

## SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES

## FALL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY, DIVISION OF PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY.

The fifty-third meeting of The American Chemical Society, held in New York City from September 25 to 30, was a grand success. Chemists from all over the United States, including many pharmacists, were in attendance and took part in the scientific program. At the same time The Second National Exposition of Chemical Industries was held in the Grand Central Palace, occupying two floors and with over 200 exhibitors, including those of many pharmaceutical chemists. It is a credit to pharmacy that in the opening exercises of the Exposition a pharmacist, Dr. Thomas J. Keenan, formerly Associate Editor of *The American Druggist* and now editor of *Paper*, took an active part. He called attention to the close connection between chemistry and paper-making and the yellow tinge of the newspapers since the stoppage of aniline dyes from Germany, which were used to whiten the paper. He pointed out a promising development in the South, where the sulphite process is being used to turn yellow pine waste into brown wrapping paper, similar to the Swedish product.

## DIVISION OF PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY.

The meeting of this section was held in the New York College of Pharmacy on Wednesday morning, September 27, with a good attendance; many pharmacists were present; the pharmaceutical journals were also well represented. Dr. John A. Long presided as chairman, and in the absence of Dr. George D. Beal, Dr. Lyman F. Kebler acted as secretary. The paper on *Aromatic Sulphuric Acid*, U.S.P., by Penniman, Randall, Miller and Enslow, showed that the failure to secure complete conversion of ethylsulphuric acid into  $H_2SO_4$  in the U.S.P. assay is due to presence of alcohol. This, instead of being condensed in a reflux condenser, as directed in U.S.P., should be evaporated in an open vessel on a water bath. The latter method leads to exact results in the assay. The paper was discussed by Doctors Kebler, Raubenheimer, Taylor, Army, Long and Randall. Louis Hogrefe presented two papers: *The*

*Registration of Proprietary Remedies and A Bill to Register the Use and Registration of Professional Degrees in New York State.* These were discussed by Doctors Long, Weinstein, Kebler, Raubenheimer and Taylor. Prof. Otto Raubenheimer displayed copies of the U. S. P. IX and N. F. IV and pointed out the activities of the chemists in the revision of the Pharmacopœia. He explained the delay in the publication of the standard work and made a plea for the coöperation of the pharmaceutical chemists, and furthermore advocated a Symposium on the Chemistry of the U.S.P. for the next meeting of the Section. Doctor Long asked for the upbuilding of the Division of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Professor Army called attention to the excellent Digest of Comments on U. S. P. and N. F. by Wilbert and Motter, of the Public Health Service.

Dr. H. V. Army presented *A Demonstration of Standardized Colored Fluids*, a continuation of his work presented before the Eighth International Congress of Applied Chemistry and the American Chemical Society. He displayed a beautiful array of shades of the acid Co-Fe-Cu colors and the alkaline Co-Cr-Cu. A lively discussion ensued in which Doctors Taylor, Hogrefe, Long, Raubenheimer and Weinstein took part.

The newly elected officers are: Lyman F. Kebler, chairman; George D. Beal, secretary, re-elected.

## CONFERENCE ON MEDICINAL CHEMICALS.

Among the many industrial conferences held during the convention the one on Medicinal Chemicals is of greatest importance to the pharmacist. This was held in Rumford Hall, Chemists' Club, on Friday afternoon, September 29, Dr. Harold Hibbert, presiding. In his address he called attention to the coöperation between university and industry, to the need of proficient industrial chemists, to the adequate supply of raw materials, to trade conditions, sales force, markets and tariff protection.

Professor Virgil Coblentz spoke on the low grade and adulterated raw materials, and also on the solubility of glass. According to his experiments this ranges in the following order: Blue, amber, green and flint glass. This subject was discussed by Doctor Raubenheimer, who called attention to the treatment of glass ampules before filling and also to

the chapters on sterilization in U. S. P. IX and N. F. IV.

