

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

PHARMACY REPRESENTATION IN
BUREAU OF CHEMISTRY AND
INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Executive Board of the American Druggists' Fire Insurance Company, Dr. J. H. Beal presented the following timely resolutions, that should receive the endorsement and support of all organizations of the drug trade:

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It does not appear that at the present time there are experienced and practically trained representatives of the drug manufacturing and selling industries connected with the U. S. Bureau of Chemistry or with the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue, both of which bureaus are charged with the interpretation and administration of laws applying to the manufacturing and selling of drugs and medicinal products; and

WHEREAS, The just and equitable interpretation and application of such laws frequently involves the consideration of technical questions which can be properly answered only by those who have had technical training and practical experience in the manufacturing and selling of drugs and medicinal products; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend that the various associations and societies representing the several divisions of the drug trade bring the above statements of fact to the attention of the proper authorities at Washington and urge upon them the appointment in the Bureau of Chemistry and in the Bureau of Internal Revenue of one or more representatives familiar by practical experience with the manufacturing and handling of drugs and medicinal products and of the material used therein.

AMERICAN METRIC ASSOCIATION.

The second meeting of the American Metric Association was held in Pittsburgh in conjunction with the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on December 28 and 29, 1917.

The sessions on the afternoon of the 28th and the morning of the 29th were held in conjunction with the Section on Social and Economic Science of the A. A. A. S. and at these sittings papers on standardization were read by J. W. McEachren, of the Crane Company,

Chicago, and by F. O. Wells, of the Greenfield Tap & Die Co., Greenfield, Mass. In his paper, Mr. Wells pointed out that he employed 1700 hands and that he calculated that he would save \$100,000 by the introduction of the metric system. Other papers were read by W. C. Wells, of the Pan-American Union, who discussed measures of volume in metric and other measurements, and by H. T. Wade, who pointed out the importance of the metric system as a means of international standardization.

The session held on the afternoon of the 29th was presided over by Dr. John H. Brashers, of Pittsburgh, and was devoted to reports from President George F. Kunz, Secretary Howard Richards, Jr., and Treasurer A. P. Williams, showing the healthy condition of the association. Fred R. Drake read the report of the executive committee and outlined the activities of the Association in the way of publicity and of coöperation with other national bodies. Dr. H. D. Hubbard, of the Bureau of Standards, gave an interesting address in which he pointed out some of the fallacies of anti-metric arguments.

In the evening was held a metric dinner with a menu based on war-time conditions, the gramme calories of each viand being expressed in units. At the close of the meal impromptu addresses were made, followed by an election of officers, resulting as follows: *President*, G. F. Kunz, of New York; *Vice-Presidents*, William Jay Schieffelin, of New York, E. P. Albrecht, of Philadelphia, and H. V. Arny, of New York; *Secretary*, Howard Richards, Jr., of New York; *Treasurer*, A. P. Williams, of New York.

NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

Out of respect to the memory of Prof. Joseph P. Remington, who died January 1st, no meeting of the National Pharmaceutical Service Association was held during January.

Much has been accomplished by the Association for the support of the Edmonds Bill in the past seven months of its existence. Starting with a membership of twenty-seven, the roll of the Association has grown to seven hundred, and a large number of applications are now on hand. Monthly meetings have been held on the second Monday or Tuesday of every month since June 1917, and among the speakers at these meetings were Congress-

man George W. Edmonds, who introduced H. R. 5531 into the House, Dr. H. P. Hynson, of Baltimore, Mr. C. A. Mayo, of New York, Mr. Samuel C. Henry, now of Chicago, and Doctors J. Madison Taylor, F. E. Stewart, and John R. Minehart, of Philadelphia, and Mr. George M. Beringer, of Camden. Some of the papers presented by these speakers have been issued in pamphlet form, and distributed to the members and to the pharmaceutical and medical press.

Shortly before the Edmonds Bill was introduced, a committee of the Association, consisting of Messrs. Geo. M. Beringer, J. W. England, E. G. Eberle, and S. L. Hilton called upon Surgeon General Gorgas of the United States Army to urge the formation of a Pharmaceutical Corps.

This committee was well received, and four medical officers were detailed by the Surgeon-General to hear their case. At the conclusion of the Conference, the Committee was invited to present to the Surgeon-General a brief summing up the arguments which had been advanced in favor of the creation of a Pharmaceutical Corps in the Army. This was done, and the brief has been published in a number of pharmaceutical journals, thus being given wide publicity.

