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A FRENCH DRUG COLLEGE.

The *Chemist & Druggist* of April 2 states that the success of the German "drug colleges" (that of Stuttgart is said to have granted one thousand or more diplomas) has suggested to the Paris Wholesale Druggists' Association a scheme for the technical education of their employees. Prof. Perrot, of the Paris Faculty of Pharmacy, has offered to organize and direct the courses of study, aided by M. Goris, assistant-professor at the Faculty; M. Mascré, hospital pharmacist; MM. Maheu and Weitz, preparators; M. Blaque and M. Liot. He thinks 5,000 fr. will cover the cost. The general idea is to give employees of drug firms the chance of examining and studying at leisure the products they handle; and as greater efficiency in business usually implies the possibility of a higher salary, it is hoped that the employees will understand the desirability of devoting their time to this subject.

THE JOHN SCOTT MEDAL.

The John Scott Medal may have more than ordinary interest for pharmacists. Little is known relative to the career of the donor, a citizen of Edinburgh, Scotland, and a "chemist," who died in 1816. The original bequest amounted to \$4000, and was made to the City of Philadelphia, the income to be awarded to men and women who make useful inventions. The fund has grown to over \$100,000, and is now given for inventions and advancements in any science, or the development that may add to the comfort, welfare and happiness of mankind.

The recent awards were made, among others, to Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, of New York City, "for eminent work in the discovery of disease-producing organisms and the means of combating their action;" and Edward C. Kendall, head of the section of chemistry in the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn.,

"for bio-chemical work leading to the preparation of the compound 'thyroxin,' the determination of its chemical structure and giving results which contribute to the comfort and welfare of mankind." The name of Madame Marie Sklodowska Curie has been submitted to the Philadelphia Board of City Trusts for the honor, and the presentation will be made at some time during her coming visit, this month, to the United States. Madame Curie's qualifications are thus set forth in the formal recommendation of the Advisory Board:

"By the discovery of radium and by the determination of its radioactive properties, Madame Curie has given to the world an agent of great importance.

"The study of radium and of its disintegration products has led to a fuller understanding of atomic structure than could have been arrived at by any other means, and clearer understanding of the relation of matter to electricity.

"Through this study of atomic structure a vast new storehouse has been revealed."

BUSINESS AT SCHOOL.

In a paper presented by Caswell A. Mayo before Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association, he refers to *Bulletin* No. 22, issued by the Bureau of Business Research of the Graduate School of Business Administration of Harvard University. In this bulletin a study of statistics gathered in 187 retail drug stores, during 1919, is presented, and is full of valuable suggestions. The universities have realized that a knowledge of fundamental principles of business is essential to an education. The University of Pennsylvania announces that every important phase of the applied science of modern business is to be covered in the graduate course in business administration next year, based on the acceptance, that the more a

man knows about his business the better business man he is.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Carl Johns, identified with the du Pont interests at Wilmington, Del., has been mentioned for the position of chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, to succeed Dr. Carl L. Alsberg, resigned. Dr. William Frear, of State College of Pennsylvania, and Dr. J. K. Haywood, chairman of the insecticide and fungicide board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, have also been spoken of for the appointment.

Hugh Craig has joined the editorial staff of the *Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter*. Until his resignation, Mr Craig was advertising manager and publicity director of the Nyal Company, prior to that time editor of the *N. A. R. D. Journal*, and previously of the editorial staff of the *Druggists' Circular*.

The National College of Pharmacy, Washington, D. C., through Dean H. E. Kalusowski, has donated to the Museum for exhibition in the Division of Medicine, a suppository machine or mould made by James Dominic O'Donnell of Washington, D. C. It is believed to be the first mould ever used for making suppositories, by compression, and has been installed in the case which contains old and modern specimens of pharmaceutical, equipment beside modern suppository machines and moulds.

Senator Reed Smoot was in the drug business during his earlier business career, and this has given him knowledge of the many laws and regulations druggists contend with.

A testimonial dinner was tendered J. H. Rehffuss, May 3. Mr. Rehffuss intends to make his home in Stockton, Cal., and has resigned his connections with the New York State Board of Pharmacy and the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy.

Dr. A. R. Bliss, who was seriously injured in an explosion at Emory College, Atlanta, is recovering, but we are advised that he will have a very long convalescence.

Representative W. C. Wendt, of the Ohio Legislature, is a Columbus druggist.

W. H. Duckworth, of Clovis, formerly secretary-treasurer of the New Mexico State Board of Pharmacy, was elected Lieutenant-Governor of New Mexico at the last election, and is now in office.

John F. Hancock, the veteran of ex-presidents of the American Pharmaceutical Association, has been on the sick list for a month or more. We are glad to report he is improving in health and gaining strength.

Dr. Carl L. Alsberg, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has accepted the position of director of the Food Research Institute, recently established at Stanford University, California.

Admiral William C. Braisted, former Surgeon General, and President of the American Medical Association, has signified his acceptance of the presidency of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Walter L. Lyle, who is now serving his second term as member of the Virginia State Board of Pharmacy, has succeeded J. E. Jackson, as president of the Board.

OBITUARY.

HENRY PARR HYNSON.

A sketch of the late Prof. H. P. Hynson appears on the title page of this issue of the JOURNAL. He was stricken with arterial paralysis April 16, at his home in the Latrobe Apartments, and died on the following Tuesday at the University Hospital; the funeral services were conducted at Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, April 23. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather there was a large attendance, evidencing the esteem in which the deceased was held by his co-workers and fellow-citizens; the drug trade, universities, and the professions, were well represented, and the body was laid to rest in Druid Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs. Hynson, who was Miss Bettie Belle Limmo, of Marshall, Texas, to whom he was married in 1884, died several years ago. Henry P. Hynson, Jr., made the great sacrifice while in the service of the United States Navy, February 25, 1919; the widow of the latter and a grandson reside in Baltimore. Surviving the deceased are his daughter, Mrs. John Bayless, of Seattle, Washington; his son, William Rodney Hynson, of Los Angeles, Cal., and his sister, Mrs Benjamin Duval Camby, of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Louis Schulze, of Baltimore, pays tribute to the deceased, as one who can claim an unbroken friendship of thirty years with him.