

pendous task; he has gained the general respect and he holds the confidence of pharmacists, notwithstanding their differences of opinion. His accomplishments have benefitted humanity, the record has become part of history. May the years still spared to him be full of health as they will be of honor.

Whether Surgeon General Ireland will hold different views relative to pharmacy from his predecessor remains to be seen. He went to France with General Pershing and had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the Departments of the French Army. He is largely responsible for the medical organization and hospital facilities of the American Expeditionary Forces. Before the war he was assistant to preceding Surgeon Generals and is therefore well acquainted with the office he has assumed. The knowledge of conditions in France is most valuable. The Medical Corps has thus far not followed the practice of other branches of the Service in sending back regularly officers who have served in France so that they might instruct those on this side of the water and give them the right perspective of the war, and it is likely such plan will now be followed with the Medical Corps.

Surgeon General Ireland is fifty-one years of age, a graduate of Detroit College of Medicine and Jefferson Medical College. He has been in the Service practically since his graduation, served in Cuba and the Philippines, and was for a time stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, under General Pershing. His is an active, vigorous personality, and he has a knack for executive work.

*James H. Beal*, ex-President of the American Pharmaceutical Association and first editor of the *JOURNAL A. PH. A.*, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Board on Medicinal Products to the Medical Section of the War Industries Board.

*Harry B. Mason*, for many years editor of the *Bulletin of Pharmacy*, has resigned this position to accept that of director of promotion, publicity and advertising for Parke, Davis & Co.

*Prof. Joseph P. Remington* saw the completion of the sixth edition of Remington's *Practice of Pharmacy*; Prof. E. Fullerton Cook assisted in several prior revisions and his name is on the title page of the last; Prof. Charles H. LaWall has now also been selected as one of the editors. The future editions of this standard will be taken care of by the editors who studied under and were associated with Professor Remington, and whose work will be carried on by them and revised as progress demands. Both of the editors are well known to pharmacists and their selection for this work was almost a foregone conclusion.

#### RAINEY BILL, PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

The Rainey Narcotic Law passed the House October 2. The vote was unanimous.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE AGREES TO LOWER TAX ON DISTILLED SPIRITS.

In the consideration of the War Revenue Measure a tax of \$6.40 per gallon instead of \$8.00, was agreed to by the Senate Finance Committee, on distilled spirits for beverage purposes.

### SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

#### MATCH LUZERNE COUNTY.

The Luzerne County Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association is the name adopted by the pharmacists of Wilkes-Barre and vicinity for this new organization. Their success shows what may be done in organizing branches elsewhere. Up to date Luzerne County Branch A. Ph. A., has 51 members, and the enthusiasts say they will have 100 soon.

One of the first real accomplishments in the way of business was to fix the hours for drug stores, in this prosperous valley, from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. That alone was worth many times the price of organization; the cooperation, friendship and monthly meetings will multiply the benefits to be derived therefrom. This is

a call for no less than one hundred other counties to "match Luzerne."

The officers of the Branch are: *President*, Walter Banker; *First Vice-President*, W. D. White; *Second Vice-President*, James F. Kane; *Treasurer*, E. R. Owens; *Secretary*, Joseph D. Morgan.

The Second Vice-President is from Pittston, the other officers reside in Wilkes-Barre.

#### THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the National Association of Retail Druggists was held in New Orleans September 16-20. As expected, the attendance was not as large as in

other years, but the interest of the members was centered on the Convention and much business was transacted.

The address of President W. H. Cousins gave a general review of the activities of the Association and urged the continued coöperation of the Association with the Government, with legislative committees, and a more intensive interest in matters of legislation pertaining to the drug business. He spoke for recognition of pharmacists by the Government.

Secretary Samuel C. Henry reported the addition of 1,236 members during the year. He explained the new conditions brought about by legislative enactments, and the increased work of the Organization Department.

Treasurer Grant W. Stevens reported a surplus in the treasury of \$37,198.80.

Among the recommendations of the Executive Committee were the following:

That the Association oppose all proposals which seek to consolidate Pharmacy Boards with other Boards or Commissions.



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President N. A. R. D.

That the Rainey Amendment to the Narcotic Law be defeated.

That the Edmonds Bill be supported.

That deferred classification be made for pharmaceutical students, so that they may continue their studies and that the public be not deprived of pharmaceutical service.

Coöperation with all branches of the Gov-

ernment in its prosecution of the war was pledged.

