

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Secretary E. F. Kelly, who has been attending Western and Pacific Coast State Pharmaceutical Associations, has been heartily welcomed. He brought the message of pharmacy to all of these members. Possibly the essence of his addresses is expressed in the message which he gave to the *Weekly Information Letter*, July 3rd, issued by Secretary W. Bruce Philip. In all of his addresses he stressed the importance of pharmacy as the cornerstone of the drug business. We quote part of the message referred to:

"I am happy to have this opportunity to extend to you the greetings of the A. Ph. A. This visit to the meetings of the State Pharmaceutical Associations of the Pacific slope is made to establish a closer contact between the A. Ph. A. and the druggists of this wonderful section of our country, and I wish it were possible to meet each one of you personally. In particular I desire to express our sincere appreciation for the interest in and support of the Pharmacy Headquarters Building. A splendid site has been secured for the building in Washington, D. C., facing on the Mall and directly opposite the Lincoln Memorial, and this site insures that the building will be so prominently located as to bring our profession pointedly to the attention of the American public. Plans for the building are now being worked out and it is hoped to have it completed by 1930. Of the total of \$1,000,000.00 needed, about \$725,000.00 has been subscribed by approximately 15,000 persons and firms connected with Pharmacy. Subscriptions are being received right along and it is expected that the entire amount will be subscribed by the time building operations are begun. Of the amount subscribed, about \$325,000.00 has been paid in and as all expenses of the campaign are being paid by the ASSOCIATION, the entire amount received will be used for the building."

Secretary Kelly has also expressed his appreciation of the cordiality of sister organizations.

F. H. King, of Delphos, Ohio, has been appointed member of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy for the seventh consecutive time, he has now served for nearly 30 years. In recognition of his services to pharmacy the Ohio Northern University conferred upon him the degree of "Doctor of Pharmacy," and the President of the University, Albert Edwin

Smith, invited Dr. and Mrs. King to be guests of honor at his Commencement Day dinner.



F. H. KING.

Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cumming has been appointed for the third term of office and the Senate promptly confirmed his appoint-



DR. HUGH S. CUMMING.

Surgeon-General U. S. Public Health Service.

ment. Dr. Cumming entered the service thirty-four years ago—a period during which wonderful strides have been made in medicine

and in the development of Public Health work. *The New York Times Magazine* of June 10th, devoted a page depicting the Surgeon-General and his activities; the sketch was prepared by Oliver McKee, Jr. Dr. Cumming will be a guest of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in Portland and deliver an address on Thursday, August 23rd.

Dr. James A. Spalding, a veteran in the practice of medicine, author and historian—a grandson of Lyman Spalding, "father of the U. S. Pharmacopœia," will attend the meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. He has consented to speak briefly before the Section on Historical Pharmacy.

A veteran of the ASSOCIATION, with more years to his credit than the former will celebrate his 90th birthday at Portland, namely, W. L. DuBois, of Catskill, N. Y.

The Senior Past-President, J. U. Lloyd will attend the meeting in Portland and his son, Dr. T. J. Lloyd, will deliver an illustrated lecture before the Section on Historical Pharmacy.

D. M. Gray, Vice-President and Secretary of Frederick Stearns and Committee, recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his connection with the firm.

Dr. J. C. Munch, who has been associated with, and in charge of, the Pharmacological Laboratory of the Bureau of Chemistry (called Food, Drug and Insecticide Administration since July 1, 1927), has succeeded Dr. Pittenger as Director of the Pharmacologic Research Laboratories of Sharp & Dohme. Dr. Pittenger has recently been promoted to a more responsible position.

In 1921 Dr. Munch came to the Pharmacological Laboratory of the Bureau of Chemistry, where research has been conducted upon the toxicity of arsenic, lead, zinc and other heavy metals, aliphatic alcohols, alkyl esters, dyes and food preservatives. For the past several years his particular attention has been directed to the application of pharmacology to biologic assays and with his associates he has prepared and distributed the official U. S. P. X bio-assay standards.

Exposure to nitric acid fumes while engaged in an extensive pharmacological and toxicological study of the effect of lead arsenite upon various animals caused a rather severe impairment of one lung, and led to Dr. Munch's separation from the F. D. I. Administration. After spending several months in the Mohave Desert in Las Vegas, Nev., he has practically recovered his health.

MOTION MADE AT A MEETING OF A PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE ON SIMPLIFICATION OF GLASS CONTAINERS USED IN DRUG AND PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, JULY 6TH.

Motion was made and unanimously carried that a joint standardization and simplification committee be appointed to consist of one voting delegate and two associate delegates from each of the National drug and pharmaceutical associations and the Glass Container Association of America in coöperation with the United States Department of Commerce for coördinating the efforts of the various groups concerned in the simplification and standardization of glass containers used in the drug and pharmaceutical industries.

It was also the sense of the meeting that the appointment of the committee be completed as soon as possible with the view of holding its first meeting during the week of August 6th for the purpose of organization and that this first meeting be held at the Department of Commerce under the auspices of the Division of Simplified Practice.

It was further resolved that Mr. W. E. Braithwaite of the Division of Simplified Practice of the Department of Commerce be authorized to communicate with all associations concerned and to promptly secure the appointment of delegates as provided for in this resolution.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY PHARMACY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Efforts are on foot for the establishment of an alumni association of Baylor University College of Pharmacy, located in Dallas. This plan received great impetus at a banquet held on the night following the graduation exercises of the College, in the Junior Ball Room of the Adolphus Hotel to which all Baylor Pharmacy graduates since the establishment of the school were invited. Hosts on this occasion were the drug interests of the city of Dallas, while local alumni constituted the reception committee. E. G. Eberle was one of the founders and organizers of the departments of Baylor University at Dallas now constituting those of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry and the School for Nurses.

Since the foregoing item was received the association has been organized with Zeb Rike, of Farmersville, *President*; D. B. Blaine, Dallas, *Vice-President*; A. B. White, Dallas, *Secretary*, Morgan Fletcher, *Treasurer*.