

LIBERTY LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS THROUGH DRUG AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES.

When this is read the subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan will have been closed and beyond a question in excess of the minimum. Every indication shows that the drug and chemical industries have contributed their part as heretofore and in excess of contributions to former loans.

MAKE OUR SODA FOUNTAINS SAFE FOR THIRSTY HUMANITY.

The *New York Herald* of April 7 has an article on the above subject, which is timely, not only because sanitary conditions should obtain about the soda fountain but also because the continued success of the business demands it. A boycott has been declared, according to the *White Plains (N. Y.) Record*, against dirty soda fountains and service. By educating the people to the importance of sanitary conditions it is hoped to hasten the day when no owner of a soda fountain can expect to attract patronage unless he maintains a high degree of cleanliness in his service.

SHOULDER STRAPS FOR WOMEN NURSES.

According to a recent issue of the *Official Bulletin* Mrs. Helen Hoy Greely of New York

City, before the Military Affairs Committee, advocated shoulder straps for women military nurses. She urged that medical women and women workers in military hospitals abroad should receive commissions. Military nurses, she contended, need rank of some sort to compel obedience in the hospitals.

We quite agree and again we repeat pharmacists should be given rank for this and equally important other reasons which have frequently been urged, so far without results.

Richard Edward White, associate editor of the *Pacific Pharmacist*, a pioneer druggist of San Francisco and known as a poet and prose writer, died on March 14 after an illness of six weeks. One of his poems, "The Midnight Mass," a legend of Carmelo Mission at Monterey, won fame for him as a poet. He published a volume of poems and some songs, and he belonged to a circle of men and women active in literary and art work in San Francisco. He was born in Dublin in 1843.

Powers-Weightman-Rosengarten Co., chemical manufacturers, are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the business. In a handsome souvenir the faces of the founders appear as well as pictures of the successive buildings of the firm, which show great expansion. The founders were John Farr, Thomas H. Powers, William Weightman, and George D. Rosengarten.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

THE CHICAGO MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The time for the next annual convention of the A. Ph. A., to be held in Chicago during the week beginning August 12, is fast approaching. Officers of the different Sections have been busy and the Local Secretary, with the coöperation of druggists generally in Chicago, is actively engaged in preparation for the event. As far as possible papers to be read before the Sections should be accompanied by abstracts. It would add materially, if the programs of the Sections, listing these papers, would in a briefer abstract convey to the members an idea of their substance. Papers should be typewritten, double space between lines. It would be advantageous if the July and August issues of the *JOURNAL* could present the programs to the readers. Writers of the

papers should realize that the officers must have time to look over them so as to arrange the programs for the different sessions.

A FEDERATED AMERICAN PHARMA- CEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

President A. R. L. Dohme has prepared a tentative plan for federating the American Pharmaceutical Association. This federation provides for a House of Delegates, a Council and a Board of Control. The first body is to be made of duly selected and elected delegates of the respective sections represented in the House of Delegates. In this tentative provision there are to be five delegates from each of the following organizations: N. A. R. D., N. W. D. A., A. D. M. A., P. A. of A., A. A. of Ph. C., N. A. B. P., A. C. of P. F., N. D. C. A., and U. S. Government Departments. Each State Pharmaceutical Association is to be

represented by two delegates, and each Local Branch of the A. Ph. A., consolidated with that of the N. A. R. D. branch by one delegate. Individual members not attached to any of these sections shall be entitled to the services and publications of the Association by paying their membership fee, but will not be entitled to a vote. All general business of the association is to be transacted by the House of Delegates, such as legislation, reception of delegates of sister associations, education, finances and association funds and prizes, reports of bureaus of the association, officers of the association and all matters bearing upon the relations of the drug trade and pharmacy to all outside interests and agencies such as government of nation and state and foreign nations and associations, other associations and agencies shall be discussed and acted upon. Its delegates shall be made up of five official delegates duly appointed or elected by each section so that each division of the drug industries, through its accredited association, is represented and also the interested departments of the U. S. Government, and the State Pharmaceutical Associations.

The Council is to be elected by the House of Delegates and to consist of two members from each of the Sections represented, except the local branches.

The Board of Control is to be elected by the Council and to consist of three members—a chemist, a pharmacist and a lawyer—all with pharmaceutical knowledge to act as executive committee of Council and House of Delegates and to have charge of association affairs and laboratories, bureaus and offices all through the year.

The details are further explained in President Dohme's presentation of the plan.

