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The Type Prescriptions on page 368 of the JOURNAL, suggested to physicians, should have been credited to the Academy of Pharmacy, Cleveland, Ohio. This group of pharmacists is doing successful work in acquainting physicians with the United States Pharmacopœia and the National Formulary and thereby encouraging prescription writing.

THE COUNCIL ON MEDICAL EDUCATION.

The Council on Medical Education and Hospitals has been a great influence as a standardizing movement in American higher education. Chancellor Dr. Samuel P. Capen, of the University of Buffalo, delivered an address before the Annual Congress on Medical Education and Licensure at Chicago, from which a few statements are abstracted:

"Colleges of liberal arts have been defined and classified by a variety of bodies having a variety of different, and occasionally conflicting, conceptions of college education. Associations of practitioners or teachers—and sometimes both together—representing law, dentistry, pharmacy, architecture and librarianship have prescribed standards for schools preparing for these professions and enforce the standards through classification and publicity. Bodies representing other professions are already in the early stages of the same procedure. In short, the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals reformed not medical education alone. Through the influence of its example it has brought about the general reform of professional education. And the progress that has been made in the elevation of professional

education in other fields is only a little less remarkable than the great upswing in medical education."

The *Journal of the American Medical Association*, commenting on the importance of Licensure states that "doctors, lawyers, pharmacists and members of other professions are licensed in most instances for the protection of the public. Thus the dangers of unskilful ministrations by untrained, and therefore unqualified, persons are in part controlled. *The public takes it for granted that practitioners licensed by the state are reliable and may be consulted with reasonable security.* (Italics ours.) Twenty-one years ago, by a merger of two pre-existing groups, the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States was formed. Its purpose was to bring order out of the chaos then prevailing in medical licensure and to enforce reasonable standards of preliminary and professional education for all who would be legally authorized to practice medicine. Though much has been accomplished, much remains to be done before that goal is obtained."

THE AMERICAN PHARMACY BUILDING.

The Sunday edition of the *Baltimore Sun* describes the changes going on in Washington in the district southwest of the White House. It says, "Unquestionably the handsomest of the replacements is the white marble administration Building of the Public Health Service now practically completed. Not far away is the new Red Cross Office Building. In this neighborhood the Pan-American Union expects to build new office quarters. Next door

to the Academy of Science the A. PH. A. is constructing a marble building to house its organization activities. This will be the first of the monumental buildings along Constitution Avenue to be seen from the Arlington Memorial Bridge. Northwest of it, on the United States Naval Hospital grounds, the steel frame work of the National Institute of Health has been erected.

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS, CHICAGO.

Exhibits, tying up with pharmacy, medicine, surgery, disease prevention and dentistry, will be housed in the Hall of Science. They will be situated around a great circle in the center of which a fountain will play. The story of drugs and medicines, down through the ages, will be told but special stress will be laid on the marvelous advances of the last 100 years.

The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION will have a vivid, living display in which will be told the whole history of pharmacy from its crude beginning, steeped in superstition and ignorance, to its scientific to-day.

The American Medical Association will reveal the crude start of the physician's art and carry the story into the days of the saddle-back doctor of early America and on to the motorized doctor of now with his laboratories, hospitals and highly specialized equipment.

The Robert Koch Institute will depict the story of the century of war on tuberculosis revealing how, step by step, this great scourge has been all but conquered. The Milwaukee Museum will offer a display picturing the primitive medicine of the Indians. The aboriginal natives of the Americas have made their gifts to the modern science of drugs—quinine, cascara sagrada and others. The Wellcome Museum, of England, will tell the story of the history of British medicine and surgery; Pasteur Institute the story of Louis Pasteur, who gave to the world proof of the Germ Theory of Disease.

A special feature will be the Transparent Man. This is a life-size model of the human body composed of cellon. Looking upon this the visitor can see the interior workings of the human body as if gifted with X-ray eyes.

Notable anniversaries will be celebrated during the Fair; anniversaries which mean much to the world of medicine and pharmacy.

