

The author here took occasion to point out many specific instances of gross misrepresentation and misstatements of fact, of a number of nationally advertised preparations, the result of revelations and discoveries made by the Council of Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association, all of which were highly instructive and interesting.

She also referred to a number of technical products and preparations commonly sold by the pharmacist, the composition of which in many instances revealed nothing more or less than a simple drug store commodity, disguised with a foreign flavor or odorous principle, and exploited to the laity at fabulous prices. Mimeograph inks, for example, costing upwards of \$3.00 per gallon, upon analysis proved to be merely highly colored dilution of glycerine and water. The Government Post Office Department recommends a formula of two ounces of glycerine to one gallon of warm water as answering every possible requirement. The widely advertised food products were also discussed. "Simple cereals" said the author, "when put through special mechanical processes yield enormous profits for the producer." He quoted the statement of the Department of Agriculture to the effect that all such products are no richer in nutritive value and that the housewife can by grinding her cereal in a coffee mill secure a good breakfast food for from three cents to four cents per pound.

In conclusion, the author said that conditions on the whole were much improved within recent years. Public Health authorities and individual communities the country over are awakening more and more to their civic trust and responsibility. Federal regulation, and also many individual states, have well defined statutes as protective measures. The indiscriminate use of narcotic drugs is now forbidden under the Federal Food and Drugs Act. Sodium benzoate content in soft drinks must be declared and sugar substitutes may not be used in candies unless stated on the label. In many states, natural fruit flavors only are permitted as beverages. Fraudulent claims and misstatement of fact are no longer permitted on the labels of products, however much they may be tolerated in advertising, to which the law does not extend.

As pharmacists, it is clearly our duty as guardians of the public health to take cognizance of these problems; to investigate the nature and character of these new fangled nostrums, their merits and composition, in order that we may be in better position to safeguard the health and welfare of the people.

THE ACTIVITIES OF F. ARTHUR BECKETT IN EDUCATIONAL PHARMACY.*

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The writer first met F. Arthur Beckett in the year 1882 while he was a student in the California College of Pharmacy, which was located at Dupont and California Streets, San Francisco. A close friendship was formed between us. He was in the first-year class and I in the second. He was engaged at that time in the manufacturing laboratory of Redington & Company, wholesale druggists.

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The earliest data relative to his college activities, after graduating with the class of 1883 with the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy, appear in the publication "Constitution and By-Laws of the Alumni Association of the California College of Pharmacy." This authority places him as being a member of the executive committee in the years 1883 and 1884.

He became secretary in 1885, vice-president in 1886, and president in 1888. In the years 1892 and 1893 he was again a member of the executive committee. Upon the reorganization of the administration of the Alumni Association his name appears on the list of the Board of Trustees for the years 1893, 1894 and 1895.

This brief résumé of Mr. Beckett's activities in his alumni shows that he was accepted as a leader and an advisor by his fellow graduates. These many offices were honorary ones. His services were cheerfully given and there was never a tinge of self-interest in his actions as a member or as an officer. His record as an officer in the California College of Pharmacy began in the year 1889 and lasted for a period of seventeen years, the year 1906 marking the close of his services. The offices held by him in the college are given with dates. He was vice-president of the Board of Trustees in the years 1889 and 1891, also in 1892 and 1893, becoming president of the Board of Trustees in 1896 and 1897.

Mr. Beckett realized the importance of reorganizing the governmental system of the College so that it would be in harmony with the methods of administration which were in vogue in well-conducted business establishments. During these preceding years the California College of Pharmacy was a part of the organization of the California Pharmaceutical Society. The responsibility of the former trustees then rested upon the directors. Mr. Beckett was a member of the Board of Directors from 1893 to 1906. As president of the Board of Trustees and president of the Board of Directors he carried the presidency of the College of Pharmacy.

Mr. Beckett was a member of the committee which waited upon Mr. Adolph Sutro in the hope of obtaining a gift of land from him upon which could be erected the group of buildings known as the Affiliated Colleges of the University of California. The California Legislature had voted the sum of \$250,000 to erect buildings which were to be occupied by the Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Law. Mr. Beckett's efforts were untiring as usual and bore fruit, inasmuch as Mr. Adolph Sutro presented to the University of California, the ground, comprising thirteen acres, on which the buildings now stand. Hitherto these colleges were in separate locations in San Francisco.

