

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The 56th annual meeting of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association was held in Chicago during the week of October 12th. The registration totaled 670. Coöperation and better understanding between the divisions of the drug-trade activities were key notes of the convention.

President H. C. Christensen, of the A. Ph. A. extended the greetings of that organization and spoke briefly. President Julius Riemen-schneider of the N. A. R. D. spoke for that organization. Greetings of the American Drug Manufacturers Association were extended by Dr. A. S. Burdick. Frank A. Blair spoke for the Proprietary Association, and J. G. Searle for the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association.

Among the speakers of the convention were Hon. Clyde Kelly, Dr. J. M. Doran and H. J. Ostlund. Prof. E. N. Gathercoal extended greetings of the National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research and spoke regarding the Chicago World's Fair Centennial Celebration, part of which is embodied in an editorial of this issue of the *JOURNAL*; brief statements from the address follow:

"This Exposition will depict a Century of Progress, with the contributions of pure and applied science to industrial development during the last 100 years as the main theme. Great plans are already well developed and are being actually worked out into concrete form for this Exposition. It will stretch out for miles along the lake front from the Art Institute south toward Jackson Park on newly made land in Lake Michigan. One hundred million dollars is being spent upon it."

"...Each of the National organizations in pharmacy is being requested to appoint one member to this committee and it is expected that the first meeting of this committee will be held this year. Perhaps it is the privilege of your great organization to elect or appoint at this convention the first member of the Pharmacy World's Fair Committee. Certainly the most able men in pharmacy should be placed on this committee for here is a splendid opportunity for pharmacy to maintain its prestige with the other professions."... "While no plans have been made for the pharmacy exhibit, would it not be appropriate for the wholesale druggists to

prepare a great globe and show the original packages of drugs and chemicals entering the United States from all parts of the world?"

The report of the Committee on Memorials of Deceased Members was read by Chairman Harry J. Schnell.

Secretary E. L. Newcomb gave a comprehensive outline of the activities of the Association during the year and also presented a report of the treasurer which showed a larger balance on hand than the Association had reported for a number of years.

The report of the Committee on Manufactures was read by Chairman James Morrison. In discussing this report Frank Hayden spoke of the growth of the strictly professional type of pharmacy which may open up a new field of distribution for manufacturers and also the possibility of routine selling and advertising to reach this specialized branch of the drug business.

Secretary Samuel C. Henry of the N. A. R. D. spoke optimistically of the future of the drug business. He commended the work of the Druggists Research Bureau, emphasizing the benefits for the retail drug trade.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, James M. Penland, Dallas, Texas; *First Vice-President*, Harry G. Billmire, Chicago; *Second Vice-President*, E. H. DeMoss, Louisville, Ky.; *Third Vice-President*, W. K. Love, Memphis, Tennessee; *Fourth Vice-President*, W. G. Allen, Tampa, Fla.; *Fifth Vice-President*, Peyton Hawes, Spokane. The new members of the *Board of Control* are: M. E. Sherman, Des Moines, Iowa; Walter Brunswig, Los Angeles; Warner James, Brooklyn; and J. Mahlon Buck, Philadelphia.

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service, was installed on October 31st as *President* of the American Public Health Association, at its Fort Worth meeting, succeeding Dr. A. J. Chesley, of St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. William C. Hassler, health officer of San Francisco, was named *President-Elect* to take office when Dr. Cumming has completed his term in 1931. Other officers named who will assume office next year are Dr. Rafael Silva, of Mexico,

First Vice-President; Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, of Toronto, *Second Vice-President*; Dr. A. H. Flickwir, of Fort Worth, *Third Vice-President*; Dr. Louis I. Dublin, of New York, *Treasurer*, and Dr. W. S. Rankin, of Charlotte, North Carolina, *Chairman* of the executive board. Homer N. Calver, of New York, was reappointed *Executive Secretary*.

FEDERAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Federal Wholesale Druggists' Association was held at Rochester, September 2nd. The following officers were elected:

President, J. H. Marshall, Minneapolis; *Vice-President*, W. W. Stephens, Toronto; *Secretary*, R. E. L. Williamson, Baltimore; *Treasurer*, O. J. Cloughly, St. Louis; *Executive Committee*, J. J. Dreyer, Newark; J. C. Kreiger, Buffalo; F. W. Alexander, Boston; N. D. Parker, Washington; H. L. Metzger, Rochester.

The address of President J. H. Marshall dealt largely with the business of the Association. He stated in his address that in order to make the work of the Association most successful it was necessary to outline a system of coöperative buying and also of determining on uniform lines of merchandise, and uniform terms to retail members of the Association.

As a token of appreciation President Marshall was presented with a cornelian cameo ring the gift of 150 delegates of the convention. The presentation was made by Secretary R. E. Lee Williamson.

Among the resolutions adopted by the Association the following is of particular interest:

Resolved that the Federal Wholesale Druggists' Association go on record as endorsing the valuable work accomplished for the pharmacist and pharmacy by the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the secretary of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

The semi-annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association will be held in Washington, D. C., December 10th-12th, at Hotel Washington. An inter-

esting program for the meeting has been prepared.