The only source of income of the Association thus far, with the exception of one or two donations, has been the membership fees, which amount to \$1.00 for each member. The money thus collected has been used in carrying on an active propaganda in favor of the Edmonds Bill, and for increasing the membership of the Association. It is felt that the influence of this Association will be directly proportionate to the size of the membership.

It has not been the policy of the National Pharmaceutical Service Association to interfere in any way with the working of any other national, state, or local association. Since its organization, the central theme has been coöperation. It is a very difficult matter to educate and energize the 100,000 or more pharmacists in the United States to the point where they will take it upon themselves to write their Congressmen, urging the passage of the Edmonds Bill, and to enlist the support of laymen, physicians, and other professional men in behalf of recognition for pharmacy in the Army. However, this is the task which the National Pharmaceutical Service Association has imposed upon itself, and with the help of other associations, as

well as individuals, the task can be accomplished. Literature has been sent to every member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, to every member of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Associations, and, through the good offices of Secretary Edwin L. Newcomb, of the Minnesota State Association, propagandic material and membership application blanks have been sent to the pharmacists of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana. Letters have also been sent to the secretary of every state pharmaceutical association, informing him of the work being done, and inviting coöperation as well as offering assistance for supporting the Edmonds Bill.

The pharmaceutical journals have given freely of their space to this movement, and through this publicity a great deal in the way of personal activity on the part of individual pharmacists has resulted.

It is planned by the House Committee on Military Affairs to hold a hearing on this bill in the near future at Washington, and as soon as Congressman Edmonds has made the necessary arrangements for a hearing, the various associations will be notified, and it is to be hoped that representatives will be sent to Washington to argue in favor of this measure. The passage of this bill would be the biggest thing that has been accomplished for professional pharmacy in many years, and it is essential that the highest type of representatives of the body pharmaceutic be sent to the meeting. Doubtless a conference of the delegates will be held at Washington before the meeting, and spokesmen will be selected. Everyone, however, can contribute arguments in favor of the bill, and lend encouragement to the speakers, and impress the Committee on Military Affairs by his presence.

The National Pharmaceutical Service Association invites pharmaceutical bodies to coöperate in this movement, and to join as individuals so that the funds may be made available for continuing the needed propaganda. Individual pharmacists can accomplish much by speaking to the newspaper men in their home cities, who will doubtless be glad to give the matter editorial notice. Information for newspapers can be had from the secretary on request. Every pharmacist in the United States has a distinct duty to perform in connection with this work:

1. He should write his U. S. Representatives and Senators, asking for their vote for the bill.

2. He should send a telegram to the Committee on Military Affairs, stating that it is to the best interests of men in the service to have the Edmonds Bill passed.

3. He should acquaint all his friends in civil life with the fact that pharmacy in the Army is not being practiced by pharmacists, and that the safeguards which are thrown around the dispensing and compounding of drugs in their own state are absolutely ignored in the army camp.

It is to be hoped that all of the pharmaceutical interests will combine to send this very necessary measure "over the top." If this is accomplished, there will be enough credit to go around. The thing to do now is to keep everlastingly at it, and achieve success.

The coöperation of every pharmacist is necessary.

ROBERT P. FISCHELIS,
Secretary.

OHIO BRANCH NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

The National Coöperative Organization to secure the establishment of a Pharmaceutical Corps in the U. S. Army has done effective work, and we are advised that this active body, of which Dr. Frank Cain, of Cincinnati, is secretary, contemplates organizing permanently as the Ohio Branch of the N. P. S. A. This body has sent out much literature and secured recognition from the press. Among the active members are: Dr. John H. Landis, Health Officer of Cincinnati; Dr. E. O. Smith, President Ohio State Medical Association; C. H. Thiesing, President Ohio Pharmaceutical Association; H. J. Dusterberg, President Ohio Valley Druggists' Association; Theodore D. Wetterstroem, Secretary Ohio Pharmaceutical Association; Louis Werner, President Cincinnati Branch A. Ph. A., and numerous others both among pharmacists and physicians; in fact Cincinnati and Ohio generally are deeply interested and intensively active.