Because persons have been permitted to become registered pharmacists, both by examination and otherwise, without first becoming citizens of the United States, and these individuals are not amenable to the Draft Regulations and may continue in business to the detriment of citizens who are constantly being called from their business to the colors, which in effect accords special privileges by state laws to persons not citizens when such privileges are denied citizens, therefore the N. A. R. D. went on record as opposed to the registration of all persons as pharmacists who are not citizens of these United States or who have not at least taken out first papers certifying their intention of becoming citizens.

The U. S. P. and N. F. Propaganda Committee reported a busy year. It is contemplated that representation be secured for the Association on the U. S. P. Revision Committee. It was recommended that fluidextracts be replaced in the Pharmacopoeia, in whole or part, by 50 percent tinctures, "or by some other representative class of medicine."

Among other resolutions adopted were the following:

Against compulsory health insurance laws.

For an American Materia Medica, as far as this is possible.

For proper modification of the Patent and Trade Mark Laws.

The members were urged to subscribe to the following pledge and to lend their efforts in combating of venereal diseases:

#### PLEDGE.

We, the undersigned druggists, appreciate the seriousness of venereal diseases, especially among the armed forces of the United States as indicated by the reports of the Surgeon General of United States Army, and we hereby pledge ourselves individually to coöperate with the United States Public Health Service and with all health authorities to do all that lies within our power as druggists to aid in reducing the venereal scourge among civilians, and specifically do we agree:

1. Not to prescribe or recommend any remedy for a venereal disease.

2. Not after this date to purchase a "proprietary remedy" for a venereal disease, and not to sell such "remedy" after Dec. 1, 1918.

3. To cause to be handed to every person asking for a remedy which we believe is to be used for a venereal disease without a physician's prescription, a card or other literature furnished us by the Surgeon General, directing such applicant to a reputable physician, to a board of health, or to an approved venereal clinic.

4. Not to refill prescriptions for the treatment of venereal diseases without the order of a physician.

It is understood the Government will require the physicians to sign the following pledge:

1. To keep accurate record of all venereal patients treated in accordance with State laws, and to report same to the proper health authorities required by the State, County or City.

2. To indicate where required on such individual record when the patient is discharged as cured and in such cases which fail to continue treatment to the point of cure, to report same to the Board of Health or competent authority.

3. To comply with the request of the Surgeon General, neither to compound or dispense remedial agents for venereal disease except in emergency conditions, and in such event to make complete notation of ingredients used and quantities of each on each occasion so dispensed.

4. Except in cases requiring special treatment to follow the method of treatment as laid down in the instructions and procedure outlined by the Surgeon General for cases of this character.

It was also resolved that the N. A. R. D. in convention assembled, petition our Federal, State and Municipal Governments to establish venereal clinics in various easily accessible zones where proper modern treatment of said diseases may be assured.

The entertainments of the meeting were successful in every way. Fortunately the business of the meeting was so arranged that all of Friday of the week was given over to the entertainments.

A pleasing event of the Convention was the election of Dr. Wm. C. Anderson, Wilhelm Bodemann, John W. Lowe and Simon N. Jones as life members of the Association.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: *President*, Charles F. Harding, of Ohio; *First Vice-President*, W. A. Oren, of Indiana; *Second Vice-President*, Harry B. May-

er, of Tennessee; *Third Vice-President*, A. Wirth, of Louisiana; *Secretary*, Samuel C. Henry, of Chicago; *Treasurer*, Grant W. Stevens, of Michigan.

*Executive Committee: Three years*, Charles H. Huhn, of Minnesota; Walter H. Cousins, of Texas. *Two years*, James F. Finneran, of Massachusetts; Robert J. Frick, of Kentucky. *One year*, James P. Crowley, of Illinois; Theodore F. Hagenow, of Missouri.

#### FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association convened during the week of October 7, in Hotel Astor, New York City. Notwithstanding the many things that interfered, general satisfaction was expressed because of the number present, and the meeting proved an interesting and profitable one. President Charles E. Bedwell, of Omaha, presided over the meetings. Loyalty was questioned in all transactions wherein the question entered; among the speakers were J. T. Allen, associated with the Y. M. C. A. overseas work, and at the banquet Hon. Martin Littleton and Dr. Royal S. Copeland, New York City Health Supervisor, who spoke also of the splendid cooperation from the drug industries in fighting the prevailing epidemic.

A. L. Everett, counsel N. W. D. A., declared that the Association had violated no law of the United States as alleged by the Federal Trade Commission, and characterized the publicity given to the charges of the Commission as shameful to a sincerely patriotic and honorable industry and that only the opportunity was lacking for the Association's officials to appear and show their innocence of the charges brought against them.

