

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

The winter meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association was held in Indianapolis, December 7th and 8th. There was an attendance of seventy-eight, representatives of thirty-five of the forty-nine active members of the organization. The first day was devoted largely to a discussion of distribution, classification and costs, directed by Chairman F. A. Mallett. Labeling of pharmaceutical products with respect to therapeutic activities engaged the members on the second day; Dr. James J. Durrett was present, and answered questions and gave information on the subject under discussion.

President R. Lincoln McNeil presided. It was voted to hold the next annual meeting at Old Point Comfort during the first week of June.

NATIONAL DRUG TRADE CONFERENCE—ANNUAL MEETING.

The National Drug Trade Conference held its annual meeting at Washington Hotel, December 12th. The Conference gave hearty endorsement to the Pharmacy Corps bill for the U. S. Army and asked its constituent members to further the movement in every possible way as a means for advancing the status of pharmacy and as a matter of protection to soldiers and others dependent on army medical treatment, and that the giving of commissions to pharmacists would attract more capable men to the army and would assist in strengthening the morale of pharmacists generally. Dr. A. G. DuMez reviewed the history of prior efforts.

GENERAL STATUS OF PHARMACY.

Chairman W. F. Rudd, of the Special Committee on the General Status of Pharmacy made a report accompanied by the request that each of the four members present suggestions. The Chairman pointed out the opportunities of this Committee to render assistance to all divisions of pharmacy and the drug trade.

J. H. Beal thought too much importance was given to legislation as a cure-all for the ills of druggists and not enough to better qualifications of pharmacists. E. F. Cook urged that the attention of pharmacists should be directed to opportunities outside of the regular

channels and that students in colleges of pharmacy be made acquainted with work of this kind. P. I. Heuisler supported several of the suggestions and, especially, that students be trained for the related industries. The chairman was of the opinion that the public should be made acquainted with the importance of highly trained men in pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Action was taken on two resolutions regarding poison laws, one declaring that in future legislation of this character, the poisons included should be specifically mentioned by name to avoid confusion and misinterpretation, and the other authorizing the appointment of a special committee of five members to consider the advisability of preparing a standard table or list of potent and toxic drugs to serve as a basis for labeling and packaging laws and regulations. A resolution, passed last year, was again presented in which the need of amendment of the Federal Caustic Poison Act was stressed. It was declared that the system of the "practice of multiple seizures" of merchandise suspected of being in violation of the Federal Food and Drugs Act was contrary to the principles of the Act.

The Capper-Kelly bill was unanimously endorsed. W. C. Parry, of the Federal Trade Commission, asked for support in the investigation of Chain Store methods.

Councillor S. L. Hilton, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, reported actions of that body; the Conference approved an amendment opposing further regulation of business by the Government. Commissioner James M. Doran addressed the conference briefly, saying that the permissive system now gives the bureau practically no trouble. He thanked the representatives and their organizations for their coöperation with the enforcement officials and asked for a continuance of this coöperation. President Henry pointed out to Commissioner Doran that this is the first time for many years that prohibition has not been a topic for discussion by the Conference.

R. P. Fischelis stated that no provision had been made for pharmacy representation in the study of "Cost of Medical Care" by the National Committee. He presented an invitation from Dr. W. J. Schieffelin that a committee of pharmacists be appointed to coöperate in the study of the "Cost of Medical Care." A committee, consisting of one member from each member organization was provided for.

The following were in attendance:

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION—J. H. Beal, S. L. Hilton and E. F. Kelly; National Association of Retail Druggists—S. C. Henry, Ambrose Hunsberger and J. F. Finneran; National Wholesale Druggists' Association—C. Mahlon Kline and W. L. Crouse; American Drug Manufacturers' Association—C. P. Frailey, W. H. Bigelow and A. Homer Smith; American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association—Harry Noonan, H. B. Johnson and C. D. Smith; The Proprietary Association—F. A. Blair, H. B. Thompson and Philip Heuisler; National Association Boards of Pharmacy—A. C. Taylor, R. L. Swain and H. C. Christensen; American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy—W. F. Rudd, Ernest Little and A. G. DuMez; Federal Wholesale Druggists Association—W. H. Bradbury and R. E. L. Williamson.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Messrs. A. L. I. Winne, E. C. Brokmeyer, R. P. Fischelis, D. F. Jones, E. F. Cook, J. G. Beard, L. L. Walton, H. M. Lerou, M. N. Ford, E. G. Eberle and C. B. Jordan.

