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NATIONAL DRUG TRADE CONFERENCE.

The December meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference was convened at Hotel Washington, Washington, D. C., on December 7th, by President Samuel C. Henry, Chicago. There was a full representative attendance from the member associations, as follows:

From the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION: S. L. Hilton, A. R. L. Dohme, James H. Beal; from the National Association of Retail Druggists, Samuel C. Henry, Ambrose Hunsberger, and James F. Finneran. The National Wholesale Druggists' Association was represented by C. Mahlon Kline, C. W. Whittlesey, and W. L. Crouse; the proprietary Association by Harry B. Thompson, Frank A. Blair, and B. Heuissler; the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association by Carroll Dunham Smith and Harry Noonan; the American Drug Manufacturers' Association by A. Homer Smith, Horace M. Bigelow, and Carson P. Fraily; the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy by H. C. Christensen and T. W. Kerfoot, Jr.; the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy by Prof. E. F. Kelly, E. Fullerton Cook, and W. F. Rudd.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: *President*, Samuel C. Henry; *Vice-President*, H. C. Christensen; *Secretary-Treasurer*, E. F. Kelly; *Councilor* in the United States Chamber of Commerce, Samuel L. Hilton. The *Executive Committee* is composed of Messrs. J. H. Beal, C. Mahlon Kline, Samuel C. Henry, Harry Noonan, Carson P. Fraily, Harry B.

Thompson, T. W. Kerfoot, Jr., and E. F. Kelly.

BULLETINS OF THE DRUG TRADE BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Director Robert P. Fischelis has issued bulletins D-1 to D-6.

Bulletin D-1 relates to the meeting of the Drug Trade Conference. The sixth annual meeting of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information was held at Hotel Washington December 9, following the meeting of the Drug Trade Conference. A most interesting exhibit of clippings was displayed and explained by the Director. The Bureau reelected Dr. R. P. Fischelis of Newark, N. J., *President and Director* of the News Service; H. C. Christensen of Chicago, Ill., *Secretary-Treasurer*, succeeding C. H. Waterbury, who could not accept reelection because of a change in his business connections.

The Director has also issued a general statement, this follows:

"As we begin the seventh year of activity of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information we can look with considerable satisfaction upon the achievements of 1925. A total of fifty-five bulletins were sent to the newspapers during the fiscal year and in practically all cases they met with considerable success as far as publication of the subject matter was concerned. Our clipping service indicates that pharmacy is receiving a tremendous amount of space in the daily press as a result of our bulletins and that in newspaper offices

the general opinion of pharmaceutical work and pharmaceutical organizations has taken a very favorable turn. Not alone the news pages but the editorial pages of the daily press contain comments on pharmacy and pharmacists and the general tone of these comments is complimentary. Unfavorable headlines are no longer common, and, undoubtedly, the general attitude of newspapers toward pharmaceutical news has been influenced favorably by the Bureau. The total expenditures for the services of our newspaper man, clerical and office expense, clipping service, etc., was \$2,737.44. A budget totaling \$2,800.00 has been approved for 1926, and it is hoped that the constituent members of the Bureau will so adjust their appropriation for this work as to enable us to carry out our program.

As has been our custom, we shall continue to send to pharmaceutical journals, deans of colleges, secretaries of associations, board of pharmacy, and other interested individuals, copies of the bulletins issued by the Bureau. These bulletins will reach our mailing list some time after they have been released to the press as we are obliged to conserve our resources by mailing several bulletins at one time."

Bulletin D-2 relates to an address by Secretary E. F. Kemp of the Proprietary Association, in which he outlines figures relating to the business in general. A brief reference to this was made in the January JOURNAL on page 69.

Bulletin D-3 related to various tax measures and the views expressed by officials of the N. A. R. D. regarding narcotic decisions, etc.

Bulletin D-4 makes reference to the new offices of the JOURNAL, and of Secretary E. F. Kelly of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, who succeeded Secretary William B. Day on January 1, at which time also Charles W. Holton of Newark, N. J., succeeded Secretary E. F. Kelly as Treasurer. The remainder of the bulletin gives an interesting account of the progress of the Headquarters' Fund.

Bulletin D-5 refers to statements made by Prof. William J. Husa, of the Department of Pharmacy in the University of Florida. The substance of these remarks relates primarily to the care that should be exercised by the laity in handling medicines. The label should always be carefully read before administering the medicine, also again when the bottle is replaced on the shelf. Further comment is made relative to the care necessary in com-

pounding all prescriptions, especially those in which narcotics are dispensed.

Bulletin D-6 makes reference to the nomenclature adopted by the International Congress at Brussels.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PLANT SCIENCES.

(Fourth International Botanical Congress.)

