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PROPOSAL TO ALTER CONSTITUTION OF AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Members of the American Pharmaceutical Association are directed to the proposal to amend the Constitution of A. Ph. A. Formal notice is given under Council Business of this issue of the JOURNAL, in conformity with Article V of the Constitution—see p. xxvii in YEAR BOOK, Vol. 10.

ERROR IN A FOOTNOTE REFERENCE RELATING TO "CALIFORNIA BEES."

Dr. A. B. Lyons has called attention to errors in page numbers in a footnote on p. 939 of Volume X, JOURNAL A. PH. A. The page numbers should be 510 and 1111 instead of pp. 570 and 571. The suggestion is made that the numbers be corrected accordingly.

CLAIMS INCREASE OF DIABETIC CASES DUE TO LARGER CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR.

Dr. Benjamin Jablons in the course of a lecture at St. Mark's Hospital, New York, made the assertion that prohibition has been the indirect cause through the substitution of sugars and fats to produce the heat formerly furnished by alcohol of doubling the number of diabetes cases in this country.

THE CAMERA IN DIAGNOSING DISEASE.

In an address before the Broome County Academy of Medicine, May 29, Dr. Alfred B. Hitchins declared each disease has a specific photo reaction which, if properly studied, will identify the ailment from which a patient is suffering. The new method will be valuable in identifying disease through the chemistry of the blood and will open up a new field of physical diagnosis, Doctor Hitchins declared.

A CONSULTATION WITH M. GRUBY.

William H. Gano has translated for the JOURNAL A. PH. A. portions of an article from *The Journal of the Pharmaceutical Historical Society*, Paris, of January 1923. The contribution is by Dr. Henri Leclerc and the subject relates to M. Gruby who was for many years "a specialist" in the treatment of neurasthenia, etc. His prescriptions were of harmless composition; observance of dosage, time and methods contributed chiefly to the success in restoring the patients. The prescriptions will be omitted at this time, but a few anecdotes which Dr. Leclerc reported are presented; these will go to prove that M. Gruby was not, as has been said, a vulgar charlatan, but a keen observer, a true philosopher, who believed that "where skill is unsuccessful, audacity is often useful." The following will show to what extent he knew the psychology of the sick. Thanks to the mystery with which he surrounded himself and to the allurements of a mystic healer, beneath which he hid real science, he drew the blind confidence of many intellectuals of Paris—his patients were mostly neurasthenics and nerve-jaded. In submitting them to his bizarre and complicated treatment, he attacked the mind and turned their attention from ills which were frequently imaginary; often obtaining results which had been vainly sought for through the use of classic therapeutics. Some of his prescriptions might easily be taxed with charlatanism although they proved to be truly God-sends, showing a profound knowledge of human mentality.

Gruby was consulted by Alexander Dumas, the writer believing himself a victim of a grave stomach malady. He was ordered a régime of hard boiled eggs, beef boiled with salad—the whole to be washed down with copious

draughts of red wine. Some time after, Dumas returned for another consultation—"Well," said Gruby, "how are you?"—"Not any worse, not any better," replied Dumas. "What," exclaimed Gruby, "not any worse and on such a régime, and you tell me you have stomach trouble? Ridiculous!"

A lady, victim of an intense imaginary malady, consulted him one day. "The case is serious, very serious," said Gruby, "it requires energetic treatment; you must take each day, a glass of wine between two glasses of water; above all things make no mistake, it would be terrible." The lady inverted the order of the factors, she took the wine first, then the water—badly frightened and fearing a catastrophe she rushed to Gruby. "The situation is grave," said he, "but it can be saved, you must immediately take a glass of water—then the wine will be between the two waters.

To another patient he prescribed the purchase of an orange at a certain grocer's, some distance away—and to eat half of it in walking up the Champs-Élysées—the other half to be eaten in returning.

A lady, now an octogenarian, and a patient of Dr. Leclerc, relates the following: "Living in comfort and idleness—with no other occupation than the accomplishment of social duties, calls, the play, and dinners—she presented the characteristic symptoms of the beginning of arteriosclerosis (obesity, panting, headache, vertigo); not wishing to change her manner of living, she tried a host of remedies without benefit; finally, she consulted Gruby, who advised her to live 15 days each month on salads, with cream cheese and gingerbread for breakfast; a light cake soaked in an infusion of dried almond shells for lunch, and for dinner a soup made of salsify. Besides, every morning at 9 o'clock she was ordered to go on foot to a certain herborist of L'Île Saint Louis, and procure a package containing 5 Gm. of wild pansy with which to prepare an infusion to be taken at 8:30 in the evening, *at the moment of retiring*. The patient, a woman of intelligence, soon grasped the idea, hidden beneath these directions—that her affliction was more amenable to exercise and a wise diet than to polypharmacy."