This organization shows what can be accomplished, that physicians and surgeons are interested, and coöperative action is possible and helpful. The importance of other states taking similar action is stressed. There must be a central body to prepare literature and direct, so that there may be concerted effort. It should be stated that good work is being done in Alabama, California, Texas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Maine, Kansas, etc.; in fact, there seems to be a general awakening

of an enthusiasm to stand up for right and justice and to win.

Letters sent to Congressmen should have the personal appeal; a short, personal letter to the point is better than a lengthy document. The brief which is supplied by the National Pharmaceutical Service Association contains the essential points for argument. The assistance of laymen, parents of the soldiers, will be helpful; they expect pharmaceutical service at home, and they will demand it for their sons when our efforts are explained to them. France recognized the value of a pharmaceutical corps, why should not the United States?

THE AMERICAN FAIRCHILD SCHOLARSHIP.

AWARDED TO DANIEL KOLLEN.

The first award of the American Fairchild Scholarship is made to Daniel Kollen of New York City. The American Fairchild scholar is of Russian birth, having been born in the city of Kishinef, State of Bessarabia, Russia, August 27, 1898. The father was a maker of wooden models for shoes; he died when Daniel was about eight years of age. The young man attended a Russian grammar school for about three and a half years and until April 1, 1910, when the family emigrated to the United States, arriving in New York City April 19.



DANIEL KOLLEN

Two weeks after arrival, Kollen entered Manhattan Public School No. 64, where June 29, 1913, the young man received his diploma. The spare hours and vacations were spent in the employ of his uncle at S. H. Ager's Pharmacy, 145 Avenue C, New York City, where he has ever since, up to the present, given his time between studies. September 9, 1913, Daniel entered DeWitt Clinton High School, New York City, from which he gradu-

ated June 30, 1917. His recommendations from the teachers and preceptor are excellent in every way. He matriculated at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy and is a member of the Junior Class.

NEW YORK DRUG TRADE SECTION OF THE BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION.

The annual meeting of the Drug Trade Section of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation was held on January 8 at the Drug and Chemical Club. The following officers were chosen for the new year: *Chairman*, Howell Foster, of Schieffelin & Co.; *Vice-Chairman*, Turner F. Currens, of the Norwich Pharmacal Co.; *Treasurer*, William A. Hamann, of Roessler & Hasslacher Chemical Co.; *Secretary*, William F. McConnell; *To Represent Drug Trade Section as Director in New York Board of Trade and Transportation*, Burton T. Bush, of Antoine Chiris Co.; *Executive Committee*, Frederick E. Watermeyer, of Fritzsche Bros.; John T. Barry, of D. D. Williamson & Co.; Charles C. Bruen, of Bruen, Ritchey & Co.; Herbert D. Robbins, of McKesson & Robbins, Inc.; Frank C. Starr, of Sharp & Dohme.

Mr. Bush the retiring chairman made a report showing that the Section had patriotically cooperated with President Wilson.

THE PHILADELPHIA DRUG EXCHANGE.

The following officers were elected at the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Philadelphia Drug Exchange: *President*, Harry B. French, of Smith, Kline & French Co.; *Vice-President*, Harry K. Mulford, of H. K. Mulford Company; *Secretary*, Joseph W. England; *Treasurer*, Anthony M. Hance; *Directors*, Charles E. Hires, of Charles E. Hires Co.; A. Robinson McIlvaine, of McIlvaine Bros.; Dr. Adolph W. Miller, of Aschenbach & Miller; Adam Pfromm, of Adam Pfromm & Co.; Blair Ferguson, of Ferguson Bros.; Clayton F. Shoemaker, of Shoemaker & Busch; Richard M. Shoemaker, of Robt. Shoemaker & Co.; and Walter V. Smith, of Valentine H. Smith & Co. Clayton F. Shoemaker presented the annual report in which he reviewed trade conditions in general and in greater detail those of the drug trade and the problems confronting the interests concerned. Relative to the establishment of a pharmaceutical corps in the U. S. Army he said in part:

"The men at the front are entitled to the

very best pharmaceutical service this country can give them and it should be fully as good as that afforded them in civil life. As a matter of public safety no one is permitted to dispense drugs in any State who is not properly and fully qualified and yet in our Army the pharmacist has absolutely no standing as such. A bill to remedy this has been introduced in the Congress by Hon. George W. Edmonds of this city, H. R. 5531. It is a most worthy measure and should be earnestly supported."