COUNCIL—The Council shall be elected annually by the House of Delegates but its members need not necessarily be members of the House of Delegates, although they must be members of the Association. Each trade section shall be represented in the Council by two Councillors, making eighteen Councillors, to which should be added three Councillors at large elected by the House of Delegates, who shall be chosen from the State Pharmaceutical Associations and Local Branches. One Councillor shall be elected by each section for a term of three years and one for two years, and the three Councillors at large shall be elected for one, two and three years, respectively. This will change the personnel of the Council every

year to some extent but still permit the average Councillor to serve long enough to become fully acquainted with the work of the Association. Councillors are eligible for re-election, but it is not intended that the Council shall be a self-perpetuating body. All business shall originate in the House of Delegates. The general secretary of the Association shall be secretary of the Council.

BOARD OF CONTROL—This shall consist of three members annually elected by the Council of the Association and shall have charge of the active management of its affairs during the year. They are to occupy the permanent offices and have charge of the bureaus and laboratories of the Association and shall reside in the city where these offices and laboratories are located, although they need not necessarily be residents of that city. They are to be paid salaries sufficiently large to justify them in devoting all their time to the work of the Association. One of them shall be an expert chemist and have charge of the chemical work and laboratories, one an expert pharmacist and business man to have charge of the business and pharmaceutical work of the Association, and one a legal expert with drug experience to have charge of the legal affairs of the Association. It is intended that they shall be permanently in office but it is thought advisable to elect them annually so as to provide for removal or replacement for any cause that may justify such action in the opinion of the Council. They shall be the executive and judicial side of the Association and shall have all reports, papers and addresses submitted to them before the annual meeting and with the assistance of the secretary shall prepare a proper digest of same to be presented by them to the meetings of the Association so as to save time and thus devote more time to the discussion rather than to the reading in full of such reports, addresses, etc.

They shall also act as the committee upon publication and publicity of the Association, in which capacity they shall have as associates the editor of the *JOURNAL* of the Association and the general secretary. The editor of the *JOURNAL* shall, however, have complete charge of the *JOURNAL* editorially, although the decision as to publication and general publicity of all matters pertaining to the Association shall be vested in the Publication Committee.

TRADE SECTIONS—These are the leading features of the federation idea, for without them it would manifestly be impossible to federate

such distinctly different interests as retailer, wholesaler, manufacturer, physicians' supply houses, colleges of pharmacy, proprietary manufacturers, etc., etc. They represent the present national associations interested in the drug trade and the plan is to have these associations retain their present organization and activities in so far as these pertain specifically to the branch of the trade covered by the respective association. Thus the N. W. D. A. will continue to discuss, decide and act upon all questions pertaining to the wholesale drug trade as they have heretofore handled them, and the same for the N. A. R. D., representing the retailer; the A. D. M. A., representing the manufacturer; the A. A. of Ph. C., representing the physicians' supply business; the Proprietary Association, the proprietary medicine business; the A. C. of P. F., the system of pharmaceutical education; the N. A. B. P., the preliminary and prerequisite requirements, examinations, etc., etc.

All matters of all of them that pertain to legislation, ethics, education, research, relations to city, state and federal governments, bureaus, agencies, etc., shall come up in the general sessions and be acted upon there. They shall have their own officers if they so decide and their president shall be, by virtue of his election, also a vice-president of the Association.

MEETINGS—It is expected and hoped that each and every such trade section shall hold its annual meeting if possible at the same time and place as the parent body, the federated A. Ph. A., but in a separate hall, as does the A. M. A. and its numerous sections. In this way all the various branches of the trade will have an opportunity of seeing and meeting one another and perhaps thereby saving each other special trips for that purpose. While it is preferable to hold such meetings at the place where the permanent offices of the Association are located, this is not necessary, and it is thought that this could be done every other year, thus holding every other meeting in some other section of the country.

A. PH. A. SECTIONS—These shall consist of the same sections as at present existing in the A. Ph. A., viz., Scientific, Historical, Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing, etc., and shall each be presided over by a chairman and officers annually elected by the sections. They shall hold these meetings as heretofore and as provided for by the Committee of Arrangements

consisting of the Board of Control, the local secretary and the general secretary.