INSULIN.

A comprehensive article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, of April 28, pp. 1238-1241, concludes with the following statement: "It appears, then, that as a result of a vast amount of research on diabetes

mellitus, and still earlier on the physiology and pathology of the pancreas, researches by numerous investigators all over the world, conducted largely on experimental animals, as well as with human beings, there has finally been evolved from the pancreas a principle which has a specific effect on the carbohydrate metabolism of the body. The effects of this extract have been thoroughly studied and its limitations rather clearly defined. A method of assay is being perfected so that it appears likely that the product will shortly be made generally available to the medical profession. Improperly used, results may occur of such seriousness as to interfere greatly with establishing the true worth of the product. To secure proper results, a knowledge of scientific dietetics is necessary, and carefully controlled laboratory observations are important. Physicians who plan to use the remedy must inform themselves fully of its potency, the symptoms of danger, the proper methods of administration, the proper methods of antidoting unfavorable effects, and the correct manner of evaluating results. If these precautions are observed, there seems to be no reason why any well-trained physician should not be able to use the remedy satisfactorily."

Among those who declare the insulin treatment a success is Frank A. Vanderlip, financier of New York City.

INTENSIFYING PERFUME OF FLOWERS.

Results presented by Professor Daniel of the University of Rennes before the Paris Academy of Sciences seem to open up a new field of possibilities for perfume makers.

By grafting a shoot of wormwood on a chrysanthemum it was found the odor of the chrysanthemum was greatly intensified. From the seeds of the graft splendid plants were obtained the following year, which produced flowers. Some of the blossoms had powerful perfume, but others were entirely odorless.

July 22nd will mark the centenary of the death of William Bartram. Like his father, John Bartram, the son was an eminent botanist. There is an additional interest because of the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in North Carolina, where William Bartram was for a time engaged in business. This year also marks the sesqui-centennial of the latter's coming to the Carolinas, at the request of Dr. John Fothergill, the famous London physician and botanist, to study and collect the natural products of these States.

PERSONAL AND NEW ITEMS.

Editor C. L. Butchers of the *Australasian Journal of Pharmacy*, and active for many years in the pharmacy and drug interests of Australia, has been elected representative to the International Pharmaceutical Congress. It is hoped that Mr. Butchers, when he comes to the United States during his visit, can be persuaded to attend the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in Asheville.

The pharmacists of Victoria tendered a complimentary "smoker" to Mr. Butchers on the occasion of his departure for London to attend the meetings of the International Pharmaceutical Congress and the British Pharmaceutical Conference as the Australian delegate. President Frank Buckhurst, of the Pharmacy Board, presided, and there was an attendance of about 150 representative pharmacists and the heads of the wholesale drug houses. After Mr. Butchers' health had been drunk, the Chairman presented him with a gold wristlet watch suitably inscribed. In doing so, he referred to the tact, ability, and judgment shown by Mr. Butchers during the twenty-five years he had been connected with Victorian pharmacy. The fact that he was going home as the representative of all the Australian Boards spoke volumes for the esteem in which he was held. Mr. Butchers, in response, said that he appreciated the honor conferred upon him. He would look forward to meeting the big men of pharmacy in Great Britain, and he hoped to return at the end of the year ripened with the experience he had gained and ready to take up his duties again with renewed vigor. The function was a memorable one, and was greatly enjoyed by those present.

James S. Robinson, veteran druggist of Memphis, Tenn., and of the American Pharmaceutical Association, has not been very well for a number of months, necessitating his absence from business.

E. P. Galt, dean of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association, died following a stroke of paralysis at his home in Selma, Ala., June 17. Dr. Galt was one of the organizers of Alabama Pharmaceutical Association and for thirty-five years served on the Board of Pharmacy. The deceased was 76 years old. His service bespeaks his merit.

Wilhelm Bodeman, **John Blocki** and **Charles Matthews**, of Chicago, recently celebrated birthdays. The former and latter divide honors on the same day, June 7, and the occa-

sion was celebrated at the home of Mr. Matthews, where luncheon was served to members of C. V. D. A. under the trees of the spacious grounds.

E. C. Bent, venerable secretary of the South Dakota Pharmaceutical Association, will retire from office after twenty-six years of service.