A representative of the Russian Oriental Trading Company spoke on the trade conditions in Russia regarding chemicals and drugs which are now under the supervision of the Imperial Medical Department. H. J. Schnell gave statistics on the value of the drug trade in the United States, which paper was discussed by Prof. C. E. Vanderkleed and Virgil Coblentz. Quite a lively discussion took place on beechwood creosote, phenolphthalein, acetphenetidin and other scarce chemicals. Dr. C. M. Joyce, secretary of the New York Section A.C.S., spoke on the U.S.P. standard for cresol, but unfortunately he based his criticism on the U. S. P. VIII and not on the ninth revision.

Another compliment was paid to pharmacy by Prof. Wilder D. Bancroft in his lecture on *Colloidal Chemistry* in the General Session, on Tuesday, September 26, when he called attention to the valuable work done by Prof. John Uri Lloyd, which was presented before the American Pharmaceutical Association.

#### EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the National Association of Retail Druggists was held in Indianapolis, Ind., September 18 to 22, 1916. The attendance was large, over one thousand being registered. The following officers were elected: President, Robert J. Frick, Louisville; vice-president, Walter H. Cousins, Dallas; second vice-president, E. W. Stucky, Indianapolis; third vice-president, W. B. Cheatham, San Francisco; secretary, Thomas H. Potts, re-elected, and treasurer, Grant W. Stevins, Detroit, Mich.

The following were elected members of the Executive Committee: James F. Finneran, Boston, chairman; James P. Crawley, Chicago; T. F. Hagenow, St. Louis; Charles H. Huhn, Minneapolis; Charles F. Harding, Cincinnati, and S. A. Eckstein, Milwaukee.

Among the resolutions that were adopted by the convention are the following:

That the National Association of Retail Druggists make provision for carrying on a campaign of education, which will acquaint the public with the benefits of resale-price maintenance to the consumer, and we strongly urge that a part of this campaign be

the arranging and conducting of public meetings at which the principle of resale-price maintenance shall be explained and the desirability of legislation embodying this principle be advocated.

*Deferment of U.S.P. and N.F. Officialization Asked.*—That the National Association of Retail Druggists request the Federal authorities to defer the official application of the ninth revision of the Pharmacopœia and the fourth edition of the National Formulary until after January 1, 1917.

*Participation in U. S. P. Revision Sought.*—That steps be taken to have this Association represented on the next U. S. P. Revision Committee.

*Open Mails for Medicines Favored.*—That the National Association of Retail Druggists favors an amendment to the postal laws that will make it possible to send medicines containing poisons through the mails under such restrictions as to packing and so on, as will prevent their possible injury to the mails or those handling the same.

*Discrimination Condemned.*—That in our opinion it is contrary to the best interests of the retail drug trade to handle, display, or offer for sale any copyrighted or trademarked preparation or article in any size or style of package if the same trademarked preparation or patented article is offered to the consumer in any other style or size of package which is refused to the retail drug trade.

*Premium Schemes Opposed.*—That the National Association of Retail Druggists reaffirm its opposition to the giving of trading stamps, coupons, gifts and the like, and use its power to have created National and State legislation to abolish this practice.

The Supreme Court of the United States has sustained the constitutionality of the right of the respective States to pass legislation imposing a license fee upon persons, firms, and corporations using or furnishing trading stamps or coupons in connection with the sale of any goods, wares, or merchandise.

That the National Association of Retail Druggists instruct its Legislative Committee to prepare a model anticoupon or trading stamp measure, for submission to the Legislatures of various States through the Legislative Committees of the respective State Associations.

*The Regulation of the Narcotic Traffic.*—That all efforts to amend the Harrison Law by the elimination of Section 6 be fervently

opposed, and that, if any changes are contemplated in the law, we lend our support to those measures which would tend to strengthen, rather than weaken, the law.

That the Association voice its approval of the effort which is being made to secure a decision from the court which will set aside the unfair and unjust rulings of the Treasury Department, under the Harrison Law.

That our officers be instructed to continue to use their efforts to correct the impracticable rulings and regulations, as applied to the enforcement of the Harrison antinarcotic law.

That we request all states that do not have a law which provides satisfactory regulations with reference to the possession of narcotics by consumers to have such law enacted at once.

*To Combat the Medicine Peddler.*—That we direct the Executive and Legislative Committees to prepare or have prepared a model anti-vending measure in time for presentation to the forty-two respective State Legislatures that will meet on or after January 1, 1917.

