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REVIEW OF A. PH. A. YEAR BOOK IN A GERMAN PHARMACEUTICAL JOURNAL.

The *Pharmazeutische Zentralhalle*, Vol. 63, No. 48, November 30, 1922, contains an excellent review of the Year Book, A. Ph. A., Vol. IX (1920). This review was contributed by one of our active members, Prof. Otto Raubenheimer, Brooklyn, and will, no doubt, be helpful in making the Year Book and the American Pharmaceutical Association and its Journal better known among German pharmacists and other readers of the *Zentralhalle* in different countries.

It might be of interest to learn that the *Pharmazeutische Zentralhalle*, a weekly pharmaceutical journal, was founded in 1859 by the late well and favorably known pharmacist, Dr. Hermann Hager, an honorary member of the A. Ph. A., whose memory still lives in scientific pharmacy through his many literary works. Since Hager's death in 1897 the editors have been pharmacists of a high class, as Dr. E. Geissler, Dr. A. Schneider, Dr. P. Suess, and now Privatdozent Dr. P. Bohrisch. The *Zentralhalle* is published by Theodor Steinkopff, Dresden-Blasewitz, the well-known publisher of pharmaceutical and chemical books, many of which are reviewed in the columns of the JOURNAL A. PH. A. The *Pharmazeutische Zentralhalle* has a large circulation all over the civilized world, and should be read by all pharmacists, chemists, manufacturers, and teachers. At the present time the pharmaceutical journals of Germany have to struggle for existence, and new subscriptions from the United States would be greatly appreciated.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Moritz Dittmar who went abroad in the summer of 1920 under the grant from the Isaac Plaut Fellowship of the New York College of

Pharmacy has won the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Berne, Switzerland after two years of work under Professor A. Tschirch (honorary member A. Ph. A.).

In the autumn of 1916 Dr. Dittmar entered the University Course of the New York College of Pharmacy of Columbia University and graduated as Pharmaceutical Chemist in June 1919, winning the Breitenbach Prize for highest scholarship in the class. The following year he graduated as Bachelor of Science and was awarded the Isaac Plaut Fellowship.

Professor Charles F. Chandler, the retired head of the department of chemistry at Columbia University, celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday December 6. In 1920 Professor Chandler received the Perkin gold medal for his notable scientific achievements at a meeting of the Society of Chemical Industry. He was the first American to be president of the society. In addition to his long service at Columbia he was founder of the American Chemical Society, and did much valuable research work.

His connection with the teaching staff of the New York College of Pharmacy extended over a period of forty-four years, his resignation from active work in the institution having been accepted by the trustees in 1910. He also served for many years as president of the college. He joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1867.

Dr. Rupert Blue, former surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health Service, has been selected by this government to represent it in connection with the opium and narcotic commission of the League of Nations. It is explained carefully that this does not mean official membership in the commission or the

League. Dr. Blue will act in a consultative capacity, it is said.

Jesse L. Hopkins, who has been seriously ill, is rapidly regaining his former health.

Dr. Jacob Diner has been elected president of the New York Academy of Pharmacy, Robert S. Lehman, Henry B. Smith and Samuel Droothin, vice-presidents; Gustave Horstmann, secretary, and Peter Diamond, treasurer.

Prof. Louis Gershenfeld delivered an address on "Bacterial Preparations in Common Use," December 13. The lecture was illustrated and part of the public lecture course of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. A comprehensive article by him is printed in the December number of the *American Journal of Pharmacy*.

Dr. Edward C. Franklin, professor of organic chemistry of Leland Stanford Junior University, has been elected president of the American Chemical Society, succeeding Dr. Edgar F. Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania.

Edwin S. Smith, secretary of the Utah Pharmaceutical Association, tendered his resignation and has gone to California hoping to better his health. A farewell dinner was given him by Utah druggists at New House Hotel, Salt Lake City.

EDITORS OF THE JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY.

The following physical chemists of international note have been named editors of the *Journal of Physical Chemistry*: By the Chemical Society of London, Prof. T. M. Lowry, J. W. McBain and James C. Philip; by the Faraday Society, London, Prof. F. G. Donnan; by the American Chemical Society, Dr. A. L. Day, Prof. G. A. Hulett, Dr. Irving Langmuir and Prof. W. Lash Miller. Professor Miller is a Canadian member of the American Society.

PREREQUISITE ASKED FOR IN MASSACHUSETTS.

The Massachusetts State Board of Registration in Pharmacy has filed a recommendation with the clerk of the legislature that the law be changed to require that candidates for registration as pharmacists shall be graduated from some recognized college of pharmacy. The board expresses the opinion that "apprenticeship in a drug store is a thing of the past."

TAKAMINE MONUMENT.

Friends of the late Dr. J. Takamine have decided to erect a large monument at his grave in Aoyama Cemetery, Tokio, where his ashes soon will be buried. The monument will have

an inscription on it briefly telling of Dr. Takamine's services to the world. Dr. Takamine was a member of the A. Ph. A. for nearly twenty-five years.