Reference is made elsewhere to the address of Sir Henry H. Dale, director of the Insti-

tute of Medical Research, London. In the picture herewith Sir Henry H. Dale is shown on the left and on the right Josiah K. Lilly and in the center of the group is George W. Merck.



EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY OF DR. HANS HORST MEYER.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* writes: "The recognized leader among German pharmacists, Professor Hans Horst Meyer, of Vienna, celebrated his eightieth birthday, March 17th. At the age of twenty-nine he held the chair of pharmacology at the University of Dorpat, Estonia. From Dorpat he was called to Marburg; in 1904 he was given the chair of pharmacology at Vienna, and, refusing a call to Berlin, he held this position until he reached the age of enforced retirement. On his seventieth birthday, the Vienna Academy of Sciences established the Hans Horst Meyer prize, which is bestowed every five years for the best research in the German language in the field of experimental medicine."—*Science*, May 12th.

Dr. James B. Conant, Sheldon Emery, professor of organic chemistry, was on May 8th elected president of Harvard University by the corporation to succeed Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

THE REMINGTON MEDALIST FOR 1933.

Evander F. Kelly, secretary of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, has been named Remington medalist for 1933. A sketch of the recipient will have to be deferred until the time of the formal award, for which time and date have not been fixed. It is hardly necessary to point out the qualifications which received consideration in his selection, but a few of them are briefly referred to in the following:

His services in local, state and national association work are well and favorably known and also his constant attention to all matters pertaining to the advancement of pharmacy and alertness regarding its interests; readiness to speak in its behalf and directing the policies and activities of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

He has been and is outstanding in the efforts which have given to American pharmacy its Building which is nearing completion in Washington. In this promotion he is constantly watchful of the interests of pharmacy and has brought about a connection of a high order with the Government, the Fine Arts Commission, the Park and Planning Commission, that is most influential in the promotion of pharmacy. The relationship which exists with other organizations of pharmacy and related activities have been upheld and strengthened under his direction and coöperation. Possibly no one has contributed quite as much as he toward the establishment of commissions for pharmacists in the Public Health Service and the change of the rating of pharmacists by the Personal Classification Board. His direction is shown in all efforts for pharmacy and always influential for its advancement. The recognition by the Government "Pharmacy as a Career" in which he had a large part, and his discussions relating to educational and legislative problems, the Food and Drugs Act, etc., evidence his thoughtful consideration, clear presentation and efficient leadership.

The responsibilities assigned to him testify to the value of his services as secretary of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, National Drug Trade Conference, as member of the Board of Trustees of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, State Board of Health, as chairman of the Council on Pharmaceutical Education; prescription surveys, and other important duties

and undertakings, faithfully and successfully performed, speak for the decision reached by the Committee of Award.

A picture of the March-April *Patchwork* shows Dr. James H. Beal exhibiting his collection of shells which constitutes a museum, as it contains about 11,000 specimens gathered from all parts of the world. Dr. Beal took up the subject of shells as a hobby about forty-five years ago and has continued his collection of them since that time. Study is given to every specimen, so there is probably no collection which surpasses this in quality. One must visit this museum to fully appreciate the unique shapes and beautiful coloring.

Dr. George W. McCoy, director of the National Institute of Health of the United States Public Health Service, delivered a public address on April 27th, under the auspices of the Lehigh University Chapter of Sigma Xi, on "Our National Defense against Disease."

Dean Robert C. Wilson, secretary of Georgia Pharmaceutical Association, will be the principal speaker at **South Carolina Pharmaceutical Association**, to be held in Greenville, June 14th and 15th.

Charles H. LaWall has described the collection of ancient pharmaceutical shelfware, mortars, weights, manuscripts and other apparatus of the collection shown on page 373 of this issue of the JOURNAL. This collection will be exhibited at Chicago World's Fair.

John K. Clemmer is candidate for Miami City Commission. He is vice-president of the Florida State Board of Pharmacy, of which he has been a member for five years, having been recently reappointed by Gov. David Sholtz; and chairman of the southeastern district for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

A recent issue of the *Apothecary* speaks of the coöperation which the pharmacists of Massachusetts are giving the Board of Health in distributing literature and otherwise informing the public about the dangers of certain medication. In that way the pharmacy becomes a public health station.