BUREAUS—There shall be provided in the General Offices of the Association at its permanent home certain bureaus all to be under the direction and management of the Board of Control, with power to employ such clerical help and expert assistants as they may deem desirable and necessary with and by consent of the Association acting through its House of Delegates and Council.

a—Bureau of Chemistry and Pharmacy:

This shall have facilities for testing and examining and passing upon all products or preparations sent it by any members to determine their compliance with law, their label and in general get the Bureau's stamp of approval of the product without of course involving any legal responsibility whatsoever for such advice and examination. This Bureau shall also do such testing and assays for members as may come before it and also any research work of its own that its director may deem advisable upon approval by the Board of Control.

b—Bureau of Registration of Trademarks and Patents:

This Bureau shall keep a registration of all trademarks and patents granted to or belonging to members and issue in the Association JOURNAL reports upon same at such times as may be desirable. It shall also investigate trademarks and patents and secure same for members upon payment of the actual expense involved in same.

c—Bureau of Law, Accounting, Cost Price Systems, Advertising and Freight:

This Bureau shall be the legal bureau of the Association and shall advise membership upon all legal questions or other matters embraced in the subjects covered by the title.

d—Bureau of Exchange of Unsalable Goods:

This Bureau shall be a clearing house for exchanging of unsalable goods for members for salable ones provided the Bureau by being and keeping in touch with markets in the various sections of the country, can place them successfully in a part of the country to a member where they are salable. This will reduce extent of capital in business by reducing unnecessary stocks and will save manufacturers much annoyance by reducing the amount of returned goods.

e—Bureau of Employment and Registration of Employees: This Bureau, by developing a system of records of employees who may be seeking employment through it, will serve not only to secure employees for employers needing same, but will be able eventually to supply some useful data concerning the employee's record by writing to prior employers and gathering together the facts.

FINANCES—There will doubtless be some funds necessary to insure the rent of the offices and laboratories for a year and to furnish said offices and laboratories with furniture, apparatus and supplies. Perhaps some of the various "Funds" of the A. Ph. A., of which the majority are now serving little or no purpose except to accumulate interest, may be made the nucleus of the funds necessary to furnish and equip the offices and laboratories. The remainder can be secured by voluntary cash contributions of members. We had better rent such offices for the first few years to feel along our way before putting a large sum of money into real estate. It will then be time to decide if, as in case of the A. M. A., such rented quarters will be found to meet all our requirements, as I think they will. To maintain the expenses of the salary list, rent, bureaus, journals, publicity, legislative work, etc., it will require and justify a membership fee of ten dollars per year, which the services rendered will fully warrant for any member. We should secure at least 15,000 members and I think we can secure fully 20,000, and perhaps 25,000 members, because we have something real and valuable to offer the members in service, protection and information. On the basis of 15,000 members the plan will be self-sustaining, as will the journal or journals be, representing as they do the interests of a united industry which will practically unanimously respond in advertising and subscription to membership. Firms and corporations may as such be members of their trade sections as at present, but only individuals may be members of the Federated A. Ph. A.

THE NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

At the regular monthly meeting of the National Pharmaceutical Service Association held April 9th, 121 applications for membership were acted upon, bringing the total membership in the association well above the 1200 mark.

Although less than one year old, this asso-

ciation has made great progress, and one of the very encouraging reports at the April meeting was that of the President, who stated that Congressman Edmonds had notified him that the propaganda work which had been done, was bearing fruit, in that the number of Congressmen who were interested in seeing the Edmonds Bill passed was constantly increasing. Instead of being urged to vote for the measure, many of them are coming to Congressman Edmonds and offering their aid in having the bill pass the House.

E. G. Eberle reported for the delegation which had been sent by the association to attend the Conference on the Edmonds Bill at Baltimore, March 18th, and the hearing at Washington, March 19th. A proposition from Mr. C. A. Mayo of New York to have petitions signed by members of the families of soldiers, asking that the Edmonds Bill be passed, was laid before the association, and it was decided to bring this matter before every member at an early date, so as to get the greatest value from this propaganda while the Committee on Military Affairs has the Edmonds Bill under consideration.

Ambrose Hunsberger reported that the support of the Philadelphia County Medical Society has been enlisted in this measure, and that they have appointed a committee of five physicians to cooperate in having the bill passed. The matter of sending literature on the newer antiseptic products to pharmacists now in the service was then discussed, and the committee which had been appointed for that purpose was instructed to consider it further.

Plans are being made by the Executive Committee to make the annual meeting of the association, which will be held some time during the second week of June, as comprehensive as possible.

OHIO BRANCH OF NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

Prof. W. P. Rogers, former dean of the Cincinnati University Law School, at a meeting of the Ohio Branch of the National Pharmaceutical Service Association at the Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, April 5th, made a patriotic plea for the recognition of pharmacists by the United States Government. Prof. John Uri Lloyd and Dr. Frank Cain were the other speakers, both urging a continuation of organized effort to secure the establishment of Pharmaceutical Corps in the American army. President Louis Werner, Sr., appointed the following committees:

Executive Committee—O. B. Thuma, F. W. Kisker, B. J. Pardick, Milton Franken, E. L. Pieck, Theodore D. Wetterstroem, Henry B. Walterman, Theodore Rosenthal and E. C. Widrig.

