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### PHARMACY IN HOLLAND DURING 1930.

BY T. POTJEURJD.\*

The Dutch Pharmaceutical Association held its annual meeting this year in Groningen. Among the resolutions adopted are the following:

The pharmacist cannot be responsible for patent medicines he distributes, hence, members thought it desirable to cooperate by establishing a laboratory of the Dutch Pharmaceutical Association. The chief of this laboratory and his chemist-assistants must verify the composition of patent medicines being imported in larger lots, before they are distributed to the pharmacists.

In many smaller places in Holland is only one pharmacy, which seem to be unsalable. If these pharmacies are discontinued doctors are entitled to open a pharmacy and to keep it even if, later, a new pharmacy is opened. To prevent the loss of such places the Dutch Pharmaceutical Association bought a number of such pharmacies which were exploited for account of the Dutch Pharmaceutical Association.

The resolution of the general meeting, to form a Limited Company of which the Dutch pharmacists are shareholders, intends to put the exploitation in a more commercial direction and to safeguard the finances of the Dutch Pharmaceutical Association. The cooperation of the chief-pharmacists of these

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shops leads to the preparation of hypodermic injections in one of the pharmacies, of galenical preparations in another, etc.

### THE VESTAL BILL PASSES HOUSE.

After eight years of struggle the Vestal Copyright bill has passed the House and gone to the Senate. Why it should have taken so long to reach a decision on this measure it is hard to say, for seemingly the enactment does no more than extend to the products of man's mental labor the same protection of law now covering the products of manual labor.

### NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The N. W. D. A. Committee on Research and Relations is arranging for window display material to be used during 1931 for the vacation season, Pharmacy Week, and Christmas. Chairman Wm. Ochse announces a striking window display poster for First Aid Week, March 15th-21st. This poster may be used as a single unit or as four separate units; it is lithographed in six colors, size of sheet 44 by 64 inches. In a way that will attract attention, pictures are shown of accidents and the first aid given by mothers, etc. The legends emphasize the importance of being prepared for first aid treatment.

All of the displays are being prepared at the present time and special attention is being given to the inauguration of merchandising ideas along with the displays, so as to make them effective selling aids.

The cooperative work of the N. W. D. A. deserves commendation and encouragement; it is certainly worth while and the satisfaction

is, that there is constantly growing improvement.

An informal meeting of wholesale druggists and N. W. D. A. Board of Control will be held in St. Louis, May 4th-7th.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE COSTS OF MEDICAL CARE.

The Committee on the Costs of Medical Care was organized to study the economic aspects of the prevention and care of sickness, including the adequacy, availability and compensation of the persons and agencies concerned. The Chairman is Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur. Following the latter's address at the annual meeting the principles proposed by him were discussed by the committee and after revision they were adopted as they appear below:

1. The personal relation between physician and patient must be preserved in any effective system of medical service.
2. The concept of medical service of the community should include a systematic and intensive use of preventive measures in private practice and effective support of preventive measures in public health work.
3. The medical service of a community should include the necessary facilities for adequate diagnosis and treatment.

#### NEW YORK PHARMACEUTICAL ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE FOR UNEMPLOYED.

The twelve New York local pharmaceutical organizations have joined their efforts to aid the unemployed. Definite steps will be taken at an "All-in-One" banquet to be held at the Commodore Hotel on January 28, 1931.

#### NEWS BULLETINS OF THE DRUG TRADE BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

Director Robert P. Fischelis has issued further bulletins of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information. Bulletin No. 47 relates to the address of President Frank, of the University of Wisconsin, before the Golden Jubilee meeting of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association. Parts of these addresses are printed in the October JOURNAL, 1930, A. PH. A., page 1049. Bulletin No. 48 refers to the timely suggestion for changes and addi-

tions to the pharmacy laws of the various states by President H. C. Christensen, who is also Secretary of the N. A. B. P. The article is published in the JOURNAL of the A. PH. A. Bulletin No. 49 refers to the meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference in part reported in this number of the JOURNAL. Bulletin No. 50 refers to a number of papers presented to the Scientific Section of the A. PH. A. by action of representations of various drug trade organizations at the recent meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference. The work of the Drug Trade Bureau of Public Information is to be continued.

#### SOLUTION OF MAGNESIUM CITRATE.

At a recent meeting of the officials and chairmen of the standing and special committees of the New York State Association, held in Albany, the Sub-Committee on Waters, Solutions, Spirits, Syrups and Elixirs of the United States Pharmacopœial Convention was called upon to modify the existing magnesia formula in order to permit a more palatable product.

The entire membership of the State Association has been circularized by the chairman of the Committee on Information in an effort to curtail the use of substitute and imitation magnesias. The New York Pharmaceutical Conference is coöperating.

#### PHILADELPHIA MEETING OF PHYSICIANS AND PHARMACISTS.

The annual pharmacists' and physicians' meeting under the auspices of the Philadelphia Retail Druggists Association, was held December 5th. Addresses for the physicians were made by Dr. George P. Muller, president of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, Dr. Mitchell Bernstein and Dr. Bernard Fantus; for pharmacists, by Prof. Charles H. LaWall, Ambrose Hunsberger, E. Fullerton Cook, and Secretary E. F. Kelly, of the A. PH. A.

Abstracts of the report of Committee on the Costs of Medical Care was read by Secretary Pickett.

The consensus of opinion was that medical colleges should give more attention to the teaching of materia medica. President Muller suggested that the pharmacists of Philadelphia make a display of U. S. P. and N. F. preparations at the meeting of the American Medical Association, to be held in June.