

TRAINED MEN SHOULD NOT BE  
DRAFTED FOR UNTRAINED  
SERVICES.

General Crowder, chief of the Provost Marshall's Department, has decided not to turn enlisted medical students, and young doctors, over to the Surgeon General's office of the Army. There is here, as in a great many things, the ever-appearing reference to precedent, often accompanied by a fear that professional service will be given too much military rank.

The stand taken seems unjust to the men, the service and the profession. The visiting Chief Surgeon of the English Army has warned our own people against blunders that cost England dear, and we should profit by them.

Pharmacy has not been recognized at all professionally, and still pharmacists are required for professional services, evidencing both their need and value, without commensurate pay nor any military rank whatever. It was contemplated to continue on this basis, but we believe now, that Congress will recognize the injustice and that the medical profession will be more intensely impressed with the justice and merit of what pharmacists are asking for, and aid in the passage of H. R. 5531, which it is to be hoped will also find favor with the Surgeon General.

A related experience is sometimes more persuasive than direct argument.

Secretary of War, Newton Diehl Baker, was commencement orator at the University of North Carolina; Secretary Josephus Daniels also delivered a short address. President Graham announced the promotion of J. G. Beard from assistant professor to associate professor of pharmacy.

Herbert Carl Raubenheimer, son of Professor Raubenheimer, chairman of the Committee on the A. Ph. A. Recipe Book, graduated with honors from the Department of Pharmacy of the College of Jersey City and received several gold medals and special prizes.

Mrs. Wilbur L. Scoville, wife of Professor Scoville, acting chairman of the N. F. Committee, died July 16. Mrs. Scoville had been sick for more than a year, prior to her death.

Hon. George Washington Edmonds, Congressman from the Fourth District of Pennsylvania, has introduced a bill in Congress (H. R. 5531), providing for a Pharmaceutical Corps in the Army. While not now in the drug business, he is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

The Department of Justice has made the positive statement that court plaster, infected with tetanus germs, has been sold in the United States. Newspaper accounts report the sale of infected soap. This, however, has not been substantiated.

## OBITUARY.

### ROBERT H. LAND.

Lacking just a little of being 83 years of age, there passed on recently in Augusta, Georgia, after some sixty years of useful life in that city, Robert H. Land. (Mr. Land was born March 10, 1834, and died February 8, 1917.—EDITOR.)

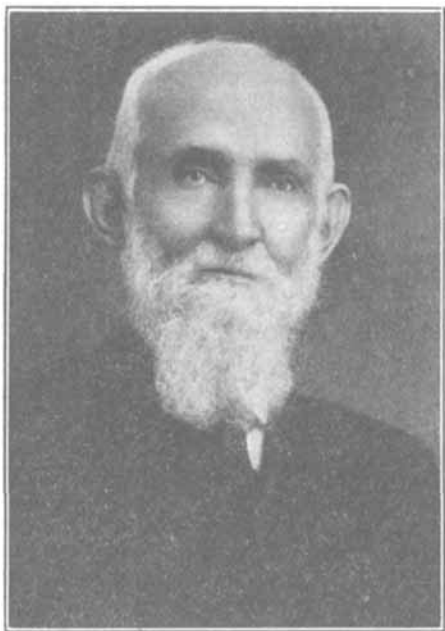
Here was a man who seemed really to be the very incarnation of pharmacy; yet it is not certain but that his attainments in chemistry and botany were nowise less than in his chosen profession. It is doubtful indeed, if any man in the South Atlantic States was superior to Mr. Land in any one of these three sciences.

From the physical side, his life was no less remarkable. He was frail looking and slender, not weighing over 100 pounds, and still he had scarcely ever a day of illness in his life; he went through the Confederate War from '61 to '65, and then walked all the way back

from the battlefield of Virginia to Augusta, safe and sound. He was engaged actively in the business of pharmacy and selling drugs from 1851 (less the days of the war) until several years ago. To the last he was full of cheerfulness, humor and good comradeship. He never lost his happy interest in life, and with full mentalities kept up his intense love for reading and studying.

In 1851 he was employed in the drug business of Dr. Pratt, Newberry, S. C. In 1861 he left Newberry for the army. During these ten years, with an able preceptor, plenty of books and the use of a well-equipped laboratory and an herbarium, he laid the foundation of his knowledge in botany, chemistry and pharmacy. He was, however, a student all of his life.

In 1865 he tramped back to Augusta and entered the drug business of Dr. W. H. Tutt, whose drug store perhaps, in those days



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(Member of the A. Ph. A. for 58 years)

was the finest of this section; in three years the firm was Tutt & Land. Later on he was the leading force in the drug house of Barrett & Land. These two firms were the largest drug firms in those days of the Southeast. He afterward carried on, in a more quiet way, a retail business in Augusta under his own name.

He was a life member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, joining in 1859. He was a charter member of the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association, and its third president.

At various times he did valuable work for the United States Pharmacopoeia and in earlier years was a frequent contributor to various drug journals.

He was remarkable for his keenness for scientific knowledge; for this he was always delving. The spirit of discovery was predominant in his mind. Through his proficiency in science he was enabled to be of great service and his reputation, especially in pharmacy, extended beyond his own section of the country. With him, a useful life passed out.

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## SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

### LAST CALL FOR THE A. PH. A. MEETING.

On August 27th, Indianapolis will welcome the annual convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association. It is reported that plans have been made to entertain a record-breaking number at this meeting and from the information regarding the important features of this wartime convention it seems likely that the committees have been planning both wisely and well.

There has never been a time in the history of the parent association when pharmacy was so much in need of safe reasoning and careful planning as it is at the present time. It seems particularly fortunate that Indianapolis was chosen for the 1917 meeting as its central location makes it easy of access to all points of the country.

The Claypool Hotel will be used as headquarters. This hostelry is amply provided with convention halls and committee rooms and is ideally located for such gatherings as the A. Ph. A. meeting. The rates are from

\$1.50 to \$5.00 a day for one person. Other excellent hotels are: The Severin, the Washington and the Denison, all centrally located and within a two minutes' walk of headquarters.

Rates from \$1.00 a day and upward have been secured at the Colonial, the English, the Grand, the Edward, the Linden and the Oneida. The Puritan and the Williams, a trifle more remote from headquarters, are new, moderate in price, and offer excellent accommodations.

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy will open the first business of the convention on Monday, August 27th and the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties will also have the first business meeting on that day.

The first general session will convene on Tuesday, and on the succeeding days the regular sessions of the scientific, commercial, and women's sections will be held.

There will be an excursion to Indianapolis Industrial Plants on Tuesday afternoon, and