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THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ALEXANDER TSCHIRCH.

A sketch of Prof. Dr. William Oswald Alexander Tschirch was printed in the JOURNAL A. PH. A. for April 1920. Elsewhere in this issue appears an up-to-date biography and comprehensive account of the activities of this internationally known pharmacognosist, who is Director of the Pharmaceutical Institute at Bern. The celebration of his 70th birthday, on October 17th, by the pharmaceutical world and those engaged in plant sciences, suggested a picture of the celebrant for the frontispiece of this issue; this has been reproduced from a photograph taken by one of the students at the University. The Swiss Apothecaries' Society arranged the program of the event to which pharmacists and other scientists at home and abroad were invited; the publication of a memorial volume also was provided for. Commemorating the occasion, the Government, University and municipality joined in paying tribute to their distinguished co-worker and countryman at a banquet attended by fellow-citizens and other invited guests, at which chairman E. Fullerton Cook, of the U. S. P. Revision Committee, was present as a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

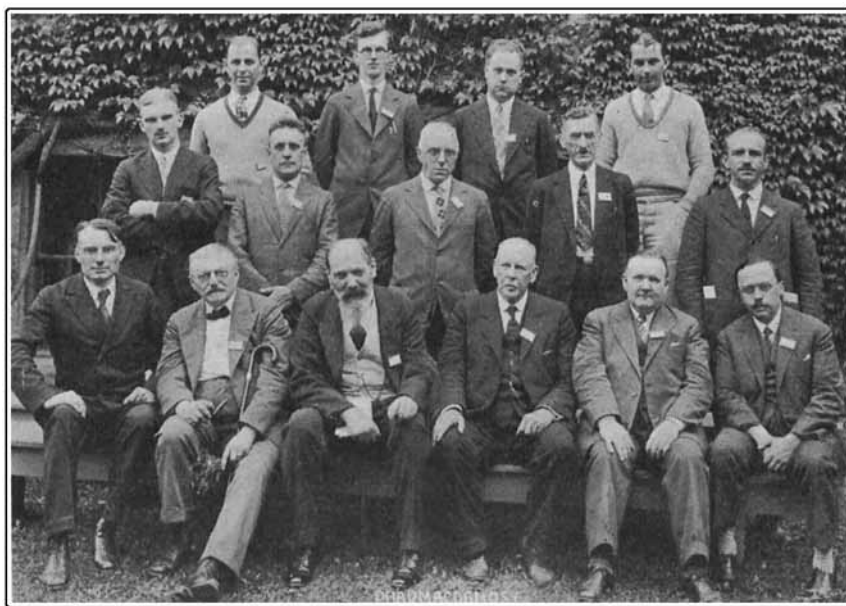
Before entering his academic studies the eminent pharmacognosist served an apprenticeship in pharmacy and, later, passed the required examinations with high honors. It is of interest to note that he was employed for a time in the same pharmacy wherein Flueckiger, at an earlier period, wrote his first book on pharmacognosy.

Highly qualified as pharmacist and by university training and education his appointment to the University at Bern was as professor of Pharmacy and Pharmacognosy; here, for more than thirty-five years, he has contributed largely to the literature and knowledge of drug and food plants and their constituents, and instructed many students, who are now carrying on and promoting the work wherein their beloved teacher is an outstanding exponent.

The qualities of sociality and friendliness of Dr. Tschirch have become known abroad through his former students, for whom he has a "father's heart," and by whom he is revered. He is the life of a gathering, especially of students and faculty members, for he possesses a keen sense of humor as well as wisdom and knowledge.

An invitation had been extended to him to attend the International Congress of Plant Sciences, held in Ithaca during August, and, thereafter, it was hoped arrangements could be made to attend the Philadelphia meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION of which he is an honorary member. After due consideration, however, Dr. Tschirch deemed it inadvisable to undertake the journey, as the program of the visit would have been quite strenuous, because he enters into engagements of this kind with an enthusiasm and energy that are apt to overtax his strength.

The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION congratulates its distinguished honorary member on the completion of three score years and ten, and wishes for him many more years of good health, cheer and activity. His election to honorary membership expresses an appreciation of his services and of his contributions to science, whereby pharmacy benefits and he has contributed greatly to its advance.—E. G. E.



PHARMACOGNOSISTS AT THE RECENT PLANT CONGRESS IN ITHACA.

Left to right, seated: Arno Viehoever, Philadelphia; Otto P. M. Canis, New York; Carl Mez, Koenigsberg, Germany; H. H. Rusby, New York; Heber W. Youngken, Boston; Vale Vouk, Zagreb, Jugoslavia.

Standing, second row: Frederick S. Eaton, New Haven; L. K. Darbaker, Pittsburgh; E. N. Gathercoal, Chicago; W. W. Stockberger, Washington; W. J. Stoneback, Philadelphia.

Standing, back row: Leonard J. Schwarz, New York; Burdette G. Dewell, Jr., Albany; E. B. Fischer, Minneapolis; A. John Schwarz, Indianapolis.