The report of Chairman R. R. Ellis, of the Trade Acceptance Committee, was most interesting and the plan of putting the system into effect is being perfected. While there will be some objection for a time, the establishment of it will bring about healthier business conditions.

The report of the Legislative Committee was important. While realizing that tremendous sums of money must be raised to carry on the war and to pay bills already contracted, even if the war should end soon, the wholesalers fear that the tax measure now proposed may prove so drastic in its charges that there

will be no business done on which the tax can be levied and collected. According to many members who spoke briefly after the committee had announced its report, a more reasonable basis for taxes will still allow a large volume of business to be done on which the net gain to the Government will be a great deal more than would a big tax on a small volume of business.

The matter will be taken up with the Senate Finance Committee and an effort made to arrange a compromise of some sort on drug taxes. It is feared by the wholesalers that if the bill goes through as now drawn, retailers will stop handling many proprietary and patent preparations on which the profit is already limited.

There was great interest in the salesmen's contest over papers on "Economical Value of the Wholesale Druggist and Reasons Why He Is Essential." The judges, Messrs. Walter V. Smith, Frank H. Garrett and J. K. Lilly, had considerable of a task, a duty they conscientiously performed, many papers being entered in the contest for which the prizes amounted to \$500.00.

New Orleans was chosen for the next place of meeting and Arthur D. Parker, of the host-

city, was elected president. Other officers chosen were: *First Vice-President*, Joseph Plaut, New York; *Second Vice-President*, William J. Murray, Jr., Columbia, South Carolina; *Third Vice-President*, W. F. Cram, Des Moines; *Fourth Vice-President*, R. W. Blanding, Providence; *Fifth Vice-President*, Fred E. Yahr, Milwaukee. The Board of Control for next year consists of *Chairman*, George R. Merrill, St. Louis; L. D. Sale, Los Angeles; F. C. Groover, Jacksonville; H. D. Faxon, Kansas City; Lee M. Hutchins, Grand Rapids; R. R. Ellis, Memphis; W. T. Harper, Ottumwa, Iowa; G. Barrett Moxley, Indianapolis; S. D. Andrews, Minneapolis; B. A. Jackson, Providence; W. E. Greiner, Dallas.

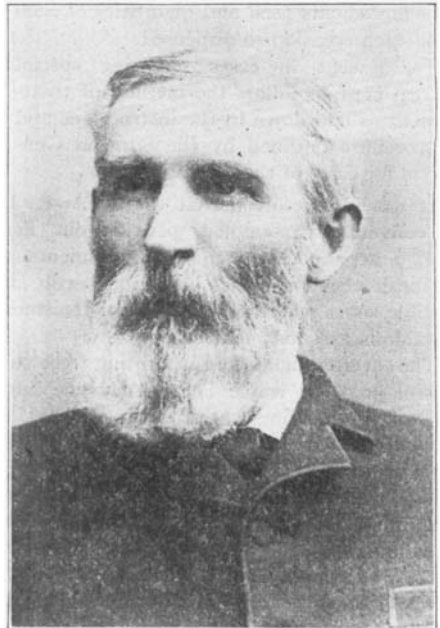
The Board of Control, at its organization meeting, reappointed F. E. Holliday as *Secretary* and C. H. Waterbury as *Assistant Secretary*.

Among the entertainment features were the President's Reception, a banquet, and a trip up the beautiful and busy Hudson. McKesson & Robbins issued *Drug Topics* as a souvenir booklet, containing the program, historical and local matter, and pictures of many members of the Association.

## OBITUARY.

John Augustus Dunn, chemist for E. R. Squibb & Sons since 1866 and superintendent of the firm for about thirty years, died at his home, Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday, August 30. Mr. Dunn was a regular attendant at the annual meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association until 1910. For the following data we are indebted to Mrs. Dunn.

Mr. Dunn was born in 1840 in St. Louis, Mo., and was from his early boyhood the constant companion of his dear friend, Dr. William F. Edgar, of Los Angeles, Cal. Dr. Edgar was U. S. Army Surgeon and before the Civil War was with the U. S. Government Scientific Survey. The deceased, then a boy, traveled with the expedition that was detailed to run the 35th parallel through New Mexico and to establish a U. S. Post at Albuquerque. These were the first white people who had ever penetrated that country. It was during this expedition that scientists first observed the land of the Cliff Dwellers and claimed that the peculiar formation was due to volcanic disturbance, while the men in the command looked on and argued "These things were made by human hands," which we all know was proven later. Wonderful and numerous were the tales



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