

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONCERNS OF CINCINNATI.

The February issue of the "Cincinnatian," the monthly organ of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, contains an interesting sketch of the history of The Wm. S. Merrell Company, with a portrait of the President, Mr. Chas. G. Merrell. This is the first of a series of articles to appear in the "Cincinnatian," describing the industrial and commercial concerns of the city.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE IN THE SERVICE OF PHARMACY AND RESEARCH OF PROFESSOR DR. A. TSCHIRCH.

The Swiss Apothecaries' Society has issued an index-reference to publications of Professor Dr. Alexander Tschirch; thirty pages are required for listing the titles of subjects, and impress the service rendered by him—his monumental work is "Handbuch der Pharmacognosie," reviewed by Dr. Frederick B. Power in May 1920.¹ A sketch of Professor Tschirch, an honorary member of the association, appears in the April number, *JOURNAL A. PH. A.*, p. 359, by Dr. Edward Kremers.

"NEWARK LEDGER" SHOWS AN INTEREST IN PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION.

In a recent Sunday edition of the *Newark Ledger*, several columns were devoted to the New Jersey College of Pharmacy, giving an historical account of its activities.

DEATH OF OLIVER FRANKLIN FULLER.

Oliver Franklin Fuller, Honorary President of the American Pharmaceutical Association, 1918-1919, died April 10, aged 93 years. A sketch of the deceased is printed in the October number, 1918, *Journal A. Ph. A.* He was chairman of the board of directors of the Fuller-Morrisson Company of Chicago, and until shortly before his death took an active part in the management of the concern which he founded in 1872. He was an active member of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association, and at the Chicago A. Ph. A. meeting participated heartily in the entertainment provided by this association and the local committees. He joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1869.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

READJUSTMENT OF THE A. PH. A. ACTIVITIES FOR BETTER AND GREATER SERVICE TO AMERICAN PHARMACY.

The officers of the House of Delegates A. Ph. A. have addressed the State Pharmaceutical Associations relative to the plan adopted at the Cleveland Meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association for extending its usefulness through the rearrangement of its activities. The letter follows, and see also "The Need for a More Thorough Organization of American Pharmacy," following the Council Letter in this issue of *THE JOURNAL*, page 364, and the editorial on page 291—To the State Associations:

The American Pharmaceutical Association, as the mother association of the other pharmaceutical organizations of our country, both state and national, has rendered a wonderful service to pharmacy, and probably its most effective service has been on inaugurating and encouraging the establishment of the state associations. It can render an even greater service in the future as the clearing house of

the various organizations that have sprung from it, in solving the many problems of interest to all of them. To do this, however, it must be brought into more intimate contact with them, and through them with the rank and file of American pharmacists, and made more responsive to their needs. In recent years it has been realized that the A. Ph. A. was not attracting the interest and coöperation of these organizations, and especially the state associations, to the extent that it should. The state associations sent delegates to the annual meetings, but the plan of organization was such that these delegates could not exert the influence they deserved in the work of the Association.

At the Seventieth Annual Meeting held in Cleveland, Ohio, last August, a constructive plan was adopted for extending the usefulness of the A. Ph. A. through the rearrangement of its activities, so that the state association in particular and the divisional organizations, such as the N. A. R. D., N. W. D. A., A. D. M. A. and others, should have a most responsible

¹ *JOURNAL A. PH. A.*, p. 553.

part in its direction and control. A comprehensive statement of this plan is presented in the enclosed reprints* from the JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A. ("Readjustment of A. Ph. A. Activities for Better and Greater Service to American Pharmacy," by E. F. Kelly; JOURNAL of September 1922, pp. 664-666; "Constructive Efforts in Behalf of American Pharmacy," by Ambrose Hunsberger; JOURNAL, September 1922, pp. 666-667; "Reorganization Plan of the American Pharmaceutical Association," JOURNAL of September 1922, pp. 724-725).

As responsible officers of your Association, may we direct your attention to the following advantages to your association under this plan:

(1) That the House of Delegates, of which the State Association will provide the general majority of members, will initiate and determine the general policies and activities of the Association, subject to the approval by the General Session.

(2) That the House of Delegates either nominates or elects the general officers of the Association.

(3) That the House of Delegates will provide the opportunity so long needed for the representatives of the state associations to come together at least once a year to consider questions of mutual interest to them and to pharmacy in general.

(4) That in the House of Delegates the representatives of the state associations will also be brought into contact with representatives of the divisional organizations, providing the broadest possible exchange of views among all the pharmaceutical organizations.

