

The U. S. Department of Commerce bulletins advise dealers and manufacturers of trade conditions abroad. A recent number of "Squandering Good Will Abroad" points out the need of giving better consideration to foreign patronage.

A Federal Reserve Bank Bulletin, in commenting on the drug business, states that there has been a gain in volume of business. The crude drug market has been quiet and the price changes have not been important.

Stocks of drugs in the hands of wholesalers are moderately heavy, but the majority of reports show that they are not increasing. Finished stocks in the hands of chemical manufacturers are light and are decreasing. Plants are operating at about 90 per cent. of capacity. Collections are fairly good.

*The Hospital Buyer* is published in the interest of hospitals, but many of the articles have value for retail pharmacists.

### OBITUARY.

**John Hepburn**—druggist at Flushing, N. Y., for more than half a century—died at his home on May 20th. He was a member of the Flushing Board of Trustees and an organizer of the Business Men's Association of his home city. He was a member of the New York Pharmaceutical Association, and joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1873. His widow, a son and two daughters survive him.



THE LATE PROFESSOR H. H. GAETZ,  
Director, School of Pharmacy, Univ. of Alberta,  
Canada.

**Louis Cass Hogan** died in Chicago May 20th, aged 69 years. He was born in Pontiac, Mich., and came to Chicago in 1871. He graduated from the University of Illinois

School of Pharmacy in 1874, and from 1886 to 1889 was Assistant Professor of Pharmacy in the College. From 1890 to 1895 he was a member of the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy. For a number of years the deceased was engaged with B. S. Cooban and Co., of Chicago, and during this time contributed many articles to the pharmaceutical press. He was editor of the *American Drug Clerks' Journal* and its successor, *The Registered Pharmacist*, from 1887 to 1890. He joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1890 and was secretary of the Section on Education and Legislation from 1890 to 1894.



ALFRED MELLOR.

**Alfred Mellor**, member of the American Pharmaceutical Association since 1864, died May 30 at his home in Germantown, Philadelphia. His widow and two sons survive him. A brief notice relating to Mr. Mellor will be found on p. 253, April JOURNAL, 1919.

**Ralph B. Gable** died at his home in Vineland, N. J., May 8th. Mr. Gable was employed for a number of years by Merck & Company

of New York and was well known to the retail drug trade, and quite active during many years in association work. He was the author of a souvenir booklet, "Under the Shadow of the Skyscrapers," prepared by him for the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in New York City in 1907.

**George E. Gibbard** died at his home in Lorne Park near Toronto on May 8th, aged 73 years. Prior to coming to Toronto, Mr. Gibbard was in the retail drug business at Darlington, Ont. He was very active in the organization of the Canadian Pharmaceutical

Association, and for many years was the proprietor and editor of the *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal*.

**Frank H. Rosengarten**, prominent as a chemist before his retirement in 1897, died May 7th at his home in Philadelphia, aged 80 years. He was a native of Philadelphia, the son of the late George D. Rosengarten, founder of Rosengarten and Sons, which firm was consolidated with Powers and Weightman in 1905.

**Samuel S. White**, first president of the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia, died May 18th, aged 69 years.

## SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

### PROGRESS IN THE REORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

June is the month during which most of the State Associations hold their annual conventions. The plan is regarded with favor, as indicated by the action taken by the Associations that have held their annual meetings—Minnesota, Iowa, Oklahoma, Kansas and Louisiana have given their approval; Illinois Pharmaceutical Association, through the Executive Committee, has also approved the plan. It is most pleasing to note the co-operation of the pharmaceutical press; all the publications have given publicity and quite a number have commented editorially. Their interest is that of the American Pharmaceutical Association, for all of them have representation in it through individual membership.

See a more extended comment by Secretary William B. Day in this issue of the *JOURNAL*, p. 551.

### SCIENTIFIC SECTION, A. PH. A.

The following communication has been received from the officers of the Scientific Section, A. Ph. A.:

This year we desire to allow each member who will present a paper sufficient time to intelligently present his subject and also permit of discussion by the members. In order that we may have sufficient time to arrange and print the program, we respectfully request that all subjects be placed in the hands of the Secretary not later than July 15th. Papers received after that date cannot be assured of a place on the program and presentation can only be permitted as time may allow.

It will greatly assist the Secretary in outlining the work if the prospective contributors will submit the following information:

1. Title.
2. Statement indicating: Length of time (minutes) required to present the papers.
3. Need for lantern, microscope, or other equipment. Abstract, not exceeding 100 words, setting forth aims, significance and results of the work.

It is further planned to set aside part or whole of one meeting as a "stunt show," at which novel methods for drug analysis, scientific work, or laboratory manipulations will be described, interesting scientific exhibits will be shown, or demonstrations be made of new or unusual forms of apparatus helpful in pharmacy. Contributors to this "stunt show" are solicited and nature of contribution should be indicated.

ARNO VIEHOEVER,  
*Chairman.*

J. P. SNYDER,  
*Secretary.*

### COMMITTEE ON PHARMACEUTICAL BOTANY AND PHARMACOGNOSY.

At a recent meeting of the Division of Biology and Agriculture of the National Research Council held at Washington, D. C., the Committee on Coöperation from the American Pharmaceutical Association was changed to the status of the Committee on Pharmaceutical Botany and Pharmacognosy of the Division, and the following elected as its personnel to serve until June 1924: Heber W. Youngken, *Chairman*, Henry H. Rusby, Arno Viehoever, E. N. Gathercoal and E. L. Newcomb.

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE U. S. PHARMACOPŒIA.

The Board of Trustees of the U. S. Pharmacopœia held business sessions in Cincinnati, May 4 and 5. The meeting was made memora-