Tile and Till, for May, carries an interesting article on "Indiana's Pioneer Village and Apothecary Shop," by E. Y. Guernsey. It presents an effort to restore a lost village, Spring Mill, which is being reconstructed with strict accord to historic accuracy. The old apothecary shop is shown together with the apothecary, Dr. Joseph Lemon, and his wife.

C. P. Van Schaack, of Chicago, after fifty-four years of active connection with the wholesale drug trade, has retired. He started in business with George H. Schaefer of Ft. Madison, Iowa. Mr. Van Schaack has been an active member of the A. Ph. A. for many years.

Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., has contributed an interesting article to the *Druggists Circular*, running through several issues, entitled "The Changing Order of Modern Therapeutics."

Pharmacist J. Cameron, member of the A. Ph. A., in an article on "Pharmacy in China," printed in the *Pharmaceutical Journal*, states that "the Chinese Pharmacopœia is now the official guide. However, it is not in general use and the U. S. Pharmacopœia and the British Pharmacopœia are used to a greater extent." He speaks of a number of pharmacies in various cities of China which are well stocked and under guidance of highly trained pharmacists.

Herbert Skinner, chairman of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, visitor at the Toronto meeting, and honorary member of the

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, has contributed "American Pharmaceutical Notes," running through several issues of *The Chemist and Druggist*. The pages of the article in the April 29th number are illustrated by views of the pharmacy of J. Leon Lascoff & Son. The contributor in his lines of comment shows that he has been on this side of the Atlantic before but, perhaps, has not attended previous A. Ph. A. meetings. Members of the A. Ph. A. are pleased to have visitors of the type at the Toronto meeting who come to acquaint themselves with our ways of doing things and inform us about their own. No doubt, if times were better, there would be more interchange of visitations—they are beneficial to hosts and visitors.

Dr. Frank B. Kirby, former sales manager for Abbott Laboratories, has become its Director of Education, having to do with educating salesmen, contacts with drug and medical groups. Dr. Kirby is also secretary of the Committee on Pharmacy Exhibit, Chicago World's Fair.

OBITUARY.

EDWARD STABLER LEDBEATER.

E. S. Ledbeater, prominent pharmacist of Alexandria, Va., died at his home after an illness of several months. The historic pharmacy of which the deceased had been proprietor was established in 1792 by Mr. Ledbeater's great grandfather, William Stabler. Richard H. Stabler, a relative, was president of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION 1870-1871.

Among the historical records of this pharmacy are entries showing that General George Washington and Martha Washington were patrons of the store and several of the Washingtons were for a time engaged there. General Robert E. Lee was a patron and in this store General J. E. B. Stuart, then courier, delivered an order to him for Colonel Lee to proceed to Harpers Ferry to subdue the John Brown uprising. Until two weeks ago the store had not ceased to function since its establishment.

For the past thirty years Mr. Ledbeater had been superintendent of Christ Church Sunday School and vestryman of the Church.

The deceased had never married and is survived by two sisters, Mrs. William B. Lloyd

and Mrs. Laurence Stabler and a brother, Clarence C. Stabler.

WILLIAM H. MARTINDALE.

William Harrison Martindale, well and favorably known British pharmacist and author, died at his home in London, April 8th, aged fifty-eight years. He was the son of William Martindale, former president of the British Pharmaceutical Society and of the British Pharmaceutical Conference. He was educated at the University College, London, and at the University of Marburg, and on the death of his father continued the business established by him. He also revised the later editions of "The Extra Pharmacopœia" and contributed largely to pharmaceutical literature. His monographs included "Notes on Radio-activity," "Pharmacy Notes from Various Parts of the World," and some of his medical writings were prepared in conjunction with Dr. J. Graham Willmore—"Treatment of Amoebic Dysentery," etc. However, he is best known to American pharmacists by "The Extra Pharmacopœia."

C. Edward Sage, in the *Pharmaceutical*