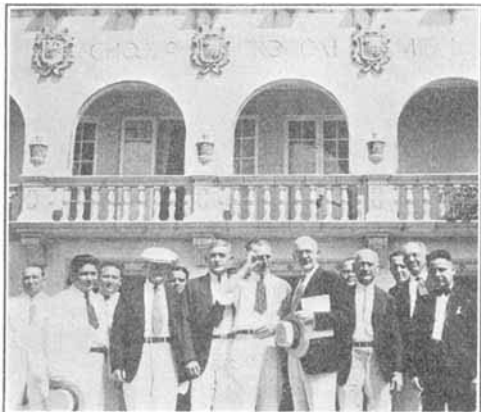


maceutical Association of Porto Rico. Hearty congratulations were extended to him.

A new Pharmacy Bill has been presented for consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It was prepared by the Committee on Legislation of the Association and has the approval of the pharmaceutical profession; it is intended to elevate the professional standard of pharmacy in Porto Rico and secure protection for the people.



John R. Minehart and companions during their visit to the School of Tropical Medicine, at San Juan, Porto Rico. In the center, Dr. Blackman, Director of the School and Dr. Bailey K. Ashford.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM MEXICO.

BY DR. G. G. COLIN.

PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY IN NEED OF REGULATION.

Local newspapers have been giving wide publicity to accidents due to mislabeling of prescriptions. In one case the customer assaulted the pharmacist, who in turn used a gun in self-defense, wounding the customer; labels had been changed in a prescription calling for preparations, one for oral and the other for external use. In another case a little girl was the victim: A poisonous substance was used to compound the prescription, by mistake.

Since this publicity is detrimental to professional pharmacy, the Sociedad Farmacéutica Mexicana will take action in the matter. A memorial is being prepared demanding the much-needed regulation of ARTICLE IV of the Constitution as regards the practice of pharmacy.

There are approximately 5000 pharmacies in the Mexican Republic, of which the majority are not conducted by professional pharmacists, since the law does not specifically demand it. Anyone so desiring may run a pharmacy, simply stating on his labels and store signs that he is not a professional pharmacist. The only legal requirement is to place the statement "Responsible sin título" under the name of the proprietor. The Mexican Health Department has repeatedly called the attention of competent authorities to the fact that such a situation is a constant menace to public health. However, since the enforcement of a law regulating the practice of pharmacy would seriously affect the interests of a large group, the affected ones have always been prompt in repealing any attempt of regulation by Congress. A similar situation is prevalent as regards other professions like medicine, chemistry, engineering, law, where competition from non-professional men gives rise to frequent accidents and mishaps.

COÖPERATION BETWEEN PHARMACISTS AND PHYSICIANS.

The Pharmaceutical Association of Monterrey, Nuevo León, held a meeting to celebrate the anniversary of its president, Sr. M. Mendoza Vazquez.

The necessity of closer coöperation between pharmacists and physicians was emphasized by Prof. L. Galván Terviño and favorably commented by Dr. N. L. Tamez, the latter representing the Mexican Medical Association. The beneficial results of such coöperation was also discussed in relation to the development of national pharmaceutical industry. Physicians were exhorted to prescribe products manufactured in the country in order to restrict the importations of similars.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dean Wulling attended the meetings of the Iowa State Pharmaceutical Association and the joint meetings of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 16th to 19th, inclusive. He gave a lengthy address to the joint meeting of the boards and colleges, and a briefer one to the Iowa Pharmaceutical Veterans' Association.

M. H. Doss, of Apalachicola, was appointed chief state drug inspector, effective March 1st,

it was announced by Dr. Henry Hanson, state health officer and the executive official for the Florida State Board of Health. Mr. Doss has been acting chief inspector since January 1st. **Frank S. Castor**, of Tampa, was named assistant inspector.

The Brooklyn College of Pharmacy gave a dinner in honor of **Prof. William Henry Weygandt** who has just completed his twenty-fifth year of service as the chairman of the college.

W. D. Patterson, of El Reno, Oklahoma, has been appointed member of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, succeeding **J. C. Burton**, Stroud, who recently resigned.

Former President D. F. Jones has sent us a copy of a poem by Miss Lucile Runestrand which was the result of the annual inventory-taking. The lines are interesting and evidently depict the activities of the annual occasion.

We are in receipt of a reprint from the *Journal of Chemical Education* on "Pharmaceutical Education" by **Dean Wortley F. Rudd**. In it, a brief survey is given of the influences that have brought about the changed condition in pharmacy, what is being done to improve these conditions and what pharmacy will be when all who go into it have a full four years of college work, two of which are almost entirely fundamentally cultural in their content are discussed. In this connection efforts are being made to bring about uniformity in college courses in so far as the last year of the curriculum applies.

On the occasion of the 27th anniversary of **Harry Vane** as proprietor of Vane's Drug Store in Dover, Del., the newspapers gave publicity to the event and also a brief account of his activities in pharmacy.

Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., has been invited to participate in writing the medical history, being prepared by the Medico-Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

Lawrence S. Williams, former president of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, was one of the speakers at the meeting of the West Baltimore Medical Association attended by the Alumni Association of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Maryland. The subject dealt with U. S. P. and N. F. products.

The University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy is collecting items for its museum. Among the recent donations is an old single arm brass balance standing 2½ ft. high, presented by **Dr. E. V. Zoeller** of Tarboro. It was used by him for forty-six years and previous to that time by McNair Drug Company.

Walter V. Smith, who has closed his fifty years in the drug business, was honored with a dinner by the Philadelphia Drug Club Veterans, on February 26th.

Prof. Freeman P. Stroup, of Philadelphia, and **George F. Crouse**, of Smithton, Pa., have been elected life-members of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association.

Mrs. W. Bruce Philip has arrived in Washington and our president-elect is happier. As many of our members know, Mrs. Philip is a pharmacist.

Prof. Louis Saalbach has become Life Member of Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association.

We regret to learn of the illness of former President of the A. Ph. A., **L. L. Walton**, but glad to learn he is convalescing at Clifton Springs, N. Y. Mrs. Walton accompanied him.

The March number of the *Texas Druggist* has an early picture of the faculty and members of the University of Texas pharmacy class. In the picture are shown the first dean and professor of pharmacy, namely, Professor Kenedy and **Dr. Wm. F. Hubbert**, then a student of the class. The latter is a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The *Pacific Drug Review* for March contains a number of forceful editorials on matters of present interest.

The cover of the March *Druggists Circular* is illustrated by a number of men of science. Pasteur was a member of the pharmacy faculty at Strasbourg, **Sir Humphry Davy** was an apothecary's clerk.

The *American Druggist* discusses the history of the words "pharmacy" and "apothecary." This reminds us that the definitions for "pharmacist" and "druggist" in textbooks and dictionaries can be improved.

BALTIMORE RETAIL DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual banquet of the Baltimore Retail Druggists' Association was held at Hotel Rennett, March 10th. Nearly 300 members and guests were in attendance and the banquet was presided over by President **Samuel Y. Harris**. A fine program was carried out. The Mayor and **W. Bruce Philip** delivered short addresses and other guests were introduced. A number of officials of Baltimore were in attendance. The Program Committee was eminently successful with their entertainments and received the applause of those who attended.