Investigators and teachers in the plant sciences representing all aspects of botany, plant chemistry, plant pathology, pharmaceutical botany, and bacteriology, agronomy, horticulture, and forestry are invited to attend the International Congress of Plant Sciences to be held at Ithaca, August 16-23, 1926. This invitation is extended to all countries of the world.

This Congress is scheduled to follow the usual academic sessions abroad, also the short summer session of the various universities and colleges in the United States. It is believed to offer the first opportunity ever arranged in the United States for a general conference of all those professionally engaged in plant work. It possesses the additional compelling interest accruing from unrestricted international representation.

In order that a part of the program may be representative of outstanding leadership, the Congress will be divided into about one dozen sections, each section with an invitation program occupying about four morning sessions or a little more than one-fourth of the available time. These formal programs will be supplemented by another feature that promises also to be of exceptional interest. Ample time will be set apart for round table or informal discussions, which in some cases may be scheduled in advance, and in others may be arranged both as to topics and participation after the Congress actually convenes. This is intended to provide for the widest participation in sectional activities. Supplementary opportunities for individual contact and participation are made possible through the non-commercial exhibits and through the provision for excursions and inspection tours of various types suited to the diverse needs of the different sections.

Although the Congress is not to provide an occasion for *legislation* on regulatory matters of international significance (such as nomenclatorial rules) the organizing committee has expressly provided that "adequate opportunity shall be accorded all sections for the discussion of regulatory recommendations of international

significance," in order that a better understanding may be reached for definite action at a subsequent international congress.

The sections thus far authorized and the secretaries representing these groups are as follows:

Agronomy.—C. H. Myers, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Bacteriology.—J. M. Sherman, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Cytology.—L. W. Sharp, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Morphology, Histology and Paleo-botany.—D. S. Johnson, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Ecology.—H. L. Shantz, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C.

Forestry.—R. S. Hosmer, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Horticulture.—A. J. Heinicke, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Physiology.—O. F. Curtis, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Pathology.—Donald Reddick, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Pharmacognosy and Pharmaceutical Botany.—H. W. Youngken, Massachusetts Col. of Pharmacy, Boston.

Taxonomy.—K. M. Wiegand, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Mycology.—H. M. Fitzpatrick, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Genetics.—C. E. Allen, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

Communications regarding the Congress should be addressed as indicated below:

(1) Concerning round tables and other strictly sectional matters—to the appropriate sectional secretary.

(2) Concerning exhibits and general program matters—L. W. Sharp, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

(3) Concerning excursions, collecting trips, inspection tours, local arrangements, transportation, etc.—H. H. Whetzel, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

(4) Concerning the Congress in general—B. M. Duggar, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Mo.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The new Health Commissioner of New York, Dr. Louis J. Harris, addressed the drug and chemical section of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, February 3.

Ex-President, H. V. Army, was the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION delegate to the recent annual meeting of Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association. He also addressed the Northwestern Branch American Pharmaceutical Association, and the Detroit Branch, at the respective February meetings.

Publicity Director, E. L. Newcomb, was the delegate of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION to the Iowa State Pharmaceutical Association.

President L. L. Walton was a speaker at the 77th Annual Banquet of Lycoming County Medical Society. The subject of his address was "The Relations of the Physician and Pharmacist."

Prof. Louis Saalbach discussed the changes in U. S. P. X at the December meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. **I. Paul Griggs** spoke on "Price Maintenance" at the January meeting.

Entomologist Raymond C. Shannon, of Washington, D. C., has gone to Buenos Aires where he will be associated with the Public Health Department of the Argentine Government. He will be engaged during the next two or three years in making mosquito classification, to determine the species injurious to man and furnish a basis for a campaign to stamp out malaria and yellow fever.

William M. Steuart, Director of the Census Bureau, recently sustained serious injuries in a fall occasioned by getting out of the way of an automobile in crossing a downtown street in Washington. Mr. Steuart is an uncle of Mrs. E. F. Kelly.

H. Lionel Meredith, for many years pharmacist at Hagerstown, Md., has located at Fort Pierce, Fla. He will continue his laboratory and more extended service to pharmacy. His office and store rooms are on the ground floor of the main arcade of a large office building, near which a new three-hundred room hotel is being built. In speaking of the progress of his new home city, Mr. Meredith says that five million dollars are being spent on streets, sewers, etc.; \$250,000.00 on hospitals and large amounts on docks and piers and for deepening the channel.

Dr. John J. Abel, professor of pharmacology at Johns Hopkins Medical School, well and favorably known for his researches and successes, met with a serious accident in being run over by an automobile a month or more ago. His most recent success is in the production of a pure crystalline form of insulin.