The American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association has awarded the first prize of \$100.00 in its contest for the best paper relating to manufacturing pharmacy, by students in selected colleges of pharmacy, to Urban O. Oakdale and Joseph John Thompson, both students of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan. The study of the essay was on a general method for the determination of halogens in organic compounds. The essay contests are conducted by the Association through its Committee on Research Awards.

WILMINGTON PHARMACISTS ENTERTAIN.

The "Q-S" Club, a social pharmaceutical organization, of Wilmington entertained the medical profession of Delaware at a dinner given at the Hotel DuPont-Biltmore in that city on October 23rd. For some years the Club has given attention to the need of a closer understanding between medicine and pharmacy and has made this thought the dominant one in its annual dinners. Invitations were sent to the physicians of Delaware and a large number were in attendance. There were speeches by representatives of the pharmaceutical and medical professions. The keynote of the evening was coöperation and the importance of working and pulling together, with the thought in mind that the public benefits greatly by coöperation of the public health groups.

MEETING OF OFFICIAL AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTS.

The Association of Official Agricultural Chemists held its annual meeting in Washington, October 20th to 22nd.

The Association completed final details for the publication of its 1930 edition of "Methods of Analysis," which is revised every five years. The manuscript of this volume will be ready for the printer by the end of the year, and it is expected to be available early in the Spring.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: *President*, H. D. Haskins, of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Amherst, Mass.; *Vice-President*, A. E. Paul, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Chicago station; *Secretary-Treasurer*, W. W. Skinner, of the Department of Agriculture,

Washington; additional members of the *Executive Committee*, F. C. Blanck, of the Department of Agriculture, Washington; J. W. Kellogg, of the Pennsylvania Department

of Agriculture, Harrisburg; E. M. Bailey, of the Connecticut Experiment Station, New Haven; and R. Harcourt, of the Experiment Station of Guelph, Ontario.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD, COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

We are quoting a press dispatch from Geneva of October 18th in the following: "The new report of the Central Opium Board to the Council of the League of Nations, which in broad lines was adopted October 18th, reflects a stronger will to keep a vigilant eye on the narcotic traffic and otherwise get down to grips with the illicit trade than the various League organizations have been accustomed to showing. In general the board clearly is not satisfied with the situation and suspects many discrepancies in the statistics on narcotic production, distribution and consumption which the governments are furnishing it.

"The board's efforts to determine what constitutes the medicinal needs of a country, so as to enable it to determine the sale of codeine, show that French consumption is four times greater than that of the United States, which is considered to represent the world average. On the other hand, the French consumption of cocaine is a trifle less than that of the United States, which is seventeen pounds to 1,000,000 inhabitants.

"The largest consumers of cocaine are Japan's Kwangtung territory in China, fifty pounds to 1,000,000 population; Australia, thirty-two pounds; Japan, thirty-one; Estonia twenty-seven pounds, and Sweden, twenty-six, all the others being below the American average. Australia thus consumes twice as much as any other English-speaking country and Estonia and Sweden twice as much as any of their Baltic neighbors.

"All these figures are supposed to represent legitimate consumption for medicine, but faced with such strange discrepancies the board asks whether the abnormal consumption of some countries is not due partly to narcotic drugs, ostensibly needed for medical purposes, escaping into the illicit traffic, and has begun inquiries.

"Another thing worrying the board is the great increase in the production of narcotics

such as codeine, excluded from the Geneva drug convention, an exclusion which, the board finds, offsets the good effects the convention seems to have had in its restricted field."

HANKOW OPIUM REVENUE.

New York Times, special correspondence, has stated that "open profiteering by the Hankow city government on the opium trade is frankly discussed this week in *New Hankow* and other Chinese newspapers, which reveal that instead of making efforts at suppression of the traffic the city looks to it for an important contribution to revenue.

CAFFEINE IN CEREAL BEVERAGES.

The sale of cereal beverages or similar types of non-alcoholic drinks, which have been doctored or "pepped up" by the addition of caffeine, is prohibited by the state beverage law, according to the Bureau of Foods and Chemistry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. A cereal beverage containing caffeine is considered under the law as being misbranded and adulterated.

ALCOHOL RULE CHANGES COLLATED BY INDUSTRIES.

Washington representatives of alcohol-using industries, on October 23rd, made up a list of detailed suggested changes in the new industrial alcohol regulations for presentation to the Industrial Advisory Council of the Bureau of Industrial Alcohol.

The meeting was called by H. E. Howe, secretary of the council, and the report of the group will be for the use of the council in preparing comments on the regulations as invited by James M. Doran, Commissioner of Industrial Alcohol.

The group discussed regulations No. 2 and No. 3, covering both medicinal liquor and industrial alcohol, and prepared a long list of detailed changes which the members consider desirable. All were agreed in taking a stand of coöperating with the Bureau of Industrial