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A CORRECTION.

The "Remarks" on page 9 of the January number should have been headed "Remarks on Silver Ion Concentration Studies of Colloidal Silver Germicides" and placed at end of page 18, and the "Abstract of Discussion" on p. 17, should have been given the title of "Abstract of Discussion of Organic Protein and Colloidal Silver Compounds." The two papers were read and discussed at the same session of the Scientific Section.

FIRST AID WEEK.

The week of March 16 is "First Aid Week," which had its inception four years ago. Aside from serving the public, there are opportunities for impressing it with the service of pharmacy.

William Feather, "Business Philosophy" in *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, says that "too many of us get the idea we know all we need to know. This is a mistake. No man knows so much that he cannot learn more. No man is earning so much that he cannot earn more if he knows more."

"The man who thinks he knows all there is to know about his job is already in his coffin.

"The man who opens his mind to knowledge is on his way to a better job and to a keener enjoyment of life. If you keep your mind open it will keep you young, and if you keep your mind young your body will keep young. Feed your mind with new ideas."

DIPHTHERIA AT NOME.

At Nome, in Alaska, diphtheria became prevalent. Such antitoxin as was available was

old, and even this was quickly used up. Pleas were sent for millions of units of fresh antitoxin. The little village, with some seven hundred white and three hundred Eskimo inhabitants, including two hundred children, was icebound. The antitoxin must perforce be carried to it by dog teams or by aeroplane. Now began one of those dramatic races with death that holds the mind of man spellbound. Day by day the press chronicled the slow movements of the fastest dog teams in Alaska en route to Nome. Day by day the public awaited the message that the siege of the elements had been lifted and that the aeroplanes were on their way and we know that with diphtheria each day, indeed, each hour, of delay may mean the difference between life and death. But bear in mind one fact. In time of stress the world turns to scientific medicine and discards every shred of trifling doubt. The incident at Nome is a catastrophe—but it has served a good purpose in dramatizing for the world the service of medical science. *Jour. A. M. A.*, February 7, 1925.

The incident also has pointed to the importance of coöperation and the service of pharmacy.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. I. M. Kolthoff, who was elected an honorary member of the American Pharmaceutical Association at the meeting in Buffalo, wishes to be remembered to the members with whom he became acquainted while in this country. He fully appreciates the kindnesses and hospitalities extended to him, and evidently,

from the tone of his letter, it is his intention to again visit in the United States.

Harry S. Noel, whose tour throughout the West and Northwest and to the Pacific Coast last year will be remembered because he was eminently successful in his presentations before the various pharmaceutical bodies. For this year he has invitations to visit in the East and in the Northeast. He left home about the 1st of March, and his visit includes the following stops: Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, New Haven, Boston, Providence, and New York.

Mr. Noel is a former chairman of the Section on Commercial Interests, and on a number of occasions has delivered interesting addresses before that section.

John H. Webster, a former President of the N. A. R. D., was a candidate for Detroit School Inspector at the recent election, the results of which are not known at this writing. Mr. Webster is an active participant in the annual meetings of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and those who know him are confident that he will make a most efficient officer for Detroit, if elected.

Frank Rapecis, for 21 years inspector for the New York State Board of Pharmacy, has resigned this position, and is now engaged in business on his own account. The New York State Board of Pharmacy, at its January meeting, presented Mr. Rapecis with an engrossed set of resolutions testifying to their high regard.

Alphonso Major will celebrate his 77th birthday on the Pacific Coast, where he is spending a few of the closing winter weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Holliday and **Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Bradt** have remembered their friends with cards mailed from Gibraltar.

David F. Jones, of Watertown, S. Dak., has established the D. F. Jones Fellowship, and the recipient is **Prof. Anton Hogstad, Jr.** This scholarship was prompted by the work done on the American Wormseed problem by Prof. Hogstad, and is to encourage the spirit of pharmaceutical research. Mr. Jones desires that Prof. Hogstad continue his studies for the doctorate degree, and this he will do at the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Wm. M. Jardene, Past-President of Kansas State Agricultural College, is the new Secretary of Agriculture. Those who know him best say that he is by birth, training, and experience, well equipped to discharge the duties of his office.

Sister Mary Paul Johnson, a nurse at Charity Hospital, Cleveland, and a graduate of the School of Pharmacy of Western Reserve University, led the list of successful candidates for registration as pharmacists at the recent meeting of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. At the School of Pharmacy she was graduated with highest honors.

By the will of Samuel T. Murdock, of Indianapolis, the International Typographical Union is given a home said to be worth \$500,000. It is located on four and a half acres of beautiful grounds. The gift may be a suggestion to others in relation to the A. Ph. A. headquarters.

At the recent meeting of the Iowa State Pharmaceutical Association, State Chairman **E. O. Kagy** reported further donations amounting to about \$1,000.00.