In token of esteem the students of the South Dakota School of Pharmacy presented Mr. Bent with a beautiful loving cup on May 10. The presentation was enhanced by the presence of many members of the State Association, among them:

President and Mrs. J. C. Shultz, of Madison; Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Jones, of Watertown; A. A. Woodward, of Aberdeen; D. F. Dexter, of Canton; J. A. Pool, of Redfield; E. C. Baldwin, of Rapid City; Professor and Mrs. E. R. Serles, C. D. Kendall, Mrs. Chapman, Professor and Mrs. A. Hogstad, Jr., Professors Morrison and LeBlanc, of Brookings.

Henry C. Christensen, Chicago, **John Coleman**, Wheeling, and **H. Lionel Meredith**, Hagerstown, Md., were honored with the degree of Master in Pharmacy, by the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, June 6. **J. W. E. Harrison** was awarded the degree of Master in Pharmacy (in course).

Joseph J. Piffner, who earned the Fairchild scholarship in 1922, won all the prizes offered to members of his class in the University of Iowa, School of Pharmacy; these included a set of Britton & Brown's "Illustrated Flora," offered by J. M. Lindley, '89, and three recommendations to membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association, offered by as many donors. Mr. Piffner was recently elected to the Rho Chi Society honorary membership fraternity, ranking first among those eligible for election at this time. He expects to continue work in the college next year.

Dr. Robert P. Fischelis has been elected managing editor of the "News Edition" of *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, American Chemical Society. He has been a member of the staff of the former for several years. The American Chemical Society profits by his service and best wishes are extended. This will not interfere with his duties as dean of the New Jersey College of Pharmacy.

Reginald E. Dyer, editor of the *Practical Druggist*, completed his twenty-first year of service with that publication on May 25. The publisher of *Practical Druggist*, Romaine Pierson, gave a luncheon at the New York Drug Club, in honor of the celebrant, at which

fifteen guests were present. Brief remarks were made by the guests, expressive of their esteem and the value of the work accomplished by Mr. Dyer. The latter became assistant editor of the *Practical Druggist* in 1903; prior to that time he had been engaged in pharmacy. Mr. Dyer is a graduate of the Montreal College of Pharmacy, class of 1888.

Carson P. Frailey has been elected Secretary of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association, succeeding **A. Homer Smith**, who resigned to affiliate with Sharp & Dohme, Baltimore.

Richard H. Timmermann, New York College of Pharmacy, had the pleasure of presenting a Trustee prize, of \$100, to his daughter, a member of the graduating class.

Dean A. Ziefle, of the School of Pharmacy, Oregon Agricultural College, is seeking information relative to the buildings and equipment of other pharmacy schools. A new building is to be erected on the College Campus for the School of Pharmacy.

E. C. Mason, President of the Arizona Pharmaceutical Association, attended the meeting of the Kansas Pharmaceutical Association and will visit other organizations to acquaint himself with these organizations for the benefit of the recently organized association of which he is the president. Mr. Mason owns three stores in the Salt River Valley. He is at the head of the Americanization of the Salt River Valley and president of the Phoenix social service bureau, which has charge of the charities of the city.

D. v. Riesen and wife, of Marysville, Kansas, are visiting in Southern California on a two months' vacation. During the absence of Mr. v. Riesen from his store, his son, Waldemar, assisted by Victor McEntire, will be in charge.

Ellis W. Cookson, druggist of Wichita, Kas., attended the Shrine Convention in Washington, D. C., last month.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley delivered the Commencement address at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia.

Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, ex-president of the American Chemical Society, laid the cornerstone of the new chemical laboratory of the Rice Institute, Houston, June 4. The laboratory, which will be erected at an approximate cost of \$1,000,000, will be ready for occupancy by the opening of the school in September, 1924.

Hugo H. Schaefer, of the faculty of Columbia University College of Pharmacy, New York,

writes that he is at work under Dr. A. Tschirch, University of Bern, and very much pleased with his opportunities. He desires to be remembered to friends and members of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Dr. John R. Minehart, Dean of Department of Pharmacy in Temple University for the last sixteen years, was the guest of honor at the seventeenth annual banquet of the Alumni Association of the Pharmacy Department. Addresses were made by Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Dr. William Krusen, Dr. Frank Hammond, and others.

Dr. Henry M. Whelpley recently addressed the St. Louis Society of Authors of which he is a member. His subject was "The Artificial Earth Mounds of the United States."