*Selling of Liquors Condemned.*—That the National Association of Retail Druggists hereby reasserts and reaffirms its unalterable opposition to the sale of whiskey, brandy, or other intoxicating liquors by retail druggists except for strictly scientific, sacramental, pharmaceutical, medicinal, or mechanical use.

*Standard for Whiskey Favored.*—That we favor an official standard for whiskey and brandy in order that inferior articles for medicinal purposes may be avoided.

*Better State Laws Urged.*—That the National Association of Retail Druggists continue its efforts to secure for the druggists of this country better laws for their protection, believing it to be highly desirable for every commander and dispenser of medicine which is intended for the cure or relief of human ailments, to be a regularly licensed and registered pharmacist, without exception.

That we favor amendments to the State Pure Food and Drug laws, Health laws, and Sanitary Inspection laws, that will be applicable to and enforced upon, all alike, regardless of what one's profession or business may be.

That we commend the activity of the American Pharmaceutical Association in its endeavor to provide a model pharmacy law, and tender our assistance in such work wherever and whenever possible.

*Continuation of Guaranty Clause Desired.*—That we continue our efforts to have the Department of Agriculture provide a simple food and drug law guaranty clause that will not be misleading.

*Fair Remuneration of Postal Agents Favored.*—That the Committee on National Legislation be, and is hereby, requested to take such action as will regulate the compensation of postal substations according to the amount of business done.

*To Prevent Fraud in Measuring Devices.*—That the National Association of Retail Druggists recommend the adoption by the United States Government of a method that will prevent the interstate shipment of measuring and weighing devices that do not meet the requirements of the United States Bureau of Standards.

#### NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Forty-second annual convention of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association was held in Baltimore, during the week beginning October 2. The meeting was pronounced a most successful one, the attendance was large, the results were satisfactory and the entertainments enhanced by the genuine spirit of hospitality. Chicago was selected for the next place of meeting.

The new president is James W. Morrison, of Chicago, and Harvey H. Robinson, chairman of the local committee which arranged the details of the convention and who did so much for the pleasure and comfort of the delegates, was chosen first vice-president.

Other officers elected were William Scott, of Indianapolis, Ind., second vice-president; F. A. Solomons, Savannah, Ga., third vice-president; S. D. Andrews, Minneapolis, Minn., fourth vice-president, and Nelson V. Snow, Syracuse, N. Y., fifth vice-president. The new board of control is composed of Charles E. Bedwell, Omaha, Neb., chairman; George P. Merrell, St. Louis, Mo.; A. D. Parker, New Orleans; F. C. Groover, Jacksonville, Fla., and L. D. Sale, Los Angeles, Cal.

The Board of Control, after being installed, re-elected F. E. Holliday, of New York, secretary, and Evans E. A. Stone, of New York, assistant secretary, of the Association. The

Title Guarantee and Trust Company, of New York, was appointed treasurer.

Dr. J. H. Beal as representative of the American Pharmaceutical Association delivered an address on "A Plea for Sanity in Drug Legislation." Among his concluding remarks was the following:

"The tendencies in legislation represent a condition that constitutes a serious menace to the welfare of every business unit of the drug trade, whether manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer. For years the drug trade has served as a sort of experimental guinea pig for the doctrinaire reformer to try his foods upon."

Chairman Joseph P. Remington, of the U. S. Revision Committee, delivered an address on the new United States Pharmacopœia.

Each day had its special entertainments, among these, an oyster roast at Stonehouse

Cove as guests of the Pompeian Company; Thursday Dr. and Mrs. A. R. L. Dohme entertained the members and friends at their home, "Chestnutwood," Roland Park. This was a most delightful occasion. Dances symbolic of various poetic ideas were given by Miss Ruth Cramer, of Baltimore. These dances were highly artistic and were a real treat. Luncheon was served and the house, one of the finest around Baltimore, was thrown open to the visitors.

At night the annual banquet was served in the ball room of the Belvedere.

On Friday Sharp & Dohme entertained the entire convention with a boat ride on the Patapsco River and Chesapeake Bay to Annapolis and return. Luncheon was served at Carvel Hall. The visit to the United States Naval Academy and other points of historical interest was greatly appreciated and will long be remembered.

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