At the same time it should be emphasized:

(1) That no financial contribution is expected from the state associations and no financial responsibility, but only the promise of such support as they may be able to give in building up the A. Ph. A. membership in their respective associations.

(2) No conflict with the work of other pharmaceutical organizations and no restrictions of their activities.

(3) The replacement by this comprehensive plan of others considered during the last few years, including the so-called "Hostmann plan" presented to the associations last year by the House of Delegates.

* Sent in the letter to which mention is made.—EDITOR.

It is provided that this plan becomes effective when it has been approved by twenty state associations of whose membership 10% are also members of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Therefore, those state associations that now meet this membership requirement, or that can bring their A. Ph. A. membership to the required 10%, are requested to approve at the earliest opportunity, either through action of their Executive Committee or at their annual meeting, so that the plan may be put into operation as soon as possible.

Those state associations which do not at present meet this membership requirement are nevertheless requested to approve the plan and to vote affiliation with the parent association—the American Pharmaceutical Association, to the end that pharmacy may be advanced and its interests conserved by better coöperation among pharmaceutical organizations, all of which are really striving for the same worthy cause.

(Signed) E. F. KELLY,
Chairman.
WM. B. DAY, Secretary.

DRUG TRADE BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

The following bulletins of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information have been issued:

Bulletin A-1.—"Why Pharmacists Oppose Sales of Drugs in General Stores."

Bulletin A-2.—"Retail Drug Trade Denies Burns' Charges of Dope Selling."

Bulletin A-3.—"American Drug Manufacturers to Hold Annual Meeting in New York City."

Bulletin A-4.—"Remington Honor Medal to Be Awarded to Dean Henry H. Rusby of Columbia University, School of Pharmacy."

Druggists should look for comment on these items in the newspapers. Through the medium of these bulletins the public will be made better acquainted with pharmaceutical service, how the people are protected by pharmacists who have the genuine association spirit and endeavor to live up to the ethics of their profession; how, on the other hand the unqualified do not serve and endanger life and health—those who engage in the drug business solely for mercenary or other unworthy motives do a great harm, and are a source of undesirables that bring disrepute on the great majority engaged in pharmacy.

Clippings of references to these bulletins, comments thereon or prints—wholly or in

part—in the newspapers should be mailed to Director Robert P. Fischelis, 509 High Street, Newark, N. J., and thereby give encouragement to the Bureau.

These bulletins serve another educational purpose—newswriters and editors are made acquainted with our viewpoint on things relating to pharmacy and the drug industries. The drug business has suffered in the estimation of the people because of unguarded and erroneous statements reported in the Press, relative to sales of narcotics; unquestionably in some instances the assertions have been made without comprehension of their indefiniteness and the far-reaching harmful effect of the misconstruction, leaving a sting and implanting resentment in the most conservative and forgiving.

The Proceedings of the American Pharmaceutical Association record that many years ago ways and means were outlined by pharmacists for regulating sales of narcotics, and their deep concern evidenced relative to the evils of habit-forming drugs.

NATIONAL ANTI-NARCOTIC CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, MAY 3-4.

An announcement has been sent out by Rexford L. Holmes, as Executive Secretary, for a meeting of a National anti-narcotic conference, May 3-4, to be held at the New Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C. The meeting is to be attended by representatives of state boards of health, universities, religious and welfare organizations, associations, etc. to discuss plans looking toward the mitigation or total elimination of the illegitimate manufacture, distribution and use of narcotic drugs, and related subjects.

Among the signers to the call are the following:—

Hon. Hubert Work, M.D., Secretary of the Interior; Rev. Charles Wood, D.D., Pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C.; Surgeon-General M. W. Ireland, U. S. A.; Rear Admiral E. S. Stitt, U. S. N., Surgeon General of the Navy; George M. Kober, M.D., LL.D., Dean of the Medical School, and Professor of Hygiene and Dietetics of Georgetown University; Rev. William S. Abernethy, D.D., Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; Hon. I. M. Foster, LL.D., Member of the House of Representatives, from Ohio; Mrs. Laura B. Evans, Trustee of the University of Illinois; Rev. Howard H. Russell, D.D., Founder of the Anti-Saloon League of

America; Justice Stanton J. Peelle, LL.D., Formerly Chief Justice of the U. S. Court of Claims; Andrew Wilson, Ph.D., D.C.L., Lawyer; President of the Anti-Saloon League of the District of Columbia; Wayne B. Wheeler, LL.D., General Council and Legislative Superintendent, Anti-Saloon League of America; Percy S. Foster, President of the Mortgage and Trust Company, Washington, D. C., and Treasurer of the Conference; Owen P. Kellar, LL.B., Churchman, and President of the Christian Endeavor Alumni Association of the District of Columbia; Mrs. Ellis A. Yost, Legislative Representative of the National W. C. T. U.; Mrs. William A. Fitzgerald, President of the Federation of Women's Clubs of California and a Director of the Los Angeles Anti-Narcotic League.

