

THE SERVICE OF PHARMACY.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE A. PH. A. BY A STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.

"I CAME away from this meeting (A. PH. A., in Rapid City) of America's outstanding pharmacists, with a deeper appreciation of pharmacy as a profession and a feeling of security for us so long as we try to live up to the ASSOCIATION'S high ideals."

"My hope is that every retail pharmacist will affiliate with the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. The JOURNAL alone is worth the price of the annual membership. Most of the important papers of the convention will be published during the year and I am certain that many things discussed therein will give you new ideas related to pharmacy which will aid in its professional development."—From a report of President Carl E. Nelson, Indiana Pharmaceutical Association, as delegate to the A. PH. A.

LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTION TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND RECOGNITION OF A. PH. A. SERVICES.

(Colloidal Chemistry and Pharmacy.)

THE following parts of a letter from Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ostwald to the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION are quoted. (The standing of Dr. Ostwald in colloidal chemistry is so well known that no further statement is necessary.)

"I beg of you to accept my sincere thanks for the extraordinarily great honor your ASSOCIATION has conferred upon me, an honor which I feel is out of proportion to any personal merits of mine in your special field of work. I therefore must come to the conclusion that in reality it is the Science of Colloidal Chemistry upon which you intended in the first place to confer this distinction, a science to which, as far back as half a century ago, your veteran member, John Uri Lloyd, made contributions of fundamental importance. It seems to me that the public recognition of this Science by the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION is evidence of an unusual degree of acumen and scientific far-sightedness."

PHARMACY AND ALKALOIDAL CHEMISTRY.

F. W. A. SERTUERNER laid the foundation of alkaloidal chemistry; his discovery was followed soon after by those of other pharmacists. In the closing paragraph of an address Dr. P. J. Hanzlik said: "Now on the 125th anniversary of this important discovery (morphine), we reaffirm our gratefulness for the timely effort and native talent of the once obscure pharmacist of Paderborn."

SCHEELE THE APOTHECARY.

SOME writers and men of science seem to think that pharmacists prefer another designation than that of "pharmacist"—they do not; they have pride in their profession, seek to promote its service and educational advancement.

Last year pharmacists of Sweden celebrated the 150th anniversary of their organization; as early as 1621 King Gustavus Adolphus recognized the importance of pharmacy by granting pharmacists royal privileges; the decree stipulated that no new shops were to be opened without authorization by the state.

Karl Wilhelm Scheele, as a youth, was apprenticed to an apothecary in Gothenburg; he lived only 44 years; most of these years were lived in his apotheker, but in estimating his work and its results, pharmacists have an inspiration, and a pride is instilled in them as members of the profession.



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THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF PHARMACY.

The president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy is a member of the faculty of the School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina. He graduated from the latter institution in 1909, and since his graduation he has been on its teaching staff, being advanced to full professorship in 1919. Seemingly the number 9, as an end figure, marks the beginnings of a number of events and activities in the life of John Grover Beard.

The subject of this brief sketch has been chairman of the A. PH. A. North Carolina Membership Committee (since 1919); also, vice-chairman of the House of Delegates. He was local secretary for the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION for the meeting held in Asheville; he is a past-secretary and former chairman of the Section on Education and Legislation, A. PH. A.

Professor Beard has served as vice-president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, is chairman in District 5 section meetings, was chairman of the Teachers' Conference on Commercial Pharmacy, 1927-1929, and has held other important offices in the organization of which he is the head.

He is vice-president of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries and a member of its Executive Committee. He was president of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society, 1917-1919, and is a member of Kappa Sigma and Kappa Psi fraternities. As secretary-treasurer of North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association and as editor of the *Carolina Pharmacist* he has been and is eminently successful in state association work. Among other responsibilities of President Beard is that of the chairman of the Committee on Pharmaceutical Syllabus. The indices of the JOURNAL A. PH. A. give many references under his name to addresses and papers of interest and value.