The annual dinner was given January 29 at the Bellevue-Stratford. The menu was of the usual excellence and the decorations artistic. President Harry B. French presided as toastmaster and his remarks and introductions of the speakers added zest to the occasion. Chairman Walter V. Smith provided an excellent program and received the congratulations of the guests.

The speakers of the evening were Emil P. Albrecht, President of the Philadelphia Bourse; Daniel Joseph McCarthy, M.D., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, U. of Pa.; Congressman George W. Edmonds and Captain David Fallon, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, Australian and British Forces. The latter gave thrilling experiences of the war and gained the applause of the guests. Dr. McCarthy spoke of conditions in Russia, from where he had recently returned, having been engaged in a special mission. He presented views that enlightened the hearers on the present situation in that country and stressed the importance of the revolution in the future history of the world. Mr. Albrecht spoke of the history of the Bourse and the close and coöperative relation of the Drug Exchange. Congressman Edmonds spoke of the great need for a pharmaceutical corps and enlisted all drug interests to unite in a concerted effort to pass the bill which he had introduced in Congress.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN DRUG MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

The American Drug Manufacturers' Association convened in annual session January 28 at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City. The first day was devoted to a meeting of several of the Sections, namely, the Committee on Standards and Deterioration, of which Dr. A. R. L. Dohme is chairman, investigating aconite, while Dr. Turner of Eli Lilly & Co. served as chairman of the committee in-

vestigating cannabis indica. The Biological Section also held sessions.

Practically all the national associations concerned with the drug interests were represented and their delegates received and accorded the privileges of the floor. Secretary W. J. Woodruff, in his report, spoke of the effect of the prohibition movement on the drug trade. He stated that bills in the legislatures of various states had placed serious and uncalled-for restrictions on the drug trade and that they were contributing largely to an increased cost of manufacturing.

President C. J. Lynn advocated centralization of supervision over industries and advised that the only policy should be to stand behind the Government in everything. He advocated an interest in the promotion of the sale of Thrift Stamps. He commended the cooperation of the Association with the various departments of the Government and asserted that drugs and medicines were being supplied with more regularity and less interference than other supplies. He praised the organizations of the medical departments of the Army and Navy.

Harry B. Mason read a paper by Frank G. Ryan, chairman of the Committee on Social Insurance, in which attention was called to the present socialistic tendencies. Henry C. Lovis reported on the work of the Committee on Industrial Preparedness, and the following committees also presented their reports: Dr. A. R. L. Dohme, as chairman of the Committee on Standards and Deterioration; Dr. Fred B. Kilmer, as chairman of the Tariff Committee; Charles J. Lynn, as chairman of the Executive Committee; and R. C. Stofer, as chairman of the Committee on Employment Problems.

Several minor changes in the Harrison narcotic law were recommended but it was the general belief of the delegates that the present law had proved a success. Resolutions were adopted by the convention favoring the repeal of the Sherman anti-trust law and pointing out that the Federal Trade Commission now fills the need for which the Sherman law was created, as in that way combinations which may be construed a violation of anti-trust laws could be prevented, whereas the Sherman law is usually not invoked until after such a combination has been formed. It was voted that any attempts of physicians to try to regulate pharmacy laws and of pharmacists to regulate medical laws should be discouraged as harmful and creating discord.

It was recommended that packages of drugs supplied the Government should be specially marked. It was brought out that many orders for drugs and medicines received for the Army and Navy are being held up because there is no standard for the basic drugs of these preparations. The Association will ask for the temporary use of substitutes which have been proved effective until a normal supply of the regular drugs can be obtained. The Association favored the payment of the federal war tax in installments at stated intervals instead of paying the tax in a lump sum.

It was decided to hold the convention next year in March, the exact date to be fixed by the Executive Committee. All the officers of the past year were reelected, and are as follows: *President*, Charles J. Lynn, of Indianapolis; *Vice-President*, R. C. Stofer, Norwich, N. Y.; *Secretary*, W. J. Woodruff, Detroit; *Treasurer*, Franklin Black, of New York City; *Executive Committee*, Dr. A. R. L. Dohme, of Baltimore, B. L. Murray, of New York, and Charles M. Woodruff, of Detroit.

The members assembled each day at luncheons and the meeting was closed with a banquet, January 30, at which President Charles J. Lynn presided as toastmaster, and speeches were made by Abram Elkus, the United States Ambassador to Turkey, Theodore E. Burton, former United States Senator, and the Rt. Rev. Charles S. Burch, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of New York.