The Officers for the ensuing year are: *President*, S. C. Henry; *Vice-President*, H. C. Christensen; *Secretary-Treasurer*, E. F. Kelly; *Councilor to the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A.*, S. L. Hilton. *Members of the Executive Committee*: S. C. Henry, National Association of Retail Druggists; H. C. Christensen, National Association Boards of Pharmacy and E. F. Kelly, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION; W. J. Schieffelin, Jr., National Wholesale Druggists' Association; Harry Noonan, American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association; C. P. Frailey, American Drug Manufacturers' Association; A. G. DuMez, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, R. E. L. Williamson, Federal Wholesale Druggists Association and H. B. Thompson, The Proprietary Association.

SURVEY OF PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION.

An advisory committee has been provided for the survey of pharmaceutical education, following the actions taken at the Portland meeting. The personnel of the committee is as follows: From the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Messrs. L. L. Walton, of Pennsylvania (chairman of the committee), H. C. Christensen, of Chicago and A. C. Taylor, of Washington. From the American Associ-

ation of Colleges of Pharmacy, Deans, E. H. Kraus, of the University of Michigan, C. B. Jordan, of Purdue University and C. H. LaWall, of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. From the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, Messrs. W. W. Horne, of North Carolina, E. F. Kelly, of Maryland and H. A. B. Dunning, of Maryland. From the Pharmaceutical Syllabus, Chairman J. G. Beard (Secretary of the committee). President D. F. Jones, A. Ph. A., attended the conference. A meeting of the committee is scheduled to be held at the end of January or beginning of February.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PHARMACY COUNCIL OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

At a meeting of the Pharmacy Council of the Board of Regents of the State of New York held on November 19, 1928, at the New York College of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacy of Columbia University, all members of the Council, comprising the Deans of the five schools of Pharmacy of the State, being present and also Commissioner James Sullivan of the State Education Department, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. WHEREAS, certain proposals have been made to increase the course in the schools of pharmacy of this state from a three-year to a four-year basis, and

WHEREAS, it has been the policy of the State Department of Education to give ample announcements before increasing the requirements in any of its professional schools, and

WHEREAS, the pharmacy schools of New York State have but recently put into operation a three-year course of instruction, be it

Resolved, That the consideration by this Council of a recommendation for the adoption of a four-year course in pharmacy should be based primarily on the interests of the pharmaceutical education and the needs of the profession of pharmacy in New York State, and be it further

Resolved, That this Council deems it inadvisable to adopt a four-year course in pharmacy until the three-year course shall have been given a trial, and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to prepare a Syllabus of pharmacy instruction without reference to the amount of time available for such instruction in our professional schools, be it

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council it is not practicable to formulate a Syllabus of instruction unless such Syllabus is based on some definite time limitation for each subject of the course.

(Signed)

HENRY H. RUSBY WILLIAM C. ANDERSON
WILLIS G. GREGORY WILLIAM MANSFIELD
JACOB DINER

MINNEAPOLIS GETS THE NEXT N. A. R. D. CONVENTION.

The Executive Committee of the National Association of Retail Druggists meeting in Chicago the week of November 18th, selected Minneapolis as the convention city for 1929 and set the dates for September 16-20, 1929. Other contestants for the honor were Atlantic City, Buffalo, Detroit and Syracuse.

OFFICERS OF THE UNITED MEDICINE MANUFACTURERS OF AMERICA.

At the annual meeting of the United Medicine Manufacturers of America, H. E. Woodward, of Binghamton, N. Y., was reelected *President*, with the following officers: *Vice-Presidents*, eastern, A. H. Gerndt, New York;

central, C. F. Keller, Mechanicsburg, Ohio; southern, W. W. Burgess, Kansas City; western, Frederick Beutel, Los Angeles; *Treasurer*, George W. Reese, Cleveland, Ohio; *Secretary* James F. Pickett, Scranton, Pa.

