Just before closing this issue of the JOURNAL we are advised of the death of **Harry B. Mason**, for many years active in Association work.

A brief sketch will be found in the January Journal for 1929, page 81. He became a member of the Association in 1896.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS.

Because there is only another month before the Baltimore meeting the following is repeated:

Abstracts, preferably not over 100 words, should accompany all titles of papers when sent to the secretaries of the various A. Ph. A. Sections. The officers ask contributors to send in their papers and abstracts in order to facilitate proper coöperation and enable the secretaries to have mimeographed copies of abstracts ready in advance of the meeting. Papers should reach the officers in time for action that may be necessary for giving them place on the program.

SECTION OFFICERS.

So that contributors of papers may have the address of the chairmen and secretaries before them, they are given here; a complete list of officers will be found on page X of the Advertising Section.

Scientific Section.—Chairman, H. A. Langenhan, % U. of Washington, Seattle, Wash.; First Vice-Chairman, E. E. Swanson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Second Vice-Chairman, W. J. Husa, Gainesville, Fla.; Secretary, L. W. Rowe, % Parke, Davis & Co., Detroit, Mich.

Section on Education and Legislation.— Chairman, Glenn L. Jenkins, Lombard and Greene Sts., Baltimore, Md.; Vice-Chairman, B. V. Christensen, Gainesville, Fla.; Secretary, Rudolph H. Raabe, Ada, Ohio.

Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing.—Chairman, H. C. Newton, Omaha, Neb.; Vice-Chairman, Charles V. Netz, Minneapolis, Minn.; Secretary, E. O. Leonard, Pocatello, Idaho.

Section on Commercial Interests.—Chairman, Denny Brann, Des Moines, Ia.; Vice-Chairman, Jos. G. Noh, Omaha, Neb.; Secretary, Rowland Jones, Gettysburg, So. Dak.

Section on Historical Pharmacy.—Chairman, George D. Beal, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Secretary, J. T. Lloyd, Court and Plum Sts., Cincinnati, O.; Historian, E. G. Eberle, 10 W. Chase St., Baltimore, Md.

Progress has been made by the Section officers. We are taking the liberty of giving

the titles of some of the papers for the Section on Historical Pharmacy:

"O. Henry and Pharmacy," by Charles H. and Millicent R. LaWall.

"Ex-Presidents of A. Ph. A. from Baltimore," by David M. R. Culbreth.

"The Search for the Active Principles in the Narcotic Solanums," by F. B. Kilmer.

"Note on an Ancient Poisonous Plant of Asia Minor," by L. E. Warren.

"Alexander Nicolaus Scherer," by Edward Kremers.

"Benedict Arnold—Pharmaceutical Preparations and Samples Sold by Him," by R. D. Bienfang.

"Karl Wilhelm Scheele, the Apothecary Scientist of 18th Century, Sweden," by Lieut. Commander Louis H. Roddis.

"Notes on the Deceased Chairmen of the Revision Committee of the U. S. Pharmacopœia," by Drs. Viehoever, LaWall, Coblentz and Griffith.

"History of the U. S. Dispensatory," by H. C. Wood, Jr.

"History of the National Formulary," by W. L. Scoville.

"History of the Recipe Book," by J. Leon Lascoff.

BALTIMORE RETAIL DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of Baltimore Retail Druggists' Association was held at Hotel Rennert, March 6th, President Samuel Y. Harris acting as toastmaster during the delightful function. The attendance was at par and the menu was served with the usual excellence.

A most interesting part of the program was an address by Governor Ritchie, of Maryland. It may be questioned whether any Governor has done more for pharmacy and with a purpose to serve the people. He has favored the School of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland, because he realized its importance, and appointed pharmacists to the State Board of Health because he deemed these services essential for public good. His views are expressed in action. He is looking forward to

the A. Ph. A. meeting in Baltimore with helpful interest. Mayor Broening also was a guest and showed his interest by being present, even though he had just returned from Florida, where he had gone to recuperate from a serious accident.

Washington pharmacists were present in number, among them Chairman of the Council, S. L. Hilton.

President H. A. B. Dunning was present and expressed his appreciation of the Governor's remarks, and for the fine interest of the pharmacists which will make the Baltimore A. Ph. A. meeting an outstanding success.

The Emerson Hotel has been named headquarters and arrangements under the direction of Local Secretary Harris are going forward nicely.

FOUNDERS' DAY AT PHILADELPHIA.

Founders' Day was celebrated and the annual mid-winter reunion was held at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science on February 24th.

The program was announced as follows: 3:30 P.M., address by Dr. Theodore B. Appel, secretary of the State Board of Health; 8:00 P.M., dramatic sketch dealing with the founding of the college, presented by a cast of faculty members and written especially for the occasion by Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. LaWall. Also on the program were music and readings of 100 years ago; dancing, quoits, bridge, five hundred and other games.

More than 500 alumni and friends were present at the afternoon and evening exercises.

GRADUATES OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

Cincinnati College of Pharmacy graduating students were visitors and dinner guests of the William S. Merrell Company yesterday afternoon. After a tour through the laboratories, the students were taken to the Cincinnati Club for dinner and entertainment.

Lee Wiltsee, secretary and treasurer of the company, introduced the Speakers, Charles G. Merrell, Thurston Merrell and Dr. Mortimer Bye. A Willis Sandman, President of the class, responded to Mr. Merrell's address. Dean Griess said that this is the first class to be graduated from the new college building, and also the first class to be graduated under the new three-year course. He remarked that the general tendency of the pharmacist to-day is toward professional specialization in filling

and compounding prescriptions, and that the opportunities for the independent druggist were greater to-day than ever before.

