

served many organizations in various official capacities; he took an active part in affairs and was a member of a number of clubs. His activities were so extensive that an enumeration of them would require a page or more. He compiled the genealogy of the descendants of Thomas French, 1639-1913, comprising two large volumes. Mrs. French died about a year ago; he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edgar S. McKaig. The deceased was born September 3, 1848. An introductory of a typical editorial, commenting on the life of Mr. French, is the following:

"If Philadelphia had more citizens with the interest in public affairs displayed by the late Howard B. French, it would be a much better governed community. Too many successful well-to-do men are politically indifferent. They let the men who are expert in nothing but political manipulation run the city and then complain about the result. Mr. French complained about the result and did what he could to change the conditions."

Mr. French graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1871.

E. H. Gingrich, for many years a pharmacist at Lebanon, Pa., died October 10. His widow is to have the increment of the estate, valued at \$100,000; after her death it is to be used for the erection and maintenance of a public bathing pool and recreation grounds.

The death of the widow of the late Herman Frasch a month or more ago, in Paris, recalls the fact that her distinguished husband was an assistant to and co-worker with Prof. John M. Maisch, and applied pharmaceutical methods in his great achievements. The Louisiana and Texas sulphur mines, far below surface, are successfully mined by such a practical application and the earlier separation processes for paraffin were likewise pharmaceutical. The United States is not dependent on other countries for sulphur, because of the Frasch Method.

The income of the Frasch estate, estimated at about 5 million dollars, will be used for "research in the field of agricultural chemistry with the hope of attaining results which shall be of practical benefit to the agricultural development of the United States."

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

OMISSION OF NAMES OF NORTH DAKOTA DELEGATES TO HOUSE OF DELEGATES, A. PH. A.

Inadvertently the names of the delegates from North Dakota to the House of Delegates were omitted. All of these delegates were present and the names appeared on the registration list of the September issue, but not in the list of delegates on p. 950 in the October number. The names were properly recorded by the Secretary of the House of Delegates; they are: Ray Stinson, Pembina, voting delegate; W. P. Porterfield, Fargo, and W. F. Sudro, Agricultural College. The omission is regretted and thanks are extended to Mr. Stinson for directing attention to the same.

ASSOCIATION OF OFFICIAL AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTS.

Dr. C. A. Browne, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, was elected President of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists at the close of the 40th annual convention of that organization, October 22, held in Washington. A feature of the meeting was the discussion of chaulmoogra oil in the drug section. L. E. Warren, of Chicago, led the discussion of this

subject. The convention received and approved a report submitted by Dr. L. F. Kebler of the bureau of chemistry, Agricultural Department, from the committee to cooperate in revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. R. E. Doolittle, Chicago, the retiring president, is chairman of the committee for revising the book of methods of analysis used by members of the organization, now being published. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, was the guest of honor at a dinner, when he was presented with a bronze medallion bearing a relief portrait of himself.

INCORPORATION OF CANADIAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The incorporation under a federal charter of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, recently secured, fixes the head offices at Toronto. The incorporators include John Hargreaves and Frederick A. Jacobs of Toronto; John E. Tremble of Montreal; Burwell Griffin of Hamilton; William J. M. McMullen of Kerrobert, Sask.; George A. Burbridge, Halifax, N. S.; Harry D. Campbell, Winnipeg, and others representing all parts of Canada.

The objects are to advance the science and practice of pharmacy, to promote the mutual

interests of all societies and colleges, and their members; and to bring the members of the profession together in commercial and social gatherings.

A WOMEN'S MEDICAL, DENTAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Members of the Women's Medico-Pharmaceutico-Dental Association, Manila, P. I., are coöperating in the José Rizal Memorial Stadium drive. The interest in the news item is chiefly in the coöperation of these medical activities.

CHICAGO VETERAN DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

A souvenir of a recent Round Table of the C. V. D. A. presented on a card the history of this fraternal organization. It may well be questioned whether any association practices more faithfully the precepts which bind a fraternity. Because the members are well and favorably known to pharmacy and as an encouragement for like organizations elsewhere, the history is reprinted:

On June 21, 1898, twenty-one of the old-time druggists of Chicago were entertained at a dinner at the Bismarck Gardens and a tally-ho ride through the parks by T. N. Jamieson. That entertainment was the beginning of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association. On that day each guest was decorated by Mrs. T. N. Jamieson with a red carnation. On each June 21, the Veterans are the guests of T. N. Jamieson at a dinner and entertainment, and on each occasion the members are decorated with a red carnation from Mrs. Jamieson. Therefore the host of the C. V. D. A. is T. N. Jamieson; the patroness, Mrs. T. N. Jamieson; the emblem, the red carnation.

