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DEPARTMENTS OMITTED IN THIS ISSUE.

Owing to the space required for reporting the General Sessions, final Council Business, addresses and other reports, it was necessary to omit several departments of this section.

APPARATUS USED BY M. LOUIS PASTEUR AT UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Apparatus used by Louis Pasteur while he was dean of the faculty of science at the University of Lille, 1856-1858, in making some of his experiments, has come into the possession of the University of Pennsylvania.

The apparatus was obtained by Dr. John Fraser, dean of the Towne Scientific School, while he was American exchange professor of applied science to the French universities.

Some of the apparatus will be sent to other American universities. They are Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia, Johns Hopkins and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Henry Julippe, the second person treated by Pasteur after being bitten by a mad dog, died recently. After his recovery, Julippe was employed in the Pasteur Institute as a laboratory helper and remained there until 1918, when he retired after a service of about thirty-five years.

JAPANESE RELIEF EXPENDITURES OF RED CROSS TOTAL MORE THAN SEVEN MILLIONS.

President Coolidge's praise of the Red Cross, in his address, as an organization devoted to the application of practical idealism was

an admirable statement of its motives and methods. The Red Cross exhibits the American spirit, which accomplishes big things and which, we hope, will never be blended by that of a people whose ideals in that respect differ. The contributions for the benefit of earthquake sufferers in Japan came spontaneously. The responses, as the President said, came from within, expressions of the people themselves.

The cargo of medical supplies of the transport "Somme" from San Francisco included supplies of every kind for the intended purposes. Fourteen ships were allocated for shipment of Red Cross supplies to Japan. Shipments include more than \$300,000 worth of disinfectants and medicines purchased by the Red Cross for Japanese relief: 20,000 gallons formaldehyde, 20,000 gallons compound solution of cresol, 20,000 pounds potassium permanganate, 200 tons chloride of lime.

POWDERED COLOCYNTH ADULTERATED WITH EXCESS OF SEEDS.

The United Drug Company, through Chief Chemist Edward C. Merrell, reports recent frequency of offerings of powdered colocynth that does not meet the requirements of the U. S. P. The report of the analytical and research laboratory follows: Instead of being uniformly buff in color the powder varied from uneven buff to dark gray. The coarser powder contained numerous dark fragments of the epicarp and of the seed-coat.

Analytical reports gave 5.58% ash but 8.76% of fixed oil for one shipment, and 11.3% ash and 10.2% fixed oil for another lot. The powder contained numerous oil globules easily visible through the microscope.

Evidently what is offered for sale as Powdered Colocynth Pulp are the grindings of the whole bitter apples, pulp, seeds, epicarp and all.

A NEW ETHYLATING AGENT.

For some time past Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., in connection with the work of the Multiple Industrial Fellowship sustained by the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, 30 E. 42d Street, New York, N. Y., has been making a thorough investigation of the properties and uses of diethyl sulphate as a general ethylating agent. A. R. Cade, an Industrial Fellow of the Institute, under whom the greater part of the work on this subject has been carried out, has published recently in *Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering* a report of the findings of this investigation, which report shows diethyl sulphate to be a most satisfactory general reagent for introducing ethyl groups into organic compounds. Mellon Institute will be pleased to furnish samples of this material to any one interested, and Mr. Cade will correspond gladly with any one who desires further information upon this subject. Reprints of the article referred to above may be obtained by writing to Mr. Cade at the Institute.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Arno Viehoever, Chairman of the Scientific Section, A. Ph. A., last year, and for a number of years in charge of the Pharmacognosy Laboratory, Bureau of Chemistry, Washington, D. C., has accepted the Chair of Biology and Pharmacognosy in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

Dr. Heber W. Youngken, for a number of years member of the faculty of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, has accepted the Chair of Botany, Pharmacognosy and Materia Medica at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

George J. Waugh, our oldest Canadian member, has recently celebrated his 85th birthday. He joined the Association in 1862, immediately following his graduation from the New York College of Pharmacy. The veteran, in a letter to Honorary President Thomas D. McElhenie, expressed his regret because of inability to attend the Asheville meeting, A. Ph. A.

Local Secretary J. G. Beard was ever-present during the convention and with his able co-workers succeeded in placing on the records a successful convention. **Chairman**

J. A. Goode has a very persuasive way of enlisting newspaper coöperation—it was not a question of how many inches but of how many pages were to be given for the convention program. Professor Beard is secretary of North Carolina Association and editor of the *North Carolina Journal of Pharmacy*. Mr. Goode is a retail pharmacist and an ex-president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association. It does not frequently occur that the Local Secretary of an A. Ph. A. convention greets those attending a succeeding meeting. The Local Secretary of the first Asheville meeting was **Whiteford G. Smith**, who supervised the registration at the recent convention. Among those present at the 1894 and 1923 meetings of the Association are the following: James H. Beal, A. R. L. Dohme, F. C. Godbold, John G. Godding, F. W. Hancock, L. C. Hopp, Joseph Jacobs, L. F. Kebler, C. A. Mayo, F. W. Meissner, W. G. Smith, F. W. E. Stedem, H. M. Whelpley, E. V. Zoeller.

