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The efficient service rendered by Prof. E. Fullerton Cook in the last two revisions of the United States Pharmacopoeia, as assistant to Chairman Joseph P. Remington, and his thorough acquaintance with the details of revision work, were, no doubt, influential in his election as Chairman of the Committee for the Tenth Revision of the U. S. Pharmacopoeia. An analysis of the previous revisions and presentation of practical suggestions for revising the next edition, in the secretary's report, certified his comprehension of the important matter under consideration. His knowledge of business methods, system in details, capacity for doing and judgment in assigning work, were recognized as leading qualifications for the chairman of this committee. He was assistant to Professor Remington when the latter was chosen for the place made vacant by the passing away of Dr. Charles Rice, and again during the period of the ninth revision, at the close of which Chairman Remington ended his earthly labors. During these years Professor Cook materially assisted in the experimental work for the Pharmacopoeia at the Philadelphia and Longport laboratories. In 1910 he was elected a member of the committee for revising the National Formulary and later appointed on its editing committee.

He has held a number of official positions in the American Pharmaceutical Association and is now the First Vice-President. He was secretary of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing 1908-1909; secretary of the Section on Pharmacopoeias and Formularies, 1912-1913, and presided over its deliberations at the following convention; and chairman of the Section on Commercial Interests, 1918-1919. His efforts in securing better recognition for pharmacists in the Government service are well known, and in the conferences with the Surgeon Generals their confidence in him was always evident.

After graduating from the high school of Waynesboro, Pa., Mr. Cook worked in the drug store of Mentzer & Clungston; in 1897 he matriculated at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and secured a position with George M. Beringer, of Camden, N. J. He graduated in 1900, receiving the Operative Pharmacy and Webb prizes. After graduation, he was made Assistant Director of the Operative Pharmacy Laboratories of his Alma Mater, later professor, and was instrumental in developing and greatly extending the courses of this department. He is also Director of the Commercial Course, and was "charge d'affaires" of the intensive course given to the naval students at the College during 1918-19.

Aside from the work on the Pharmacopoeia, Professor Cook assisted in the late revisions of Remington's "Practice of Pharmacy" and the last two editions

of the U. S. Dispensatory, and devised and published a "Simplified System of Book-keeping for Pharmacists."

The subject of this sketch was born in Lionville, Pa., February 17, 1879, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Herman S. Cook, now of Ambler, Pa. The home of Prof. and Mrs. E. Fullerton Cook is in Swarthmore—one daughter and three sons have added to its beauty and happiness.

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SITE FOR THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.

A site for the new building in Washington which is to serve as a home for the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council has recently been obtained. It comprises the entire block bounded by B and C Streets and Twenty-first and Twenty-second Streets, Northwest, and faces the Lincoln Memorial in Potomac Park. The Academy and Council have been enabled to secure this admirable site, costing about \$200,000, through the generosity of the following friends and supporters: Thomas D. Jones, Harold F. McCormick, Julius Rosenwald, and Charles H. Swift, Chicago; Charles F. Brush, George W. Crile, John L. Severance, and Ambrose Swasey, Cleveland; Edward Dean Adams, Mrs. E. H. Harriman, and the Commonwealth Fund, New York City; George Eastman and Adolph Lomb, Rochester; E. A. Deeds and Charles F. Kettering, Dayton; Henry Ford, Detroit; Arthur H. Fleming, Pasadena; A. W. Mellon, Pittsburgh; Pierre S. duPont, Wilmington; Raphael Pumpelly, Newport; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Huntington, Los Angeles; Corning Glass Works, Corning, New York. Funds for the erection of the building have been provided by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

INTERNATIONAL CATALOGUE OF SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE.

An international conference of delegates from important scientific academies to consider the future of the International Catalogue of Scientific Literature has just been held in London at the invitation of the Royal Society. Representatives were present from fourteen countries. The American delegates were Dr. R. M. Yerkes, Professor L. E. Dickson, Professor L. P. Eisenhart, Mr. G. C. Gunnell, and Dr. S. I. Franz, representing the National Academy of Sciences, the National Research Council, and the Smithsonian Institution.

Up to the time of the war, more than thirty countries were joined in undertaking the indexing and publishing the index of the scientific literature of the world. Fourteen annual issues, each of seventeen volumes, have been published covering the literature from 1901 to 1914. The results of the war together with the much-increased cost of printing and publishing have interrupted the undertaking and no index of scientific literature published since 1914 has been issued. The conference decided that even though a change may be made in the future in the method of indexing and of publishing the index, as has often been suggested, it is imperatively necessary to continue the present method until the scientific literature published up to the end of 1915 and possibly also that up to the end of 1920 has been catalogued.