

also high up in the Masonic orders and held the office of Treasurer.

He was born in Kent County, Md., Sept. 27, 1845, and became an apprentice in pharmacy to his cousin, the late James W. Bowers, in 1865—in the Pharmacy where he died, and which his cousin established at 1001 W. Baltimore Street in 1851. Mr. Bowers retired from the business in 1877 and Mr. Mansfield be-

came his successor, forty years ago. He was in his 73rd year and in pharmacy 53 years at the time of his death.

Mr. Bowers gained a substantial knowledge of pharmacy in three of the best stores of Baltimore and conducted an ethical business on his own account which was continued by Mr. Mansfield to the time of his death.

JOHN F. HANCOCK.

## SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

### HEARING ON THE EDMONDS BILL.

Under Editorial and Editorial Notes reference has already been made to the hearing on the Edmonds bill before the Committee on Military Affairs of the House; here we are in part drawing upon the report in the *N. A. R. D. Journal* for other portions of the presentation. It is gratifying to note that no less than fifty-one organizations were represented. It was evident that the committee had heard from the Surgeon-General and that they were more or less impressed that he was the most competent judge of how best to increase the efficiency of the Medical Department of the Army.

Representative Edmonds opened the hearing with the statement that pharmaceutical interests were represented from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. He then asserted that the merits of the bill would be presented by selected speakers, and he introduced them to the committee. Dean Wulling insisted that the judgment of pharmacists is better than that of physicians as far as pharmaceutical questions are concerned, because pharmacists are specialists in their profession and better qualified to pass on pharmaceutical matters. He maintained that pharmacists are not in a position to-day to give the army the efficient service it requires and is entitled to, simply because there is no pharmaceutical corps in the army. The resources of pharmacy can not be marshalled under the existing organization. The American soldier at the front is to-day denied the pharmaceutical service which the civilian at home enjoys. Dean Wulling showed how the standards of pharmacy are being raised all over the country, and its efficiency, regularly increased. He said that the pharmacist and the physician are allies in the safeguarding of health and life.

He controverted the statement that manufacturers are opposed to the Edmonds bill,

which was shown to be the case when Mr. Crouse, of the N. W. D. A., read a very emphatic and patriotic letter from Dr. William Jay Schieffelin, of New York, favoring the bill. Dean Wulling pointed out that the main question was: "What shall and must be done to give the sick soldier the best service?" In private life there is the licensed pharmacist provided by state boards of pharmacy. In the army this is not the case. He resented the allegation that pharmacists are self-seeking in urging the passage of the Edmonds bill. He said that most of the restrictive legislation on the statute books of the states had been placed there by pharmacists themselves. He admitted that officers had detailed pharmacists here and there in the army to fill certain positions where their qualifications and experience could be availed of, but he contended that, because of their position as privates, they were not consulted, and could not with propriety advise their superiors.

Dr. Charles E. Caspari pointed out that the United States Pharmacopoeia and National Formulary, which provide the standards for drugs and chemicals in the enforcement of the food and drugs act and furnish the tests for the purity of drugs and chemicals, are in the main the work of pharmacists. Physicians select the drugs to go into the United States Pharmacopoeia and National Formulary, but pharmacists determine their purity. Many physicians are not qualified to make a solution for the treatment of wounds, Doctor Caspari said. The pharmacist works hand in hand with the physician, not under him, and his work is as important and necessary to the public welfare as that of the physician.

Samuel C. Henry deprecated the fact that there has been too much talk about rank and pay for pharmacists in the army. If that had been the consideration, he would not be before the Committee urging the passage of the Edmonds bill. With a lifetime spent in prac-

tical and professional pharmacy, pharmacists surely were in a better position to advise the Committee with respect to the need of a pharmaceutical corps in the army than physicians. Every day physicians ask pharmacists for advice as to the compounding of prescriptions and thereby save human lives.

He left it to the Committee to say whether or not conditions in the army as revealed by recent testimony before congressional committees do not demand a change in the existing order of things for the welfare of the boys in the trenches. He then told of a communication he had received from a druggist who had just paid the last of an indebtedness of \$10,000 on his store and who had been drafted to serve in the army not as a pharmacist, while others, without any experience in pharmacy whatever, were rendering pharmaceutical service. Mr. Henry suggested that the Committee ask the War Department for the name and address of every man in the army dispensing medicines, and in that way learn of facts relating to this part of the service.

#### NEW JERSEY IS SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING A PREREQUISITE LAW.

After many efforts on the part of New Jersey pharmacists a prerequisite law has been placed on the statute books of their state. News of this kind is always welcome and shows that progress is being made for better pharmacy, and the persistent workers of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association and the State Board of Pharmacy are to be congratulated on their success.

#### LOUISIANA N. A. R. D. MEMBERS PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEW ORLEANS AND ENTERTAIN PRESIDENT W. H. COUSINS.

A committee composed of A. Di Trapani, Robert F. Grace, W. H. Cousins, Geo. W. McDuff, Christian Schertz, Adam Wirth, Edward Henry Walsdorf, Andrew McCullen, representing various pharmaceutical associations met at the Grunewald Hotel, New Orleans, March 19, to organize the committee to take charge of the Convention of the National Association of Retail Druggists. The date for the convention was set for September 16-20 and the Grunewald Hotel was selected as headquarters.

The following officers and chairmen were elected: George W. McDuff, chairman; M. T. Breslin, vice-chairman; Edward Henry Walsdorf, secretary; Vic. Masson, treasurer.

Committee names were: Exhibits, Christian Schertz, chairman; A. D. Parker, vice-chairman.

Program, Robert F. Grace, chairman; S. G. Steiner, vice-chairman.

Registration, A. Di Trapani, chairman; John W. Phillips, vice-chairman.

Transportation, Adam Wirth, chairman; F. A. Dicks, vice-chairman.

Music and Decorations, M. Stolzenhaler, chairman; W. H. Curtis, vice-chairman.

On Monday, March 18, a banquet was given in honor of W. H. Cousins, president of the N. A. R. D., at Hotel De Soto. The pleasant affair was well attended by representatives of various associations, and druggists of New Orleans joined in the festivities.

#### PORTRAIT OF DR. J. O. SCHLOTTERBECK PRESENTATION DURING FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

A fine life-size portrait of the late Dr. Julius O. Schlotterbeck will be presented to the College of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan by the Alumni next June, during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the College.

Confident of the support of the Alumni body, a group of Detroit Alumni have contracted with Leon Makielski, an artist who has done much notable portrait work in Ann Arbor, to paint this portrait. His selection is approved by Mrs. Schlotterbeck, who was asked to nominate the artist, and she will cooperate with him to secure a wholly satisfactory likeness.

While primarily the Alumni have been called upon to donate toward the expense, it is assumed that many friends of Dr. Schlotterbeck will desire to contribute. The members of the committee in charge are: A. S. Parker, F. A. Thompson, G. M. Schettler, L. A. Seltzer, J. W. T. Knox, W. H. Blome, O. W. Gorenflo and F. F. Ingram.

Dean A. B. Stevens is the treasurer, to whom remittances should be made payable, but sent to F. F. Ingram, Jr., Secretary, Detroit, Mich.