OFFICERS OF INSECTICIDE AND DIS- INFECTANT MAKERS.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Insecticide and Disinfectant Makers was held at the Hotel McAlpin, New York, Dec. 10th-12th. The officers for the ensuing year are: *President*, H. W. Hamilton, Kearny, N. J.; *First Vice-President*, Robert C. White, Philadelphia; *Second Vice-President*, John Powell, New York City; *Secretary*, Harry W. Cole, Holbrook, Mass.; *Treasurer*, Robert J. Jordan, Brooklyn.

FILLING THE CENTURY BOX OF THE AMERICAN BUILDING.

The Century Box locked into the walls of the American Building was filled in front of the main entrance on November 17th, just before the Dedicatory Exercises, which took place on the fifteenth floor of the building where the Home Offices of the American Druggists' Fire



Filling the Century Box of the American Building.

Insurance Company will be located. President Charles H. Avery, assisted by Misses Carola and Ella Gretchen Freericks, officiated. Immediately surrounding are Vice-President L. G. Heinritz; Judge Stanley Matthews, Vice-Mayor Charles W. Dupuis; Judge Coleman Avery; Dr. Wm. C. Anderson, of Brooklyn; Professor John Uri Lloyd. Others of the interesting group are: President Frederick Hertenstein, of the Western Bank & Trust Company; Treasurer Walter Rothwell; George O. Young and Dr. J. H. Beal, of the Executive Board of the Company; Vice-President J. G. Gutting, of the Second National Bank; Directors E. H. Thiesing, John D. Muir, E. B. Heimstreet, M. S. Kahn and Edward Voss, Jr., of the Company; Architects Joseph G. and Bernard Steinkamp; General Contractors, Irwin and Theodor Penker; Assistant Secretary W. P. Starkey, of the Company; Chas. Ehlers, Treasurer of National Association of Retail Druggists; Edward A. Lehr, President of the Ohio Valley Druggists' Association; Frank H. Fredericks, Secretary and General Manager of the Company, and at the extreme right the veteran pharmacist of Cincinnati, Alfred DeLang.

OFFICERS OF THE GERMAN APOTHECARIES' SOCIETY—NEW YORK.

The following officers were elected by the German Apothecaries' Society, December 6, 1928: *Honorary President*, Carl F. Schleussner; *President*, Curt P. Wimmer; *1st Vice-President*, C. F. Schoenherr; *2nd Vice-President*, W. Nemser; *Recording Secretary*, Otto P. M. Canis; *Corresponding Secretary*, Carl Benkendorfer; *Treasurer*, Paul Wellenberger; *Librarian*, George Decker; *Executive Committee*, Messrs. Carl F. Schleussner, Robert S. Lehman, Fred Schaefer; *Chemist*, Dr. Friedrich Klein; *Attorney*, Hieronimus A. Herold. Robert S. Lehman, retiring president of the Society, presented his annual address and was given a rising vote of thanks.

President Wimmer appointed the following officers: *Chairman of the Scientific Committee*, Dr. Friedrich Klein; *Chairman of the Entertainment Committee*, Bruno Dauscha; *Chairman of the Legislative Committee*, Robert S. Lehman; *Chairman of the Legal Aid Committee*, Herman Blomeier. Messrs. Canis, Nemser, Wipperman, Bruns and Rehse were elected delegates to the A. P. H. A. Convention.

The President also made extended remarks

relative to the European tour being arranged by Editor Kantrowitz.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN BACTERIOLOGISTS.

The Society of American Bacteriologists met in Richmond during the last week of December. Dr. W. H. Wright, of Madison, Wis., was elected Chairman of the division of agricultural and industrial bacteriology, and Dr. Ivan C. Hall, of Denver, Colo., of that of immunology and comparative pathology.

DISPLAY NAME OF PHARMACIST.