The Presidents from 1898 to 1924 were as follows: 1898, E. O. Gale; 1899, E. H. Sargent; 1900, J. C. Barclay; 1901, Wm. Jauncey; 1902, A. E. Ebert; 1903, Wm. Blocki; 1904, Henry Biroth; 1905, Louis Woltersdorf; 1906, T. H. Patterson; 1907, O. H. Fuller; 1908, O. H. Fuller; 1909, C. W. Grassly; 1910, W. K. Forsyth; 1911, T. N. Jamieson; 1912, F. Schroter; 1913, O. G. Hottinger; 1914, Chas. Storer; 1915, Andrew Scherer; 1916, Theophilus Schmid; 1917, Herman Fry; 1918, F. M. Schmidt; 1919, Frank Schrage; 1920, E. Von Hermann; 1921, R. E. Rhode; 1922, J. E. Grubb; 1923, J. F. Forbrich; 1924, C. E. Matthews. At the close of O. F. Fuller's two terms as President, he was made Honorary President for life.

The permanent officers are: Corresponding Secretary, John Blocki; Recording Secretary, Wilhelm Bodemann; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, E. Von Hermann; Assistant Recording Secretary, Theophilus Schmid.

THE COMMONWEALTH STUDY OF PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION.

BULLETIN NO. 1.

This is the first of a series of twelve monthly statements to be issued by the staff conducting the Commonwealth Study of Pharmaceutical Education, to acquaint the profession with the progress of the study which purports to develop what a prospective pharmacist should be taught.

So many of those who are interested in the progress of the study of Pharmaceutical Education that is being conducted by the Commonwealth Fund have admitted their lack of information on the source and purposes of the Fund that it was deemed advisable in the first Bulletin on the progress of the study to briefly outline the history of the Fund.

The Commonwealth Fund is a charitable corporation formed under the membership corporations law of the state of New York in 1918. It had its inception in the offer of a gift of \$10,000,000 from Mrs. Stephen V. Harkness. By subsequent gifts from Mrs. Harkness the fund has been increased to approximately \$20,000,000.

The major activities of the Commonwealth Fund are: 1. In the field of Child Health, where a series of demonstrations are being conducted under the authority and supervision of the Child Health Demonstration Committee. 2. In the carrying out of a program for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency. 3. In the encouragement of Educational Research.

The committee having in charge the last-named division, under which the study of pharmacy is being made, is composed as follows: Chancellor S. P. Capen, *Chairman*, University of Buffalo; L. D. Coffman, President, University of Minnesota; Charles H. Judd, Chicago, Illinois; J. C. Brown, State Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minn.; W. W. Charters, University of Pittsburgh; J. W. Gwinn, New Orleans; A. B. Meredith, Connecticut; Henry Suzzallo, President, University of Washington; Will C. Wood, California.

The Committee assumed at the outset that there was need of greater economy of time in the educational process, and forthwith set out to test the validity of this assumption by three separate studies. One was to be a detailed

study of the instruction offered in grades five to nine in twelve representative cities. A second was a study of the aims and procedures of a number of representative colleges of arts and sciences and the third was to be an analysis of the preparation needed for one profession. The profession of pharmacy was chosen. The committee requested Prof. W. W. Charters of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, now the University of Pittsburgh, to undertake a study of the information, skill and traits necessary to carry on successfully the practice of pharmacy. Dr. Charters began devising a technique for this study early in 1923 and the work has been progressing steadily toward its completion by October 1, 1925.

OFFICERS ARIZONA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

President, W. McCann, Tucson.

Vice-President, J. Vestal, Sommerton.

Secretary, A. G. Hulett, Phoenix.

Yuma was selected for the 1925 Convention.

OFFICERS IDAHO PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

President, R. P. Cutting, Weiser.

First Vice-President, Charles Boring, Buhl.

Second Vice-President, John E. Holmes, St. Anthony.

Third Vice-President, A. E. Annis, St. Joe.

Treasurer, Glen S. Maddux, Gooding.

Secretary, T. M. Starrh, Boise.

Assistant Secretary, O. K. Nickerson, Boise.

Pocatello was selected for the 1925 Convention.

IOWA ASSOCIATION PLANS FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A district meeting of Iowa Pharmaceutical Association was held in Burlington, November 6; ten other district meetings are planned and the programs for them are in charge of J. W. Slocum, secretary of the association and a member of the Iowa State Pharmacy Commission, together with Jos. R. Sutter of the Churchill Drug Co., an executive committee-man of the association. The annual meeting of the association will be held in Des Moines in February.

MARYLAND SUBSCRIBES \$40,000 TO A. PH. A. HEADQUARTERS FUND.

According to an announcement made by R. E. Lee Williamson, chairman of the Maryland committee named to raise funds for the \$1,000,000 permanent headquarters for the American

Pharmaceutical Association, \$40,000 has been subscribed or contributed in this State. This exceeds by about \$10,000 the highest expectations as to the limit likely to be secured which were entertained for a time and leaves Maryland in a position far up in the line among the States with respect to the amount raised in proportion to population. The committee now feels hopeful of bringing the aggregate up to \$50,000 at least.