The Baltimore Branch, A. Ph. A., has on its stationery the following: "Has the Chairman of the Headquarters' Building Fund received your contribution in support of this important project?" This is at the top of the page, and at the bottom this inquiry—"Have you sent in your pledge for the Headquarters' Building Fund?"

The Professional Insurance Corporation of Des Moines, Iowa—an organization writing liability insurance for physicians, dentists and pharmacists—has endorsed the A. Ph. A. Headquarters' Building Campaign and is sending out appeals to the druggists of that section asking them to subscribe to the fund.

W. D. Clark, of Portsmouth, has been re-appointed member of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy for another term of five years.

Joseph Jarvis, formerly of Albany, N. Y., has established a drug store, the first in his town, in the new village of Menands, N. Y. Mr. Jarvis was chief pharmacist mate in the Hospital Corps, U. S. Navy, from 1914 to 1919. He was also Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of a Government-owned pharmacy on the Island of Guam.

Dr. Leo. Hendrik Baekeland, former President of the American Chemical Society, has contributed \$10,000 to the endowment fund of the Society. This is responsive to a promise made by him that he would donate at least \$1.00 for each subscription to the endowment fund as soon as more than 10,000 members had subscribed. This is not only a fine spirit exhibited by the donor, but also by the many contributors of the 18,000 members of the American Chemical Society. It sets an example for other organizations to follow.

The late **Joseph P. Remington** was sketched in a recent issue of the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*.

The second annual class of medical non-commissioned officers of the Army Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks received their diplomas on February 15. Among them were pharmacist mate, first class, Custor Cody Foster, of the U. S. Navy, Quantico, Va.; chief pharmacist mate, Joseph Herbert Spalding, Quantico, Va.; pharmacist mate, John LeRoy Ross, U. S. Navy, Philadelphia.

W. S. Parker, for many years Secretary of the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy—an office which he still holds—attended the Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association, and also the Northwest Drug Show. Mr. and Mrs. Parker drove in their car from Lisbon, N. Dak.

Dean L. E. Sayre has entertained the students and members of the faculty at his home during the winter months. The object of these meetings is the promotion of good spirit and fellowship among the students, and of more closely binding the student body and faculty.

For the promotion of research work in urology and pharmacology, the firm of Hynson, Westcott & Dunning, manufacturing pharmacists of Baltimore, have donated the sum of \$20,000 to Johns Hopkins University and Hospital of that city. The gift is the first to the research fund obtained by the university's committee which has pledged itself to raise \$10,890,000 for the university and hospital before February 22, 1926, which date marks the fiftieth anniversary of the institution.

The terms of the donation which was made by **H. A. B. Dunning**, a member of the firm and also of the committee, provide that the money be kept intact and the interest used for the research work indicated.

Geo. W. Stansfield, of Topeka, Kas., suffered heavy loss by fire which destroyed his building and stock, representing an estimated loss of \$85,000, with insurance of less than half that amount.

L. C. Bird, in an article of the *Virginia Pharmacist*, refers to a paper presented by R. S. Breed and Margaret E. Breed before the Society of American Bacteriologists, December 27, 1923, and published in the *Journal of Bacteriology*, in which the early work of Bartolomes Bizio, a pharmacist, is referred to. The following is quoted: "His (Bizio's), discussion is a most interesting forerunner of the great controversy that was to take place about forty years later between Pasteur and Liebig

over the nature of fermentation. Bizio shows himself an apt pupil of the great Spallanzani (Locy, 1910), whose work in combating erroneous ideas in regard to spontaneous generation laid the foundation for Pasteur's work in the same field. Bizio's work is also of great interest because it shows him using methods of cultivating chromogenic bacteria on a solid medium (corn meal mush) that antedated Schroeter's similar work by fifty years."

Pasteur was assistant in Balard's laboratory and he was also assistant professor at the Strasbourg School of Pharmacy. An effort to have Pasteur appointed an examiner in pharmacy failed because he was not a qualified pharmacist. Liebig was an apothecary's apprentice; his "Handbuch der Organischen Chemie" is part of Geiger's "Handbuch der Pharmazie" (1839).

A quarter of a century ago a number of State Pharmacal Companies were established; among these the one in Wisconsin has continued to function successfully. The annual report of the organization showed that the assets of the company are \$42,172.43 and there is no outstanding indebtedness.

Calvert Drug Company of Baltimore held its annual banquet on February 5. President R. E. Lee Williamson presided as toast-master.

Texas Drug Company, of Dallas, has contracted for the erection of a new building, and will move from the location occupied for about twenty-five years.

Groover-Stewart Drug Company, of Jacksonville, Fla., is erecting a new building. **D. W. Ramsaur** is President of the Company.