Pharmacy Committee—Louis Heister, R. H. Cox, William L. B. Brittain, A. J. Doering, Alfred DeLang, Victor Muhlberg, Edwin Heinemann, E. A. Stuntebeck.

Advisory Medical Committee—Dr. E. O. Smith, Dr. B. Merrill Ricketts, Dr. E. W. Mitchell.

Advisory Legal Committee—Judge Smith Hickenlooper, Max Levy, Chester R. Shook.

Citizens' Committee—Judge David Davis, D. C. Keller, Charles G. Merrell.

STATE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

The following State Pharmaceutical Associations have held or will hold meetings during May, the dates and names of secretaries are given: Arkansas at Little Rock, 8-10, Miss Mary A. Fein; Kansas at Kansas City, 14-16, D. von Riesen, Maryville; Louisiana at New Iberia, 14-16, G. W. McDuff, New Orleans; Texas at Waco, 21-23, W. H. Cousins, Dallas.

The June meetings are: Alabama at Huntsville, 19-20, W. E. Bingham, Tuscaloosa. Colorado at Manitou, 18-20, Chas. J. Clayton, Denver; Delaware at Wilmington, 6, Miss Nora V. Brendle, Wilmington; Florida at Tampa, 12-13, J. H. Haughton, Palatka; Georgia at Tybee Island, 18-19, T. A. Cheatham, Atlanta; Idaho at Nampa, 12-13, Vic. Stolle, Boise; Illinois at LaSalle, 19-22, W. B. Day, Chicago; Indiana at Lafayette, 25-27, Wm. F. Werner, Indianapolis; Iowa at Fort Dodge, 25-27, Al. Falkenhainer, Algona; Kentucky

at Cerulean Springs, 18-20, J. W. Gayle, Frankfort; Maine, at Portland, 27-28, Dr. M. L. Porter, Danforth; Massachusetts at Swampscott, 17-19, James F. Guerin, Worcester; Michigan at Detroit, 25-27, F. J. Wheaton, Jackson; Missouri at Excelsior Springs, 11-14, Dr. H. M. Whelpley, St. Louis; Nebraska at Lincoln, 11-13, J. G. McBride, University Place; New Jersey at Spring Lake, 18-21, Jeannot Hostmann, Hoboken; New York at Catskill, 25-28, E. S. Dawson, Syracuse; North Carolina at Raleigh, 19-21, J. G. Beard, Chapel Hill; Ohio, Steamer at Toledo, 21-26, Theo. D. Wetterstroem, Cincinnati; Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre, 25-27, Robert P. Fischelis, Philadelphia; Utah at Provo, 19-20, F. J. Folland, Salt Lake City; Wisconsin, Elkhart Lake, 25-28, E. G. Raeuber, Milwaukee.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS OF FRUIT AND FLAVORING SYRUPS.

An association of syrup manufacturers has been organized, representing nearly all of the establishments engaged in this growing industry. The first officers of the association are: *President*, M. E. Murray, president of the Murray Company, Boston; *Vice-President*, H. T. Cumming, secretary of J. Hungerford-Smith Company, Rochester; *Treasurer*, Edward H. Clark, treasurer of Richardson Corporation, Rochester; *Secretary*, W. W. Maltby of the Liquid Carbonic Company, Chicago. *Delegates-at-large*: A H. Van Gorder, of the Cleveland Fruit Juice Company; K. H. Kalbfleisch, of the Joseph Middleby Company; Mr. Davidson, of Armour & Co., Chicago.

THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

LABELS BEARING GUARANTY AND SERIAL NUMBER MAY BE USED UNTIL SUPPLY IS EXHAUSTED.

The Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, by an informal ruling authorizes manufacturers having stocks of labels bearing the guaranty and serial number, the employment of which after May 1, 1918, has heretofore been prohibited, to continue to use such labels after May 1, until their stocks are exhausted. The Department will expect, however, that manufacturers will abandon the use of the guaranty and serial number on all new labels and will assume that all labels upon

which the guaranty and serial number appear were printed prior to the issuance of the order prohibiting the use of such labels after May 1, 1918.

WHITNEY BILL TO BECOME A LAW OF NEW YORK.

Governor Whitman of New York has intimated (April 26) that he would sign the Whitney Committee bill and gives these reasons:

Because as district attorney of New York he had seen thousands of men and women