

FIRST FREE LIBRARY IN AMERICA.

The little brick building, shaped like a Greek cross, which housed Queen Anne's gift of 1000 books, still stands on the State House Hill in Annapolis. It is the oldest public library building in the country and probably the oldest public building still standing and in use. The library was established prior to 1700 and 457 volumes remain of the old library, stored in Woodward Hall in the Library of St. John's College. Dr. Thomas Bray was assigned the duty of establishing libraries in Maryland. Between 1695 and 1699 he had expended more than \$12,000 which went into the making of thirty libraries in various towns.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Prof. Charles R. Richards, Director of the American Association of Museums has received the decoration of the Legion of Honor from the French government.

A Commission appointed by the Medical Society of Virginia has authorized the purchase of the little frame building at Belroi in which Walter Reed was born, as a memorial to the discoverer of the means of transmission of yellow fever.

A. John Schwarz, of Indianapolis, addressed the classes in Pharmacognosy of the Pharmacy Department of Purdue University on May 14th. His subject was "Commercial Aspects of Crude Botanical Drugs."

Ex-President John Uri Lloyd, A. Ph. A., was the speaker at a special meeting of the officers and faculty of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, June 2nd; the subject of his address was "Some New and Interesting Phases of Colloid Chemistry."

Dr. Chen of Peking, Professor of Pharmacy, who is taking a post-graduate course at the University of Wisconsin, will address the members of Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association at its meeting in La Crosse, June 23-24.

Emil L. Boerner, first dean of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Iowa, celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as pharmacist in Iowa City, Iowa. Mr. Boerner became head of the College of Pharmacy when it was established in 1885, and held the office for 29 years. He is now *Professor Emeritus*.

John J. Possehl of Milwaukee and Mrs. Possehl celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a dinner and dance on May 8th.

J. Fuller Frames has been reappointed a

member of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy by Governor Ritchie, to succeed himself. He is now President of the Board.

Samuel H. Williams, veteran druggist of New Haven, Conn., was elected Grand Commander of Connecticut Commandery, Knights Templar.

Ex-President H. V. Army, of the A. Ph. A., is to be a speaker at the annual meeting of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association.

Euclid Snow, of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, has donated "Essays on Materia Medica," by G. W. Carpenter, to the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. The book was published in Philadelphia, in 1834.

Miss B. Olive Cole, Secretary of Baltimore Branch, A. Ph. A., of the faculty School of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland and Assistant Professor, will represent the Baltimore Quota Club at the convention of the Quota Club International, in Philadelphia, June 10 and 11. Miss Cole is President of the Baltimore Quota Club.

H. A. Schuette, Professor at the University of Wisconsin, reported at a regional meeting of the American Chemical Society that search for a substitute for alcohol as a solvent in flavoring extracts had so far been in vain. Each solvent had some deterrent to its general use—one type separated very soon into its components, another was not soluble, etc.

Chairman E. Fullerton Cook, of the U. S. P. Revision Committee, has sent a note to the Editor, while *en route* to Switzerland and on board the S. S. "De Grasse." Among the acquaintances made by Professor Cook is a young doctor, who is on his way to Africa for the study of tropical diseases; he remarks on the common interest of science and service. Professor Cook and family will remain in Europe for a year or more.

The Editor has received through Frater **Wilhelm Bodemann** a "round robin" birthday greeting signed by himself, John Blocki, William B. Day, E. H. Ladish, R. E. Rhode, Frank Schrage, Andrew Scherer, C. A. Storer, Carl A. Abrahamson, James P. Crowley, E. von Hermann, Chas. E. Matthews, Geo. H. Wright, Theophilus Schmidt, L. P. Larsen, Richard Merz, Geo. W. Haering, E. D. Irvine, Frank H. Ahlborn, Iver Qualess, and some others whose signatures are not quite as readable as those of Fra. Bodemann. To all of them the editor expresses fraternal greetings and appreciation of their thoughtfulness, and wishes for them the additional number of

years attained by him and then some more, provided they may have health and prosperity along with these additional years.

Charles W. Parsons, who succeeded Caswell A. Mayo as editor of the *American Druggist* a number of years ago, has terminated his connection with the latter publication and accepted a position with E. R. Squibb & Sons. **Caswell A. Mayo**, for the past year dean of New Jersey College of Pharmacy and the predecessor of Editor Parsons, assumes the editorship of the *American Druggist*.

Dr. K. K. Chen—a Chinese government scholar at the University of Wisconsin, who will take up further studies at Johns Hopkins—has brought out new uses for ephedrine—arresting hemorrhages, maintaining circulation, etc. He contributed an article to the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION for March 1925, on the pharmacognostic and chemical study of *Ephedra vulgaris* var. *helvetica*.

Prof. Otto Raubenheimer and family will leave this month for an extended trip to Europe, visiting in Germany, Switzerland and Holland. Naturally, Prof. Raubenheimer will call on teachers in pharmaceutical institutions, the museums and libraries of pharmacy, and publication offices. He promises to bring back with him much interesting information for publication in the pharmaceutical press, and the JOURNAL hopes to be favored. We wish for him and his family an enjoyable trip and safe return.

E. L. Newcomb will speak on "Price Standardization," and **Clyde L. Eddy** on "Chain Stores and Modern Merchandising Tendencies," before Virginia Pharmaceutical Association, at Bedford, June 15-17.

Gordon A. Bergy will give "Some Side Lights on the Prescription Department;" **J. Lester Hayman** will discuss "Advertising and Show Cards," and **W. Russell Green** will speak of "The Romance in Your Job" at West Virginia Pharmaceutical Association meeting at Charleston, W. Va., June 21-24.

Carl Weeks and **J. A. Riedel** will address the Wyoming Pharmaceutical Association, meeting at Sheridan, June 22-24.