REGISTERED PHARMACISTS' ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA.

J. D. Coleman, of Norfolk, Va., has been chosen Secretary of the Registered Pharmacists' Association of Virginia, with headquarters at Norfolk. Robert L. Booker was chosen Vice-President of the association for Richmond, under the new plan, which calls for the elimination of all branches, with Dean Wortley F. Rudd, of the Medical College of Virginia, and W. H. Hoover as local directors. Richmond members of the association will hold quarterly meetings.

INDIANA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE TO VISIT SCHOOLS.

At the last annual meeting of the Indiana Pharmaceutical Association a committee was appointed to visit the Indiana pharmacy schools and report the condition of pharmaceutical education in the State. This committee is made up of Joseph Weis, of Hammond; Herman Bill, of Ft. Wayne; Frank Best, of Lafayette; W. C. Oren, of Indianapolis; and Scott Kelly, of Gaston. Mr. Kelly is President of the association, and Mr. Oren is the Secretary.

A conference has been held for considering plans for providing a new pharmacy building for Purdue University.

CENTENARY OF THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

An interesting program was provided for the celebration of the Centenary of the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, November 12 and 13.

Early American scientists did not specialize and their course in life was not invariably smooth; Priestley seems to have ended his troubles, as far as law developed them, when he came to the United States. His friend Thomas Cooper, however, was constantly in trouble, even up to the time of his resignation as

President of South Carolina College. For a time Priestley and Cooper shared a home in Northumberland, Pa. Cooper's name does not appear on the list of Oxford Graduates—he balked at reciting the creed and refused to subscribe to the Thirty-nine Articles. Priestley was a preacher. Cooper attacked the Administration of President John Adams; he was tried under the Alien and Sedition Acts, received a 6 months' imprisonment and was fined \$400. This was not his only conflict with law. Later, he became professor of chemistry in Dickinson College, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia, South Carolina College; all along the line he experienced troubles for opinions' sake. In 1834, he resigned as President of the latter institution and from then to the time of his death was engaged in editing

and publishing the statutes of South Carolina. He was judge, scientist, author, editor.

POPULAR SCIENTIFIC PUBLIC LECTURES.

Popular scientific lectures—open to the public at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science—for November and December, are as follows: "Chemistry in and about the Home," by Prof. Freeman S. Stroup. November 20th Dean J. W. Sturmer will speak on "Chemistry and Color." The lecture on December 4th will be given by Ralph R. Foran on "The Mineral and Vegetable Resources of the Sea"; Dean Charles H. LaWall will speak on "The Romance of Chemistry," December 18th.

THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

GOVERNMENT ACTION TO RECOVER PATENTS BEFORE APPEALS COURT IN PHILADELPHIA.

The effort of the U. S. Government to recover German dye patents seized during the war and sold to the Chemical Foundation, Inc., has been brought before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

SENTIMENT GROWING IN OHIO FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF SALE OF ALCOHOLICS IN PHARMACIES.

A survey just completed by the Ohio Pharmaceutical Association, according to Secretary Theo. D. Wetterstroem, shows that sentiment is growing among the druggists of that State in favor of discontinuing the sale of alcoholic liquors and leaving the dispensing of liquor entirely in the hands of the government. Agitation in favor of government dispensaries is deterred by the belief that they are not practicable, this belief being based on the results of experiments made by a southern state a few years ago, and also because their establishment might lead to the creation of another department of the government with its attendant expense.

Members of Ohio Board of Pharmacy are making preparations for the 3-year pharmacy course as prerequisite for State Board examinations.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PHARMACY APPROVES THREE-YEAR COURSE.

The New Jersey Board of Pharmacy has adopted the requirement of a 3-year course in

pharmacy as a prerequisite for State Board Examinations, to become effective in 1925.

FIGHTING THE FAKES.

The Missouri Board of Pharmacy has started a campaign to rid the state of Missouri of fake drug stores. The first stroke yielded fifteen criminal indictments against the fakers. The federal and state prohibition and anti-narcotic squads are coöperating with the board, because it has been found that these saloonists posing as druggists violate every sort of a law that stands in the way of their getting the people's money. The Kansas City Retail Druggists' Association is doing its full part in helping to secure evidence and in bringing pressure to bear wherever it will help to effect a thorough cleaning-up of the drug-store situation. A number of licenses have been revoked.

AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE NARCOTIC CONFERENCE IN GENEVA.

Representative Stephen G. Porter will again head the American delegation to the International Conference for the Control of Narcotics which is now meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. Other members of the delegation are: Bishop Charles E. Brent of New York, Dr. Rupert Blue, Mrs. Elizabeth Washburn Wright, and Edwin L. Neville.

The conference, under the auspices of the League of Nations, opened November 3; this was a precursor to the conference now in session. The United States was represented at the former by Edwin L. Neville, as spectator;