The New Jersey Board of Pharmacy is advising the public through the daily press to make sure that the place where prescriptions are taken to be compounded and where drugs and medicines are purchased is a properly conducted pharmacy *in charge* of a registered pharmacist. It is a requirement of the law that the name of the registered pharmacist *in charge* of a pharmacy must appear on a sign which can be read from the outside. The public is being educated to look for such signs. If you do not display them you are losing public confidence as well as violating the law.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES.

Late developments in Federal Trade Commission cases both in the commission and in the courts as well as the status of trade practice conferences and economic investigations, are reviewed in the commission's monthly statement of work issued to-day.

Drafts of questionnaires to be used in the inquiry into chain store systems are practically completed. A number of officials of chain store organizations have been interviewed with respect to their methods of operation.

Practically all data obtained from several forms of questionnaires used in the inquiry into resale price maintenance have been tabulated and the results partly analyzed and worked into the body of the report. Several chapters of the first draft of the report have been written.

L. A. Watt, heretofore in charge of the analytical laboratory of Monsanto Chemical Works, has been placed at the head of a department which will handle problems of the trade, in which technical or scientific questions are involved.

COSMETIC PREPARATIONS IN CANADA.

The big drug stores purchase through large distributing houses in central Canadian cities, through their chain connections, or direct from manufacturers. They aim to handle only such well-known American and Canadian toiletries as are widely advertised in American and Canadian magazines, it being their desire to avoid the expense of local advertising, the cheaper articles being left to sell themselves through the numerous stores supplying the population in general. (Consul O. Gaylord Marsh, Sydney, Nova Scotia.)

CHINESE PROPRIETARY MEDICINE REGULATIONS.

According to a cablegram from Trade Commissioner Frank S. Williams, Shanghai, new regulatory measures have been promulgated under the Ministry of Public Health. These measures are designed principally to prevent the fraudulent importation of narcotics and are somewhat nominal in effect, representing few changes in practices previously established.

Customs officers now act partly on their own initiative and in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Health in requiring the analysis of medicinals suspected to contain an excessive amount of narcotics. It is not believed that reputable American preparations need anticipate any great difficulty.

HONDURAS A MARKET FOR PROPRIETARY MEDICINES.

There is quite a market in Honduras for proprietary medicines, but it is not generally entered with success until a certain amount of advertising and educational work is done. Posters, pamphlets and samples are the most common forms of advertising. Drug stores as agents are the best means of distribution in Honduras.

In entering this market one should not lose sight of the fact that advertising material, correspondence, price lists and catalogs should be in the Spanish language to obtain best results. This is particularly true of the labels and directions on the bottle containing medicines.

A list of drug stores in Honduras is available to accredited firms upon application to the Chemical Division. (Consul George P. Shaw, Tegucigalpa.)

A LECTURE ON ELECTRIC LIGHT, 50 YEARS AGO.

The *Chemist and Druggist*, of recent date reproduces the following from its columns of fifty years ago:

"An announcement had been made that a lecture would be delivered by Mr. James N. Shoolbred, B.A., Me. Inst., C.E., on the Practical Application of Electricity to Lighting Purposes, and it was further understood that there would be a competition between the rival inventors. Long before the usual hour of eight o'clock, a dense and, indeed, an angry crowd besieged the Hall of the Society of Arts. Outside, an electric lamp threw a vivid light on the opposite buildings, giving an appearance of white marble to the spot where the rays fell, and leaving the rest in absolute darkness. A curious effect was thus produced, not unlike a magnified spectrum. Inside the entrance hall another lamp, naked, was enough to blind the visitors, and made a buzzing noise which was distressing. When we with difficulty got in, a member was declaiming his grievances to a struggling audience, and adverted in no measured terms to the fact that he had paid two guineas for his membership; some of the crowd took a practical view of the matter and successfully evaded both the signature-book and the small boy who was stationed to collect the tickets, and shared the mental banquet upstairs as uninvited guests."

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Every state has had its pharmacists who are entitled to a place in this Dictionary (the Dictionary does not include sketches of those living). In order to be accepted the individual must have had more than local prominence. State associations should take up this matter and advise Dr. Johnson why the one recommended for recognition should be included; accurate data should accompany the communication. It hardly is necessary to state that the Editor has no easy task in making decisions relative to the inclusions.