Prof. F. J. Blumenschein, of the faculty of Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy, has purchased a drug store at Uniontown, Pa., where he is now located.

Governor Albert Ritchie, of Maryland, will be chief guest of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association on "Governor's Night," June 23,

at Buena Vista Hotel. He also will deliver an address on the following day. A large attendance is assured; the percentage of membership in the State Association, through the energetic work of President Harris and his co-workers, is going above 85% of all active pharmacists of the State; outside of Baltimore the membership is nearly 100 per cent.

Jacob Diner, **E. L. Newcomb**, **Ambrose Hunsberger** and **Samuel L. Hilton** will be among the speakers at the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association meeting, to be held in Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, June 8-11.

Charter Members of Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association will be guests of the ASSOCIATION at its "golden anniversary" meeting in Hotel Stratfield, Bridgeport, June 29-30.

The name of Wallace James will be inscribed on a tablet of the new Union Building as the winner of the highest honors of the year at the University of Kansas, he was voted the title as the graduate whose influence was "most wholesome and helpful in the life of the University" judged on a basis of character, scholarship and unselfish service.

Among recent visitors at the office of the Secretary of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and of the JOURNAL were the following: **J. C. Peacock**, **E. L. Newcomb**, **E. S. Sater**, **F. W. Sultan**, **C. E. Caspari**, **W. Bruce Philip**.

The Red Cross Messenger for June describes a number of interesting window displays which are suggestive for Pharmacy week of this year.

The June *Scientific Monthly* has an interesting story of Yale's Great Museum; an excellent halftone of Prof. Benjamin Silliman is included, and of the memorial to James Dewar, recently unveiled in the Royal Institution of London, also of the bust of Luther Burbank by the sculptor, Roger Noble Burnham.

The *Pennsylvania Pharmacist* for May contains a tentative program of the State Association meeting; a large number of papers have been sent in and more have been promised. The issue contains a helpful article on the A. PH. A. Headquarters by Chairman P. Henry Utech; messages from Secretary Samuel C. Henry, N. A. R. D., and Secretary E. F. Kelly of the A. PH. A. and from the Committee on Public Information. The interesting number has been edited by Dr. Robert P. Fischelis and is replete with information for the members. The annual meeting of Pennsylvania Phar-

maceutical Association will be held in Buena Vista Springs Hotel, June 15-17.

The *Official Reference Book and Guide* of Bronx County Pharmaceutical Association, to which reference heretofore has been made, is now off the press. Quite a number of interesting and informative articles are con-

tained along with a directory of membership, and officers and association news.

Schering & Glatz, Inc., have moved their general offices, laboratories, manufacturing, shipping, billing and purchasing departments. These will be located at the recently enlarged plant, 84-92 Orange St., Bloomfield, N. J.

OBITUARY.

ROSCOE EDWARD DOOLITTLE.

Roscoe E. Doolittle, for many years identified with the enforcement of the Federal Food and Drugs Act, died April 25 at his home in Evanston, Ill. He was born at Fowlerville, Mich., January 16, 1874. He was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College in 1896, afterward taking a special course in food analysis under the late Dr. Albert B. Prescott. He then became an assistant chemist in the Michigan Dairy and Food Department. From 1899 to 1904 he was State chemist. In the latter year he was appointed to take charge of the New York laboratory of the Bureau of Chemistry, which position he retained until 1911, when he became a member of the Board of Food and Drug Inspection in Washington. On the resignation of Dr. H. W. Wiley, Mr. Doolittle was designated acting chief of the Bureau of Chemistry. In 1917 he became the first chief of the Eastern District of the Bureau of Chemistry, and from the close of that year until his death he was chief of the Central District, with headquarters in Chicago.

During his twenty-two years' service in the Bureau of Chemistry, an important part of his activity was the training of men to carry on the work of the Bureau. For many years

he has taken an active part in the committee work of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, and in recent years has been chairman of its Committee on Editing Methods of Analysis. The volume of methods that has been published under his direction is a monument to his memory.

He has been a member of the Joint Committee on Definitions and Standards of the A. O. A. C. since 1921, and was President of that association in 1924.

The deceased joined the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1909, and as co-author of a number of papers contributed to the JOURNAL, A. PH. A. He was also a member of the American Chemical Society, Society of Chemical Industry, American Association for the Advancement of Science and American Public Health Association.

PHILIP JACOB ACKERMAN.

Philip J. Ackerman, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1906, died in the White Cross Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, May 10, aged 71 years.

The deceased had been in the drug business in Columbus for over half a century. He is survived by his widow and a son, Graham B. Ackerman.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

HEADQUARTERS PROGRESS.

Assistant Publicity Director E. S. Sater has sent a letter to the JOURNAL Office, in which he expresses his satisfaction in a most successful campaign in Georgia and Florida. The leading retail pharmacists in Atlanta subscribed to and backed the headquarters project. The students of Atlanta College of Pharmacy registered 100% in subscriptions; not one failed in contributing thereto. Dean R. C. Hood, Thomas Marshall, J. T. Solomons and Messrs. Owens, Jacobs, Bell, Pendergras, Munn and Brennan aided in creating support and interest and by personal contributions.

All of the students at the University, Athens, contributed and made up in enthusiasm for what they lacked in numbers.

The pharmacists of Jacksonville, retailers and wholesalers, entered whole-heartedly into the campaign. The support given was so unanimous that there is possibility, without intention, of naming one above another in loyalty and enthusiasm. The names mentioned do not include all who coöperated and represent only a part of those who subscribed: W. D. Jones, D. W. Ramsaur, J. K. Atwood, W. A. Mahoney and Mr. Bridges. "Up to the present," Mr. Sater writes, "the sub-