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#### BALTIMORE.

The March meeting of the Baltimore Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association was held at the Emerson Hotel on March 22, 1922.

Dr. Hermann Engelhardt, the newly elected President of the Branch, in his opening remarks greeted the Branch as their leader for the ensuing year. There was a good attendance.

Dr. E. F. Kelly, as chairman of the Committee on Legislation and Education, explained the splendid progress of the bills in the Maryland Legislature dealing with the positions of the pharmacists and the State Board of Health. Emphasis was laid on the most unusual coöperation of the pharmacists in the state in supporting these measures.

The main feature of the evening was an address by Dr. Neil E. Gordon, head of the Department of Chemistry of the University of Maryland. The title of the address was "Emulsification and Absorption." The speaker made clear the theory of emulsification from the standpoint of the physical chemist

and colloidist, and laid particular stress on the three phases of the usual pharmaceutical The permanency of emulsions emulsions. was discussed at great length, and slides were used to illustrate the stability of emulsions made with various emulsifying agents. At this point the lecturer introduced Pisher's so-called "Hydrate Theory" of emulsification, which holds that the soluble phase of the three phase emulsion forms with water a large hydrate, thus modifying the properties of the water to the extent of more or less permanently suspending the insoluble phase. The "Hydrate Theory" explains that the breaking of emulsions by the addition of saline solutions is due to the neutralization of the charge on the hydrate by the electrolyte.

Under "Absorption" Dr. Gordon discussed some of the research work in which he was engaged, establishing a ration between the hydrogen ion concentration of absorption of many substances, including iron, aluminum and silica jells.

Following the lecture an exceedingly interesting discussion took place, in which H. H.