TWIN CITIES VETERAN PHARMACISTS' CLUB ORGANIZED.

On the initiative of Dean Frederick J. Wulling, preliminary steps were taken at a luncheon held in the Men's Union Building, University of Minnesota campus, December 5, to organize an association along the line followed by the well-known Chicago V. D. A. Eleven veteran pharmacists responded to Dean Wulling's invitation to join the new organization, the following being present: J. F. Danck, C. H. Goodrich, Truman Griffen, Silas Horn, J. W. Harrah, C. H. Huhn, A. J. Kline, C. A. Robinson, M. H. Wittich, F. J. Wulling, all of Minneapolis, and W. A. Frost of St. Paul.

MARYLAND DRUG STORE SURVEY.

Robert L. Swain—Deputy Commissioner of Drugs, connected with the Maryland State Department of Health—contemplates a complete survey of the drug stores of Maryland. The purpose is to get data on whether stores are conducted in accordance with the law insofar as the employment of a registered pharmacist is concerned, on how the business is managed, more especially with reference to the compounding of prescriptions, what laboratory equipment is being used and in what degree the druggist is equipped to meet modern requirements; what stocks he carries, and where he gets his supplies and in what quantities. In this way Mr. Swain will obtain fairly complete information about all of the drug stores. He will also seek to get a look at the books and how they are kept, so that he will have a comprehensive idea of the retail drug trade as a whole, and will know how it is being carried on.

DIRECTORY OF VIRGINIA DRUG STORES.

The Virginia Pharmacist for December includes a directory of Virginia drug stores. The Directory will prove of great value in many ways, for associations, etc. The foreword recites that "no attempt has been made at this time to append names of proprietors, managers, etc. Perhaps in a subsequent list it may be found advisable to carry such information in connection with each store, but at present, with the personnel of many stores of such a changeable character as it is, we have thought best to omit this feature."

UNDERSTANDING THE NARCOTIC LAW.

The *Druggists' Circular* for November submits questions and answers relating to Narcotic Laws by Hugh O'Connor, former chief deputy, Narcotic Division, First California Internal Revenue District. The questions are all appli-

cable, and the answers are concise, but definite. MEDICAL EDUCATION—PROGRESS OF TWENTY-TWO YEARS.

Interesting statistics regarding medical education in the United States are published in the December number of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION HEAD-QUARTERS BUILDING FUND.

	Previously reported	\$6,741.90
No.		
156.	Dr. Willis G. Gregory, Buffalo, N. Y.	25.00
157	P. P. Vane, Washington, D. C. (Paid)	5.00
158.	E. J. Backus, Chicago, Ill. (Paid \$10.00)	25.00
159.	Dr. Frank B. Cain, Cincinnati, Ohio (Paid \$10.00)	100.00
160.	F. Wm. Stockhaus, Cleveland, Ohio (Paid)	5.00
161.	Chas. W. Ballard, Phar.D., New York, N. Y. (Paid)	25.00
	Total	\$6,926.90

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DRUG TRADE BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

The annual meeting of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information was held at the Hotel Washington, Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, December 6. The chairman of the Bureau, Dr. R. P. Fischelis, presided and Mr. C. H. Waterbury acted as secretary. The meeting was attended by delegates from all the national associations represented in the Board, as follows:

For the American Pharmaceutical Association, Robert P. Fischelis. For the National Association of Retail Druggists, Samuel C. Henry. For the American Pharmaceutical Mfrs. Association, Harry Noonan. For the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, E. F. Cook. For the National Association Boards of Pharmacy, H. C. Christensen. For the Proprietary Association, Harry Blair. For the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, C. H. Waterbury. For the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, A. Homer Smith.

In addition to these delegates the following were present and were extended the privilege of the floor: Dr. James H. Beal, Ambrose Hunsberger and J. F. Finneran.

The report of the chairman showed that a total of eleven (11) bulletins had been sent out during the preceding year and a very gratifying amount of publicity had been received in the newspapers of the country. He recommended that for the coming year provisions be made to issue at least 26 bulletins, and that the list of newspapers receiving these bulletins be increased from approximately 500 to approximately 1000. He also recommended that the work of issuing bulletins be simplified by the expenditure of sufficient funds to provide stencils and other mechanical equipment. All of these recommendations were adopted.

The secretary reported a comfortable balance on hand. A budget totaling about \$1800 for the work of the ensuing year was unanimously approved. The fiscal year of the organization was changed to extend from Dec. 1 to November 30, instead of from July 1 to June 30, as was the case.

It was further decided to hold the annual meeting immediately following the meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference at Washington, each year.

A general discussion of various publicity features confronting the different national associations represented in the Board which brought out much information for the future guidance of the chairman was participated in by all present.

The election of officers resulted in the reelection of Dr. R. P. Fischelis as president and director of the News Service and C. H. Waterbury as secretary-treasurer.

MEETING OF NATIONAL DRUG TRADE CONFERENCE.

The following delegates to the National Drug Trade Conference were present at the meeting in Washington, D. C., December 5, 1922: American Pharmaceutical Association—