Donald McKesson is Treasurer of the recently reorganized N. Y. O. Co.; he was formerly Secretary of McKesson & Robbins.

ANNUAL MEETING OF AMERICAN DRUGGISTS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

At the annual meeting of American Druggists' Fire Insurance Company the stockholders reelected Messrs. Chas. H. Avery, Wm. C. Anderson, J. H. Beal, Samuel C. Davis, Frank H. Freericks, L. G. Heinritz, E. B. Heimstreet, Lewis C. Hopp, M. S. Kahn, John D. Muir, Walter Rothwell, Edw. W. Stucky, E. H. Thiesing, Edw. Voss, Jr., Geo. O. Young. The board of directors in turn reelected the following officers: Chas. H. Avery, *President*; L. G. Heinritz, *Vice-President*; Frank H. Freericks, *Secretary* and *General Counsel*; Walter Rothwell, *Treasurer*; W. P. Star-

key, *Assistant Secretary*; John H. Linnemann, assistant treasurer. Messrs. Chas. H. Avery, J. H. Beal, L. G. Heinritz, Lewis C. Hopp, Walter Rothwell, Geo O. Young and Frank H. Freericks were reelected to constitute the executive committee of the company.

The drug trade of the country now has the distinction of a fire insurance company exclusively devoted to its interest which ranks among the million dollar companies. Including the reserves of the company it had on January 1st, 1925, assets over all other liabilities of \$1,397,524.79. Statistical tabulation shows

that the company, for every dollar of unearned premium policies in force, has available actual net assets of \$7.82, in that respect leading all other fire insurance companies.

The board of directors during its session ordered that final arrangements be made to enter the states of North Carolina and Montana for business, and with those arrangements completed the A. D. F. I. Co., will have become regularly established in 43 states. It was also finally decided that in May of 1926 the company would suitably commemorate its twentieth anniversary.

OBITUARY.

BENJAMIN ELLIOTT PRITCHARD.

Benjamin Elliott Pritchard, 76 years old, who was President of the National Association of Retail Druggists, 1903-4, formerly a druggist in McKeesport, Pa., for 30 years, and Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Retail Druggists' Association, died Friday, February 13, at his home, in Pittsburgh. He was editor of the *Journal, P. R. D. A.*, and for a number of years was Secretary of the Pittsburgh Branch, A. Ph. A.

Mr. Pritchard was born in Pittsburgh and spent his entire life in the Pittsburgh district. He was secretary of the board of directors of the Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy for the last 20 years, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the old Smithfield Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active part in the business interests of that body.

He is survived by his widow, Ida Dorland Pritchard; a daughter, Mrs. Abigail P. Fergent, both of Bellevue, and a stepson, Herbert McBride.

DR. WILLIAM F. HILLEBRAND.

Dr. William F. Hillebrand, for the past seventeen years chief of the chemistry division of the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., died on February 7, aged 71 years. He was recognized as a world authority on inorganic analysis, his work on rock and mineral analysis being the leading text in that field. He was born in Honolulu in 1853, and his boyhood was spent in the Sandwich Islands and in California, with visits to China, Java and India. In the early '70's he studied at Cornell and then continued his studies in Germany, under Bunsen. In 1875, with T. H. Norton, he was the first to prepare metallic cerium, lanthanum,

and what was then called "didymium." His determination of the specific heats of these metals showed for the first time they were trivalent, and therefore not members of the calcium family as had been supposed.

DR. JOSEF MOELLER.

Dr. Josef Moeller, the well-known professor emeritus of Pharmacognosy and director of the Pharmacognostical Institute of the University of Vienna, died October 4, 1924 at the age of 77. Dr. Moeller's death marks the passing of the last of the original group of exact pharmacognosists among whom the following may be named: Vogl, Wiesner, F. Th. Hanausek, Hoehnel and Nevinny.

Josef Moeller was born at Pápa in Ungarn, March 21, 1848. After graduating from the Gymnasium he studied medicine at the University of Vienna under Hyrtl, Oppolzer, Skoda and Rokitansky, receiving his doctorate in 1873. His microscopical training he acquired in the laboratories of Brücke and Stricker. Dr. Moeller became assistant to Dr. Vogl in 1874 and in 1877 accepted a professorship in the Vienna Technical High School. In 1886 he became professor at Innsbruck and in 1893 professor at Gras in which capacity he continued until 1908 when he was called to Vienna to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Dr. Vogl. He continued in this latter position until 1916 when he was forced to retire through ill health.

Moeller's first work dealt with a study of forest trees of which his "Anatomie der Baumrinden" (Berlin 1882) is a characteristic result. Later, he interested himself in the study of the microscopy of foods and drugs and it is in this field of Pharmacognosy that Moeller's