DRUG-CHEMICAL DINNER HAS RECORD ATTENDANCE.

More than four hundred representatives of the drug, chemical and allied trades attended the fifth annual dinner held March 4th, at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York, under the auspices of the Drug and Chemical Section of the New York Board of Trade. The attendance totaled 436 persons, which was a gain over the attendance at the dinner a year ago. Dr. H. Sheridan Baketel, president of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association, presided as toastmaster.

CHICAGO DRUGGISTS' POST OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZED.

A meeting of the Chicago Druggists' Post No. 575 of the American Legion was held Tuesday, February 25th. Fifteen charter members and several visitors, including Bob Casey, district commander of the American Legion, and Jo Novotny, were present. Membership is to be restricted to drug store proprietors and registered or assistant registered pharmacists. Benj. Friedlander of 4335 Irving Park boulevard, was chosen as temporary finance officer. Thirty-two paid applications for membership were presented with the statement that a number of other eligibles were ready to join. G. E. Bond, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., suggests that the Chicago Retail Druggists' Post of the American Legion include any registered pharmacist in the state, associate memberships being issued to all eligible Illinois World War veterans outside of Chicago.

IOWA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Among the speakers of the Iowa convention were, Walter H. Cousins, Clyde Eddy, Carl Weeks, Governor Hammill. The banquet taxed the ball room—the largest attendance in the fifty years' history of the Iowa association. The guests of honor were Governor John Hammill and Mrs. Hammill, Carl Weeks, Douglas Malloch, Walter H. Cousins, Bernice Snider, Judge and Mrs. Lawrence DeGraff, Mr. and Mrs. Blake and many other state officers. George Judisch of Ames acted as toastmaster and introduced the speakers.

The officers of the Association are: President, Paul J. Jepson, Newton; Vice-Presidents,

John Heerema, Pella; E. L. Beezley, Cedar Rapids; J. S. Veenker, Northwood; Treasurer, J. M. Lindley, Winfield; Delegate to A. Ph. A., George Judisch, Ames; Legislative Committee, George Judisch, J. J. Gillespie, H. E. Eaton; New Member Executive Committee, R. M. Gibson, Des Moines; Delegates to U. S. Pharmacopæial Convention, George Judisch, R. M. Gibson, B. A. Ruegnitz.

ALABAMA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Alabama Association members are going to have an outing this year, including a trip to Havana, Cuba, June 9th-13th. The cost for single passenger is \$100.00, which includes railroad and steamer round trip; Pullman round trip; meals enroute in both directions (but does not include meals while in Havana) includes hotel accommodations at Sevilla-Biltmore, four nights in Havana; transfers to and from steamer in Havana; includes Cuban head tax, which is \$3.00 per passenger.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYL-VANIA, PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIA-TION.

The Scranton Times of February 7th gave an interesting account of the Lackawanna County Pharmaceutical Association meeting. There were 175 in attendance. The artist of the Times displayed skill in sketching quite a number of the officers and others present.

Officers of the Lackawanna county group in attendance were: Frank P. Kelly, President; William W. Watkins, First Vice-President; Henry Brown, Second Vice-President; Thomas Evans, Treasurer, and Louis Gardier, Secretary. Credit for the success of the banquet went to the following comprising the arrangement committee: Henry Brown, Sr., Chairman; Andrew Brown, Louis Gardier, Mrs. Lula Morgan DeLucy, Thomas Evans, William Jenkins, John J. Davies William W. Watkins, D. J. Thomas, William H. Knoepfel, Peter F. Lally and John J. Mullen.

Andrew Brown acted as toastmaster. President O'Connell was among the speakers, also Henry Brown, D. J. Thomas, John J. Davies, William Knoepfel, A. P. Brown, Louis Gardier, Henry Brown, Jr., Percy M. Davis and Col. Frank P. Kelly. Ladies were in attendance and added greatly to the occasion.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAPAN PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

The first general meeting in this year of the officials of the Japan Pharmaceutical Society was held on January 19th and was attended by the following persons: Dr. Takahashi, vice-president, Drs. Ikeguchi, Keimatsu, Uyeno, Nishizaki, Watanabe, Isono, Ogata, Tanii, Kinugasa, Nakao, Hattori and Mr. Hosoi. The proposal for holding a memorial ceremony at the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the society was discussed.—The Weekly Druggist (Japan), January 26, 1930.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

H. R. 10561, BY MR. HAWLEY, DIS-PLACES H. R. 9053, BY MR. PORTER.

H. R. 9053 and comments thereon were printed in the February JOURNAL A. PH. A. (see pp. 205 and 165). The bill presented by Mr. Hawley has been accepted by Mr. Porter; it has the same title "To Create in the Treasury Department a Bureau of Narcotics, and for other purposes." This Bill does not provide for a Commission, but makes the Narcotic Division of the Public Health Service responsible for determining the quantities to be imported for medicinal purposes. Mr. Porter will not ask for consideration of H. R. 9054 until after a conference with pharmacists and others interested has been held. Hearings were held by the Ways and Means Committee on the Hawley Bill on March 7th and 8th; indications are that the Bill will be favorably reported by the Committee.

The Bill follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be in the Department of the Treasury a bureau to be known as the Bureau of Narcotics and a Commissioner of Narcotics who shall be at the head thereof. The Commissioner of Narcotics shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall receive a salary at the rate of \$9000 per annum. The commissioner shall make an annual report to Congress.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Treasury may, without regard to the civil service laws, appoint one deputy commissioner, and subject