Dean Charles H. LaWall will be the guest of Canada Pharmaceutical Association and address the convention at its next annual meeting.

President Julius A. Koch, of the American Pharmaceutical Association, has appointed **Dean W. F. Rudd** and **W. L. Cliffe** delegates to the Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique, the meeting of which is to be held in London, July 24. The Diamond Jubilee Meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference will convene during the same week.

F. E. Mortenson, Pueblo, has been elected president of the Colorado Board of Pharmacy, and **Charles J. Clayton** reelected secretary.

J. L. Hopkins, president of J. L. Hopkins & Co., has completely recovered from his recent illness and is again presiding at his desk.

Carl Winter, editor of *Association News*, Northern Ohio Druggists' Association, has favored us with the June number of that publication, which contains an editorial addressed to graduates in pharmacy. In this the graduates are impressed with the importance of Association affiliation, and the work accomplished by State and National Associations forcefully presented. A copy of the editorial was given each of the graduates in pharmacy of Western Reserve University, and of Ohio State University.

The Red Cross Messenger reviews the progress made during the past year in promoting publicity for pharmacy, and concludes the editorial with the following paragraph:

"Now the call is for greater coöperation. The campaign will not be a complete success until every druggist falls in with its spirit and every manufacturer of drug store products puts the weight of a publicity campaign be-

hind it. Action, not discussion, must be the program for the coming year."

The Food and Drug Bulletin, of the Department of Health, of New York City, is sent free of charge to all New York City druggists, who by a new regulation, adopted by the Board of Health, are required to keep it on file, and to various food dealers and news agencies concerned with the activities of the Bureau of Food and Drugs.

The Civic and Commercial Journal of the Greenville, S. C., Chamber of Commerce, devoted three pages of its June issue to the joint convention of the South Carolina and North Carolina Pharmaceutical Associations, held in Greenville, June 26-28.

NEW NATIONAL HOME FOR SCIENCE ESTABLISHED IN WASHINGTON.

A national home for science and research has been nearly completed in Washington. Not far from the Lincoln Memorial, facing the Mall, this new home of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council, costing \$1,500,000, covers a city block containing approximately 189,755 square feet.

Exhibition rooms surround the central rotunda, and in these rooms the latest results of scientific and industrial research will be illustrated. The newest discoveries in all the sciences and their application will be shown in this constantly changing living museum.

OBITUARY.

ADOLPHUS W. MILLER.

Adolphus W. Miller died at his home in Philadelphia July 7, aged 82 years. Reference to the deceased was made in the brief sketches of 50-year members of the A.

Ph. A., April JOURNAL, 1919, p. 253; data relating to Dr. Miller's activities are recorded on p. 257 of "First Century of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy." He graduated in Pharmacy, in 1862; in Medicine, 1871; he received the degree of Ph.D.,

in 1872, from the University of Pennsylvania, and was a member of the medical faculty for quite a number of years. He was a founder of the Alumni Association, P. C. P., its president in 1875, and corresponding secretary of the college since 1886.

He was an ardent botanist and actively identified with the management of Bartram's Garden, the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Pennsylvania Botanical Society, and other organizations. He was an ex-president of the Lotus Club; served three terms as president of the Philadelphia Drug Exchange, and as one of its directors for thirty-three years. Dr. Miller's command of language enabled



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him to convey information interestingly; he was a linguist, and his knowledge of languages included several of the eastern countries.

SOL. A. ECKSTEIN.

Sol. A. Eckstein, druggist and a leading figure in the business circles of Milwaukee, Wis., died in that city early Sunday morning, June 3.

Mr. Eckstein was born in New York City in 1858, and the following year went to Milwaukee, where he was educated. When 16 years old he entered the employ of I. N. Morton, who in 1875 disposed of his drug business to George Wright & Brother. Mr. Eckstein continued with the new firm, which in 1892 was incorporated as the Wright Drug Company. In 1907 he bought out his partners, and became president of the company. A few months ago he disposed of his interests in the latter business.

Mr. Eckstein was a worker in the cause of organized pharmacy, both as a member of the A. Ph. A. and as a vice-president of the N. A. R. D. He had also served two terms as president of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association, and at the time of his death was the head of the Druggists' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. He was also serving his second term as a member of the Milwaukee Park Board, was a director of the American Founders' Security Co., and served three terms as president of the Old Settlers' Club. He was well known in fraternal circles.

He is survived by his widow, his son, Charles, and two brothers, Henry, of Milwaukee, and Louis, of Chicago. Mr. Eckstein joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1912.