The purpose of the following is only for giving information. A news paper item under date of April 9, reads:—

“Officials of the International Anti-Narcotic League which recently announced an alliance with the National Anti-Narcotic League and the Anti-Narcotic League charged that Rexford L. Holmes, a Washington church worker, was wrongly using the name International Anti-Narcotic Society to mislead those he had invited to attend an Anti-Narcotic meeting here in Washington May 3rd. Replying on a letterhead of the National Anti-Narcotic Conference Mr. Holmes said he had used the name International Anti-Narcotic Society, which is different from the International Anti-Narcotics Society, on the direct authorization of its officials in Spokane, Washington. Thereupon, the International Anti-Narcotic League announced it would have an Anti-Narcotic Conference of its own here (Washington) in August.”

The titles of narcotic associations are somewhat confusing and may be the cause of the misunderstanding evidenced by the foregoing news item—1. International Anti-Narcotic League; 2. National Anti-Narcotic League; 3. Anti-Narcotic League; 4. International Anti-Narcotic Society; 5. International Anti-Narcotics Society; 6. National Antinarcotic Conference.

Our information is that much of the present propaganda is unnecessary. The Harrison Law is now being enforced 90 per cent. effectively, there is only a leak of about 10 per cent. into illegitimate channels of the narcotic drugs which are imported legitimately. The matter of controlling illegitimate shipments is an international problem. There is no immediate danger of an increase in addiction in this coun-

try. The necessity of a conference at present may be questioned, and also that it will, at this time serve a very great useful purpose.

AMERICAN DRUG MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

The twelfth annual meeting of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association will be held at the Hotel Biltmore, New York, April 16 to 19, inclusive.

The scientific section will hold a morning and afternoon session Monday, April 16, and a morning session Tuesday, April 17. The meeting of the pharmaceutical section is scheduled for Monday at 2 P.M., while the crude drug section will meet the same afternoon at 4 o'clock. A meeting of the biological section will be held Tuesday at 10:30 A.M. The general sessions of the association as a whole will begin Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The business sessions will be devoid of all purely formal features and will be devoted to practical discussion of important trade problems, the alcohol regulations, the narcotic situation, transportation difficulties, foreign trade and kindred problems. The association will be called upon for an expression on the proposed model narcotic act submitted by the National Drug Trade Conference to constituent members for action. The delegates from the American Pharmaceutical Association are Jeannot Hostmann, *chairman*; Clyde L. Eddy, and F. G. Eberle.

DRUG AND CHEMICAL SQUARE CLUB IS DONOR OF FLAG.

The U. S. Army Square Club was presented March 6, by the Drug and Chemical Square Club, composed of master masons of the trade and affiliated professions, with a beautiful white silk flag bearing the insignia of the former organization. The presentation was made at a meeting of the U. S. Army Square Club, Governor's Island, by Thomas R. Freebody, president of the donor club. Col. Julius A. Penn, president of the U. S. Army Square Club, accepted with a graceful speech.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, thirty-third-degree Mason, who gave "square" clubs generally great encouragement. There are approximately 600,000 members of square clubs throughout the country, and this membership is affiliated with a National League of Masonic Clubs. The headquarters of the National League of Masonic Clubs, Inc., is at Wilmington, Del., the president for the current year being Melvin Allen, M.D., of Reading, Pa., and the secre-

tary, E. A. MacKinnon, of Wilmington, Delaware.

STATE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

The dates of Kansas State Pharmaceutical Association Meeting have been changed to May 15-17, at Wichita—Broadview Hotel is headquarters.

The board of trustees of New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association has chosen June 12-15 as the time for the fifty-third annual meeting, at Hotel Monmouth, Spring Lake.

Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association will convene in Oklahoma City, April 16-18. This convention will mark the end of the first year of their new unit organization, and much interest centers on the report of progress.

Virginia Beach has been selected for the place of meeting of Virginia Pharmaceutical Association, during the week of June 25.