An article by **Ambrose Hunsberger** in *The Annals* of the American Academy of Political and Social Science for September, pp. 179-195, is well worth reading and study and presents the side of pharmacists on the prohibition question to the lay reader.

John H. Webster of Detroit, well and favorably known as pharmacist and for his association activities, has been elected President of the National Association of Retail Druggists.

Julius H. Riemenschneider, an ex-president of Illinois Pharmaceutical Association, is an association worker; at present his efforts are intensively directed to curb price-cutting in drug stores.

Dean William Mansfield, of the Albany College of Pharmacy, is chairman of the Educational Committee of the Albany Chamber of Commerce. A new building is contemplated for the College of Pharmacy.

The address of **Prof. Francis P. Venable**, former president of the University of North Carolina, and for many years professor of Chemistry, was an outstanding feature of the program of the Scientific Section. His subject was "Radioactivity, Its Discovery, Nature and Some of Its Revelations." The lecture was illustrated by slides. Dr. Venable is an ex-president of the American Chemical Society; during the war he was an adviser in the Chemical Warfare Service.

Another interesting illustrated lecture was that of **Dr. John E. MacRae**, Asheville radiologist, on X-ray applied to plants. The slides

gave evidence that the illustrated method can be applied in differentiating between plants.

William J. Husa is the head of the Department of Pharmacy, University of Florida; the director is **Dr. Thomas R. Leigh**, professor of organic pharmaceutical chemistry. The latter was in attendance at the Asheville A. Ph. A. meeting. Professor Husa is a graduate in pharmacy of the University of Iowa and holds other degrees from Columbia University.

Caswell A. Mayo spent several weeks recreating near Asheville prior to the A. Ph. A. convention, where he contributed several illustrated lectures to the programs. A number of snap-shots might indicate that Mr. Mayo was on fishing bent during his vacation.

A number of the registrants at the Asheville meeting automobilized to the Convention and all spoke of delightful trips and stop-overs.

Dr. Albert Schneider will test the effects of "Kaapi," used in ritualistic ceremonies by the savages of the Amazon preparatory to making war. The drug was brought from South America by Dr. Rusby; Dr. Schneider will report his sensations while under the influence of this drug.

O. U. Sisson says that successful retailing is based on three fundamentals: the attracting of passersby to arouse curiosity and interest that lead to sales; arousing desire by appealing demonstration of merchandise, and gaining enduring satisfaction by selling purchasers merchandise that will please, and rendering service.

Secretary and Mrs. Walter D. Adams, of Texas Pharmaceutical Association, have ren-

dered valuable service to the association; the former by his enthusiastic support and as an official in various capacities; Mrs. Adams visioned many years ago that the wives and daughters attending the annual state conventions could give aid to young women in securing an education in pharmacy—as a result two scholarships for the latter have been established by the Women's Auxiliary.

The Virginia Pharmacist for August has a very complete report of the annual Convention of Virginia Pharmaceutical Association. In a related way the August issue of the *Sun Flower Druggists' Bulletin* presents the proceedings of the Kansas Association.

A picture of the efficient treasurer of the Asheville meeting, A. Ph. A., **C. A. Raysor**, is the frontispiece of the October number of the *Carolina Journal of Pharmacy*.

The Intravenous Products Company has secured larger quarters at 239 Fourth Avenue, New York. The laboratories are well planned, offering the facilities of improved modern methods. President **David E. Ushkow** has furnished the offices in a way that adds a welcome to the visitors.

Dr. H. M. Seem, for many years advertising manager for Sharp & Dohme, has resigned his position and retired from business. He plans to reside in Florida. Best wishes are extended.

Interesting data relative to State Association membership dues, State Board dues, number of drug stores in the respective states, percentage membership in A. Ph. A., and other tabulated information thereon, is printed in the September *Northwestern Druggist*.

OBITUARY.

PETER J. ARBES.

Peter J. Arbes, formerly manager of the Ada Pharmacy, Ada, Minn., died at the home of his mother in New Ulm, Minn., September 7. He was a member of the firm of Arbes Brothers until 1921 when he assumed the management of the Ada Pharmacy. Owing to the serious illness of his brother, followed by death, Mr. Arbes returned to New Ulm in 1922. His death was due to heart trouble. The deceased was well and favorably known to pharmacists of the Northwest. He is survived by his widow and two children, also his mother and two sisters.

ROBERT ALBRO NEWTON.

Robert Albro Newton, 39 years old, died at Malden, Mass., on Aug. 5, 1923. He was born in Westboro, Mass., in 1884, receiving his early education in the public schools of Southboro. In 1906 he received, with honors, the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and following graduation was elected instructor in analytical and organic chemistry, which position he held for six years. At the same time he conducted consulting chemical laboratories at Southboro, Mass., where also, as owner of the "Newton Building" until