
A Pioneer in Anæsthetic Research.

To him belongs the distinction
Of having been the first to
Recommend and Make Practicable
The Use of Chloroform in the
Alleviation of Human Suffering."

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SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

Whenever reports of annual meetings are sent to the editor by the secretaries of the various Associations a brief account is given in these columns in an effort to present the more important events and transactions. The same may be said regarding reports from schools of pharmacy. Space prohibits going into greater detail, but whenever the list of graduates have been sent in, these have been published.

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DR. H. H. RUSBY ARRANGES INTERESTING TOUR TO SAN FRANCISCO.

A Pacific Coast tour of exceptional interest and value has been organized by Dr. H. H. Rusby. The going route is by way of the

Canadian Rockies and the return via the Grand Canon. Stops will be made at Niagara, Toronto, Lake-in-the-Woods, where two days will be spent in fishing and touring in motor boats among the islands and along the streams, at Banff, Field and Glacier, in the Selkirks, where special attention will be paid to the alpine flowers among the glaciers, and where long stage rides will be taken among the mountains, at Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle and Portland. Six days will be spent in San Francisco, (Association week), one of which will be devoted to the ascent of Mt. Tamalpais and a visit to the big trees, and on one of which Dr. Burbank will conduct the party to his experimental plantations at Hayward. The next stop is at Los Angeles, whence the party goes to the San Diego Fair. Two days later the party returns to Los Angeles and goes to Long Beach, where the evening will be spent on the beach and among the phosphorescent waves. The following two days will be spent on Santa Catalina in fishing, sailing among the marine gardens and in a stage journey to the summit of the mountains. Returning to Los Angeles the party will leave by the Atchison road for the Grand Canon, spending two days at El Tovar Hotel, and then going to Flagstaff. At the latter place, visits will be made to the Lowell Observatory, where the members are promised a look through the great telescope, and to the caves of the ancient cliff dwellers. Two days will be spent at the petrified forests, whence the party will leave for home. From Las Vegas, some will return via Denver, some by St. Louis and some by Chicago. The journey occupies thirty-seven days, about twelve of which will be spent in transit and the rest at first-class hotels. The total cost, including all the side trips and recreations, and with the exception of meals taken a la carte in the dining car, is three hundred and fifty dollars.

The peculiarly interesting features of the trip lie in the fact that Dr. Rusby explored much of the region to be visited, in the interests of the Smithsonian Institution, before the advent of a railroad and while the country was still really primitive. He has pursued routes into the Grand Canon which are quite unknown to the ordinary traveler and is familiar with the forests and flora. While journeying in the Pullman, he will give many familiar talks on subjects of interest in connection with the places through which the car is passing, discussing such topics as

forestry, irrigation, glaciers, alpine floras, the methods and results of Dr. Burbank's work, the big trees, the origin of the Grand Canon, the purification of forests, methods of exploration and of travel under unusual conditions, etc.



BULLETIN OF WISCONSIN PHARMACEUTICAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

We have received the Report of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Experiment Station. This brief comment is intended to express the satisfaction every pharmacist must have in progressive pharmacy.

The industrial pendulum swings to and fro more rapidly in this country than any other. We recognize opportunities and make use of them speedily, so that often permanent application is impossible because of extreme views. We accept of new discoveries and just as readily discard them. Some insist on the exclusion of nearly all drugs, while others are as emphatic for their retention, in each instance, often with more or less prejudice. Thorough research relative to the production, constitution and action of drugs should decide the question. On this basis the *Materia Medica* should be restricted, for undoubtedly through knowledge of a lesser number will enable the practitioner to be of a greater service. As long as there are thousands of remedial agents employed, so long will the practice of medicine slowly advance and we may expect continued refutation of the efficacy of medicine.

There are other things that hinder the progress of pharmacy, but research work in whatever direction should be encouraged, so we are interested in the report; the establishment of this Pharmaceutical Experiment Station should be exemplary to other states.

Scientific cultivation of drug plants has had the attention of the government and pharmaceutical houses and now if all states will recognize that public welfare is concerned in such experimental work we may hope to develop standardized drugs.

Agricultural Experiment Stations are established in every state and this work is so closely related that the admitted utility of the former at once offers an argument for the promotion of this endeavor, which though not directly of the same commercial importance, has a value seldom calculated in money.

Incidentally, it may be said that the report evidences the sincere purpose of thorough,

practical investigation and experimentation, so that results may be utilized industrially. The Bulletin enumerates Wisconsin medicinal plants, contains an interesting article on the cultivation and distillation of wormwood oil in Wisconsin, a chemical study of it by E. R. Miller and one by H. A. Langenhan on the alkaloidal content of stramonium, replete with references.

The Bulletin Board

SAN FRANCISCO MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

(August 9-14, 1915)

PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE PROGRAM.

Remember that the Bellevue Hotel, corner Geary and Taylor Streets, San Francisco, is the official headquarters of the A. Ph. A., as announced in the April issue of the *Pacific Pharmacist*. Make your reservations early and avoid delay on arriving. For the benefit of those who may have overlooked the announcement referred to we repeat it in this issue. The following is the tentative program of meetings and sessions. It has been decided that the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties shall hold their sessions on August 5, 6 and 7, of the week before the meeting of the A. Ph. A. The California College of Pharmacy will entertain the members of the Conference and the sessions of this body will be held at the College Building. The Board of Directors of the College are planning a lunch at the Golden Gate Park Casino, a visit to the Park Museum, a visit to the Museum of Anthropology of the University of California with a lecture by Dr. Kroeber of the department of anthropology of the university. The conference will hold one session on the forenoon of Friday, August 6th, and a second session at 7 p. m. of the same day. If necessary, a third session can be held on Saturday, August 7th.

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy will hold its sessions on Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7, and the joint session of the boards, the conference and the section of education and legislation will probably be held on Saturday, August 7th. Mem-