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William Mair, F. C. S., M. P. S.—Honorary Member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, elected at the Miami meeting, some of whose descriptions and photographs of historic pharmacies in Berlin, Stockholm and Copenhagen have appeared in the JOURNAL, is one of the most widely traveled of British pharmacists and is still "hot on the trail."

In the course of the journey, in which he collected the material for the above-named articles, he made a maiden trip by air from Hamburg to Berlin. At one time or another during the past thirty years Mr. Mair has visited, always with a seeing eye and an understanding mind, the United States and Canada, the French and Italian Rivas, Portugal, Austria, Holland, Switzerland, many parts of Germany, Gibraltar, some towns of Spain, Morocco, Canary Islands and Madeira.

He has written on Pharmaceutical Education in some Northern countries of Europe and with first-hand knowledge and judgment on the conditions of pharmacy in most of the countries named. He has not described any pharmacy abroad which he has not personally visited except the famous one in Russia for which he has drawn on collected material in the *Pharmaceutical Journal* of London, in 1922.

Mr. Mair was at one time dispenser to the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, and compiled and was editor of its pharmacopœia and was also hospital instructor in materia medica, the courses being recognized as an extra-mural by Edinburgh University.

Later, Mr. Mair went to India, where he spent four years, and while there published in collaboration a book on "The Indigenous Drugs of India" for which the late Sir George Watt, C. I. E., the great author on the economic products of India, wrote an appreciative preface.

On his return to England, Mr. Mair communicated a paper on the same subject to the British Pharmaceutical Conference. He combines business acumen, industry, practical knowledge of and interest in the professional side of pharmacy and the *savoir faire* of the man of affairs and culture.

On the second visit to the United States in 1912 Mr. Mair was received by the late Prof. Joseph P. Remington and made the acquaintance of many of the members of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. He enjoyed during many years the friendship of the late Dr. H. M. Whelpley, whom he had met in St. Louis on a previous visit.

Our Honorary Member is a life member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, a fellow of the Chemical Society and an associate member of the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

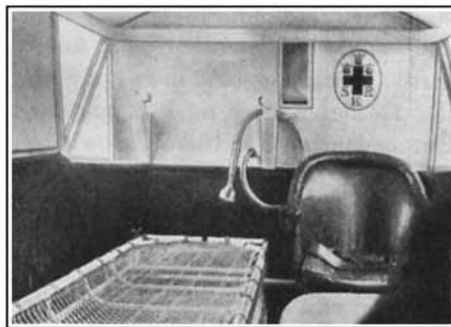
Appreciation is expressed to Mr. Mair of the numerous photographs and cuts donated by him to the JOURNAL. As stated above, some of these have been used and others will follow in succeeding issues of the JOURNAL. It is hoped that Mr. Mair will find time to attend the joint meeting of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association and of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION to be held next year in Toronto, August 22nd to 27th. An article in the *Pharmaceutical Journal and Pharmacist* is drawn upon for the preparation of this brief sketch.

SWEDISH HOSPITAL AIR SERVICE.

We are quoting an article on the above subject by William Mair in the *Medical Journal and Record* for December 17, 1930, in the following: He states that Sweden was the first country in the world to institute civilian transport for patients. The Swedish Red Cross Society provides no aeroplanes; in return for the services of army pilots and mechanics, the use of hangars and work shops—the Red Cross undertakes certain specific obligations such as placing its machines at the service of the government in times of national emergency. At Stockholm the air-base obtains the *Radiumhemmet*, with fifty-six beds. The seaplanes for the above service are always tuned up and ready.



Aeroplane ambulance service.



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Three publications are issued and distributed to the public by the pharmacies of Sweden; one of these is a 48-page annual publication and lists doctors and specialists with their addresses, consulting hours, telephone numbers and other details. The second booklet issued for 1930 contains 32 pages and gives a list of the public and private hospitals under headings that designate their special services, which include the air ambulance service. The third booklet contains a list of dentists, their addresses, consulting hours, etc. It also lists the pharmacists of Stockholm who contribute to the publication of these bulletins. The same list is printed and issued in Helsingfors, capital of Finland; in accordance with the laws of the country, one edition is printed in Finnish and another in Swedish.
