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Members are requested to observe whether their names and addresses are correctly stated, and to call the attention of the editor to any errors or omissions which may be noted.



### TWO NEW PHARMACEUTICAL PROFESSORS.

The catalog of the New Jersey College of Pharmacy, Jersey City, N. J., shows the names of two new professors in the faculty—J. Leon Lascoff, Professor of Pharmacy, and Otto Raubenheimer, Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and History of Pharmacy. Both gentlemen are accomplished pharmacists, and leaders in the A. Ph. A. The New Jersey institution is to be congratulated upon its acquisition of two such able exponents of scientific pharmacy.



### TWO STUDENT PRIZES.

Professor R. A. Kuever of the Iowa College of Pharmacy offers to the Junior student who shall attain the highest standing in practical pharmacy a year's subscription to the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

L. C. Hopp, of Cleveland, also gives an annual prize consisting of a nomination to membership and the first year's fee of \$5.00 for the best grade in Chemistry at the Cleveland College of Pharmacy. The prize last year was awarded to graduate Earl Edward Goudy.



### A LETTER OF PROTEST.

Philadelphia, October 28, 1913.

To the Editor, Journal A. Ph. A.:

Dear Sir—I should feel myself derelict in my duty as a physician were I to permit the article on Methyl Alcohol by John C. Wallace in your October number to go unanswered. Mr. Wallace quotes "two cases of poisoning by inhalation by workmen varnishing vats." What two cases these were he does not state. The fact of the matter is that C. A. Wood (Journal A. M. A. 1912, LIX, p. 1962) has reported two deaths, besides two cases of blindness, in workmen varnishing vats with a methyl alcohol varnish; Hale (Journal A. M. A. 1901, xxxvii

p. 1450) has reported two cases of blindness under similar conditions; De Schweinitz (Ophthalmic Record, 1901, p. 289), one case of a painter blinded by an inhalation of a methylated spirits varnish, not in a vat but in the ordinary routine of his work; Hiram Woods (Journal A. M. A., 1913, LX, p. 1762), has reported a case of blindness following the use of methyl alcohol as a *liniment!*

In the light of these reported—and no one knows how many unreported—disasters, are the pharmacists going to stand sponsors for an agent fraught with such horrible dangers? Is the question of dollars and cents to be forever balanced against human life and happiness?

Even if we grant that these cases are rare, it seems to me that one well authenticated case should be enough to make every true pharmacist do all in his power to banish the poison *entirely* from the drug store. There is no justifiable use for methyl alcohol in or about the pharmacy, much less for its sale. The mission of the pharmacist should be to aid in the saving of human life, not in its destruction.

Yours truly,  
HORATIO C. WOOD, JR., M. D.

[Resolution 6, adopted at the Nashville meeting, reads as follows:

*Resolved*, That the American Pharmaceutical Association go on record in favor of legally requiring methyl alcohol to be sold under a name that will differentiate it from ethyl alcohol or spirits generally, and under a poison label.

The subject was also discussed editorially in the July issue, page 817, where a case of blindness following the external use of wood alcohol was referred to.—J. H. B.]

### MAKING EXCUSES.

The moment you have to make excuses to yourselves for anything you do or intend to do, that moment you are standing on a rotten piece of ice, that may break from under you at any time, and leave you struggling in very deep, cold water!—water that is full of long weeds, too, that will twist around your legs, and drag you down deeper the harder you try to swim. For it is the kind of water you have no right to be in; it was not intended for swimming, as you find when you get into it. You fellows who have been caught in the weeds well know what I am driving at and the fellows who haven't had better keep out.—Robert Lloyd.

## Proceedings of the Local Branches

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Reports of the meetings of the Local Branches should be mailed to the editor on the day following the meeting, if possible. Minutes should be *plainly* written, or type-written, with wide spaces between the lines. Care should be taken to give proper names correctly, and manuscript should be signed by the reporter.



### THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

The 1913-14 series of meetings of the Philadelphia Branch had an auspicious beginning at the first meeting which was held at the Drug Club on Tuesday evening, October 7, 1913, with President Cliffe in the Chair.

An informal dinner was served in the Drug Club Cafe, which was followed by a well-attended and enthusiastic session. Two new members were elected, Messrs. James A. Ferguson and Elmer H. Hessler.

Final action was taken on an Amendment to the By-law defining the fiscal year of the Branch, which was thereby changed to correspond with the calendar year.

Invitations offering meeting accommodations were extended the Branch by the Departments of Pharmacy of the Medico-Chirurgical College and Temple University, and by the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Upon motion the invitations were accepted and the Executive Committee instructed to arrange and schedule the meetings to be held at each place.

Mr. Franklin M. Apple, First Vice President-elect of the A. Ph. A. tendered his resignation as the member of Council from this Branch, and Dr. F. E. Stewart was elected to fill the vacancy.

Treasurer Fischelis reported the deficit of last year wiped out and a comfortable working balance in hand.

The programme included reports of Association proceedings as follows:

"The Convention of the A. Ph. A.," by George M. Eeringer.