OFFICERS MINNESOTA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. E. Burke, of St. Paul, president; C. C. Crosby, of Buhl, first vice president; G. J. DeMars, of Fertile, second vice president; Mrs. Marion Ludden, of Minneapolis, third vice president; Gustav Bachman, of Minneapolis, secretary, and H. Martin Johnson, of St. Paul, treasurer. H. C. Trowbridge, retiring president, was elected to the executive committee.

THE STERLING CHEMISTRY LABORATORY AT YALE DEDICATED DURING MEETING OF AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

The Sterling Chemistry Laboratory, the gift of the late John W. Sterling, of New York City, to Yale, was dedicated on April 4, in the presence of representatives from seven foreign universities and members in attendance at the meeting of the American Chemical Society at New Haven.

The teaching laboratories have a capacity of 900 students at one time. With three shifts 2700 students can be accommodated in the laboratory courses, and provisions have been made for that number. The laboratories provide facilities for teaching elementary, organic, analytical, industrial and physical chemistry.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY NEWS ITEMS.

Connecticut pharmacists plan the establishment of a College of Pharmacy in New Haven.

Michigan faculty of the College of Literature, Science and Arts, decided against the adoption of correspondence courses.

Maryland pharmacists have decided that the Department of Pharmacy, University of Maryland shall not be slighted in the matter of distribution of funds by the State.

Hon. Lawrence Timmerman has introduced a bill in Wisconsin Legislature asking for an appropriation of \$250,000 for the construction and equipment of a pharmacy building and a garden house for the pharmacy department of the University of Wisconsin.

A six-story annex to the New York College of Pharmacy building is in process of construction.

Brooklyn College of Pharmacy is promoting a fund for a new site and building.

New buildings are being considered for Albany College of Pharmacy.

An Honor Society is contemplated in the School of Pharmacy of the Medical College of Virginia—membership is limited to those having averaged 90 or more for one and a half sessions—Miss Myrtis Jennings and H. B. Haag are reported as eligible.

Kappa Epsilon, a national pharmaceutical sorority, requires that chapters be only established in colleges and schools of pharmacy holding membership in the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties.

THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

FORMER PROHIBITION DIRECTOR OF PENNSYLVANIA AND MANY OTHERS ACCUSED IN LIQUOR CONSPIRACY.

One of the defendants in a liquor conspiracy trial in progress at this writing, in Philadelphia, is William C. McConnell, former prohibition director of Pennsylvania; there are many other defendants, among them: Albert F. Slater, who was McConnell's secretary; Hiram W. Benner, head of the permit division in McConnell's office; Samuel B. Wolf, in charge of the Pittsburgh office under McConnell.

NARCOTIC SEIZURE IN WASHINGTON.

Narcotic drugs were found in possession of Edwards Trading Company, who had no government license. Representatives of the Edwards concern declared that every dollar's worth of the narcotics seized, said to include 320,000 tablets containing 10 per cent. of opium, was bought from the government out of army stocks and delivered to the company by government carriers. They state further that, while the company might be charged with technical violation of the law in not having a permit to possess or sell narcotics, it received no warning from the War Department when the latter sold it the narcotics, which the firm attributed to the department's alleged anxiety to sell.

According to a newspaper item, Surgeon-General M. W. Ireland stated that "there has not been an ounce of narcotics sold at the Washington medical supply depot since 1921, and then only a small order under government regulations—this order included about ten bottles of cocaine and 260 bottles of morphine." He states further that "records of the New

York army supply depot, on file in Washington indicate that no narcotics have been sold from there."

T. D. 3449 PROTESTED BY THE DRUG INDUSTRIES.

Strong verbal protest against T. D. 3449 requiring permits for even very small quantities of alcohol to be confirmed was made March 19 by representatives of the drug trades at a hearing before Judge Britt, chief counsel of the prohibition unit. W. L. Crouse, in Washington, representative of the N. W. D. A., made the principal statement. A. Homer Smith, secretary of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, and E. C. Brokmeyer, counsel of the N. A. R. D., pointed out the hardships to the retail trade that would follow from the decision.

SUPPLIES OF INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL.

Commissioner Blair has approved the selection of a committee of technical men to cooperate with the Prohibition Unit in supervising the production and distribution of supplies of industrial alcohol.

LABELING FLAVORING PRODUCTS.

The term "extract" implies an alcoholic product. Flavoring products prepared with vehicles other than alcohol should therefore not be labeled with the term "extract." The Federal food and drugs act does not require a statement of the proportion of alcohol on the labels of flavoring extracts used exclusively for food purposes, although certain State laws make this requirement. Extracts sold or used for any medicinal purposes should have the proportion of alcohol plainly stated on the label.