In the year 1895 a committee was appointed to visit the professional colleges of the United States and Canada in order to make an extensive study of buildings, furniture and equipment so that the architects and governing groups could be informed as to the requirements necessary in planning the new buildings. This committee consisted of Dr. Beverly Cole, representing Medicine, F. Arthur Beckett representing Pharmacy, and Albert Sutton, Architect. This group of men spent three months of travel in the United States and Canada, making an intensive study of professional colleges and their housing. The elaborate report of Mr. Beckett's, relating to Colleges of Pharmacy, is among the archives of the college.

Mr. Beckett was tall in stature, a man of breeding, ability and integrity. In argument, he presented his points with a kindly smile. His manner was such as to provoke no ill will on the part of his opponents. In looking backward along

the roadway over which the college traveled when its student-body numbered two or three score, one realizes the worth of those workers of the past in the cause of pharmaceutical education; and prominent among this list of honorable men is the name of F. Arthur Beckett.

BARCELONA COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL RELATIONS.

The College of Doctors of the University, District of Barcelona, Spain, has organized an International Committee of Cultural Relations, composed of representatives of the University, of the College of Doctors, and of the Consular Corps. The members of the governing body of this committee are one professor and one collegiate doctor for each of the five university faculties, namely, philosophy and letters, law, science, medicine and pharmacy.

The committee has been organized because of the International Exposition to be held in Barcelona, and will initiate its work by offering information and guidance to those visitors particularly interested in science, enabling them to become acquainted with the cultural centers of their city, and will assist them in arranging conferences and other meetings pertinent to the occasion. The purposes are broad and include the cultivation of cultural relations with foreign countries, coöperation in all legitimate enterprises which tend to strengthen international relations and encourage the study of Spanish and culture in universities and other scientific centers abroad.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS SUPPORTED BY INDUSTRY.

In a list of research scholarships and fellowships, recently published, there are quite a number that have been established by the pharmaceutical industries, but only a few which are for the encouragement of pharmaceutical research. There are other scholarships in schools of pharmacy, to that extent the list referred to is not complete and, no doubt, with proper encouragement and invitation these and endowments for the Headquarters and activities of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION would be increased. The list referred to includes only Fritzsche Brothers Fellowship, at the University of Wisconsin, for the study of volatile oils and related subjects; the Parke, Davis & Co. Fellowship and the Frederick Stearns & Co. Fellowship in Pharmacy, at the University of Michigan. The JOURNAL would

like the opportunity of listing the scholarships and fellowships for the encouragement of pharmaceutical research, of announcing additions to those that have been established and of endowments for the A. P. H. A. Headquarters.

William Duncan, pharmaceutical chemist of Grantown, Scotland, testified in a homicide case of the Northern (Scotch) Circuit, 50 years ago, before Lord Deas, Judge of the Court. The latter complimented the witness on the very distinct and intelligent character of his evidence "as a professional man." The *Chemist & Druggist* quotes the "Inverness Courier."

WITNESS: "Thank you, my Lord. I may mention I am not a professional man, only the village chemist."

LORD DEAS: "You are a chemist?"

WITNESS: "Yes, my Lord."

LORD DEAS: "Well, then, you are a professional man; always stand up for the rights of your order."

CORNERSTONE OF BROOKLYN COLLEGE OF PHARMACY LAID.

In the presence of five hundred members of the student body, faculty and members of the Kings County Pharmaceutical Society, Dr. William C. Anderson, dean of the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, included in Long Island University, laid the cornerstone, on June 29th, for the new college structure. George R. Christ, president of the Kings County Society, made a brief speech of welcome to all present. Arthur S. Somers, member of the Board of Education, spoke on the altruistic nature of the effort which made the erection of the building possible. Former U. S. Senator William M. Calder, who is vice-president of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, represented the Chamber at the exercises.

MEETING OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE ON PHARMACEUTICAL SYLLABUS.

Chairman J. G. Beard has requested the members of the Committee on Pharmaceutical Syllabus to meet with him during the Convention in Rapid City.