IOWA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

Iowa College of Pharmacy has quite a list of alumni in the service of their country. Hon. J. M. Lindly is a member of Henry County Council of National Defense; W. R. Jennings and D. T. Stanton and W. A. Dodd are in France. R. G. Odle, R. E. Stewart, R. S. Potter, V. H. Tyler, M. F. Kyhl, C. W. Wilsey, J. P. Sweeney, S. M. Hadnott, and I. W. Fields are located at Camp Dodge, Des Moines. P. J. Hanzlik is with the National Medical Research Council. J. L. Kubicek is in the California Masonic Hospital Corps; W. E. Palmer, C. C. Powers, E. J. Meister and Fred Jean are in the Navy. H. W. Preuss, E. D. Brown, J. C. Liek, Charles Carter, R. E. Humphrey, E. L. Bright, I. V. Cozine, B. B. Hunter, P. K. Huston, V. M. Stephenson, W. R. Bryant, T. H. Gillespie, R. E. Barnes, H. J. Tierney, T. H. Beekman and E. T. Bjornstad are doing service or preparing for service in other localities.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY
OF MICHIGAN.

The Detroit Branch of the A. Ph. A. has accepted an invitation to join with the Prescott Club at Ann Arbor for their February meeting.

At the last meeting of the Prescott Club the following papers were much enjoyed:

"Patents," by Miss Irma Neuman.

"Vitamines," by J. A. Wyman.

"The Retail Drug Store," by H. B. Mc-Williams.

Professor Henry Kraemer attended the annual meetings of the Botanical Society of America at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he delivered a paper, "Some Experiments on the Modification of Color in Plants." Professor Kraemer was also honored by being made sub-editor of the Section of Pharmacognosy for the *Botanical Abstracts Journal* which is to be published by that Society.

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF
PHARMACY.

One of the stars on the service flag of the P. C. P. will be a gold star in honor of the memory of the late Kenneth Hay, of Dubois, Pennsylvania, a recent student of the Pharmacy course, who gave his life in the fight for freedom "Somewhere in France."

Over a hundred and fifty gift boxes were mailed to the students and recent graduates of the College who are fighting in either branch of service. Many boxes went to France and others to training camps all over the country. They were the gifts of the students attending college, the Faculty of the Institution and prominent alumni.

As the old year silently stole away and the new year was ushered in, there passed from the eyes of men in pharmacy, but not from their memories, the greatest figure in American pharmacy, the revered Dean of the College.

Reminiscent to Dean Remington is the story he often told of Ben. Ben is a colored man with a good heart and respectful manners, and he was much liked by the Dean. Said the Dean to him one day, "Ben, you've heard me lecture for years and you've been around this place long enough to be a druggist. Why don't you hang out your shingle?" After a moment's reflection, Ben answered,

"I'll hang the shingle out, Dean, but I'll have to word it 'All prescriptions filled at the owner's risk.'"

Professor Remington's entire scientific library has been bequeathed to Professor Charles H. LaWall and Professor E. Fullerton Cook, to be divided equally between them. For the present the library will be placed in the Pharmacy Department of the College as a reference library for the students in that department and will be catalogued as an adjunct library of the College.

George M. Beringer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College, and Editor of the *American Journal of Pharmacy*, is confined to his home, having suffered a broken ankle, the result of a fall. He is improving as rapidly as can be expected.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHAR-
MACY.

The walls and roof of the new building are partially completed and the structure now shows the stately and impressive character of its exterior. All glass has been set in the windows, temporary doors are in place and the heating plant is installed and in operation while the interior is being finished. It is slow work to finish such an elaborate building as this at any time, but it is especially slow just now when materials and labor are so scarce and high, so that it will be several months before the interior will be finished and the equipment installed. The work has advanced far enough, however, to begin to show that the interior will in all ways equal the high character of the exterior. Mr. George Robert White, who is presenting the building to us, has kept in close touch with the architects as the work has progressed and the building already shows his unusually fine taste and judgment in architectural matters. Unless prevented by some circumstances not now foreseen, the College expects to occupy the new building before the opening of the next session.

Instructor George L. Burroughs has been granted a leave of absence for the period of the war for service in France with the Red Cross Society. Mr. Burroughs has the title of Inspector, which we understand is equivalent in rank to that of a captain in the army. Vincent J. Fitz-Simon, '17, has been appointed as a substitute for Mr. Burroughs.