

Retail Druggists' Association, William Coughlan, president of the C. P. A., Thomas Nugent, president of the N. H. D. A., Arthur Rivard, Tracey Cadwell, H. C. Sauerbrunn and Prescott Williams, passed through a long aisle formed by the guard of honor representing pharmacists from every city in Connecticut. Representatives of the Danbury Lodge, B. P. O. E., Middletown Knights of Columbus, Bethel Foresters, besides members of the faculty, alumni association and student body of the Connecticut College of Pharmacy were present. Hundreds of floral tributes proved the love he had inspired in the hearts of his friends and associates, and telegrams and messages of condolence were received by his only daughter, Alice-Esther Garvin, from all parts of the country.

The deceased is survived by his daughter Alice-Esther Garvin, Lecturer in English at the Connecticut College of Pharmacy, teacher of English at the New Haven High School, and editor of the Intercollegiate Catholic Club Bulletin; and three sisters, Mrs. Hugh F. Roper, Mrs. John Lally and Miss Ella A. Garvin, all of Hartford.

Dr. Garvin's body was placed in the Garvin plot in St. Lawrence's Cemetery, beside that of his wife, Alice Foley Garvin, who died on the same date five years ago.

Dr. Theobald Smith, president of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, who turned

into new channels an entire stream of medical thought, died December 10th, aged 75 years. An eminent pathologist, honored in almost every nation, he proved for the first time that insects hosts spread certain diseases to man and thereby pointed to ways of conquering the infectious diseases. His studies blazed the way for the explanation of what then were the mysteries of malaria, yellow fever and African sleeping sickness.

Next to the discovery of the means of transmission of Texas cattle fever, his best known research was the differentiation of bovine from human tubercle bacilli, in 1896. Previously the differing types of disease caused by these organisms had not been recognized.

The significance of Dr. Smith's discovery promptly was realized by Koch, original discoverer of the tubercle bacillus, and it has played a far-reaching part in present-day control of tuberculosis.

In 1894 he discovered what was probably the first example of experimental disease due to vitamin deficiency. His early discoveries were of use in the control of diphtheria.

He was a director of the Carnegie Institution, a scientific director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research from its beginning, later becoming vice-president and last year on the death of Dr. William H. Welch, succeeded to the presidency.

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## SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science will hold its meeting December 27th to December 31st in Pittsburgh. The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION is represented in this organization.

### NATIONAL DRUG TRADE CONFERENCE.\*

Active, constructive participation in the movement for revision of the Federal Food and Drugs Act in the coming session of Congress was voted by the National Drug Trade Conference in its annual meeting December 5th. The conference did not adopt or approve any new food and drugs bill; nor did it express its views with respect to the scope of the revision, or to

the nature of additions or other changes which, in its belief, should be made.

The method by which the food and drugs act should be revised was not definitely stated by the conference. The incoming special committee on food and drug legislation was instructed to give careful consideration to the three methods recommended to the conference by this year's committee. These are (1) revision of the present act; (2) revision of S 2800 of the preceding congress to meet the views of the drug industry; (3) preparation and introduction of a wholly new bill. The new committee will be composed of one representative of each of the nine constituted associations to be named promptly by these organizations.

The conference referred to special committees for study a number of resolutions proposing endorsement of (1) legislation restricting

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the sale of drugs and medicines to establishments under the supervision of registered pharmacists; (2) requiring all manufacturers of products to be licensed annually; (3) the establishment of an agency to prepare public information on the proper use of appropriate simple remedies in self-medication; (4) publication on the label of all drug products of a statement of the name and quantity of their ingredients; (5) development and application of more accurate information directed to the development of the service rendered to the public by pharmacy.

Coöperation with the medical, dental, nursing and other public health professions for the development of better service was voted by the conference.

The officers elected are: *President*, Carson P. Frailey, Washington, executive vice-president of the American Drug Manufacturers Association, Washington; *Vice-President*, A. C. Taylor, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; *Secretary-Treasurer*, W. Paul Briggs, dean of the School of Pharmacy, George Washington University, Washington; *National Councillor* in the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Samuel L. Hilton, Washington.

The executive committee of the conference is composed of one representative of each of the constituent associations, selected by the respective organizations.

#### WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS CONFERENCE WITH FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

More than three hundred representatives of the wholesale drug trade agreed in a trade practice conference held by the Federal Trade Commission in Chicago, December 6th, that certain practices are the major causes of unfair and unethical competition in the industry and asked the Federal Trade Commission to adopt and enforce resolutions so defining these practices. The trade urged the Commission to investigate the costs of wholesale distribution of drug merchandise; recommended the general adoption of accurate and standard methods of cost finding to foster intelligent and fair competition, and sought the distribution among members of the trade of information covering delinquent and slow credit accounts—all with the sanction of the commission.

The meeting was attended by Charles H. March and George McCorkle, of the Federal Trade Commission.

The proposed resolutions provoked very little discussion, all but two or three being adopted unanimously. Under the usual procedure the Commission will consider the approved resolutions, adopt those which it considers advisable and ask members of the industry to signify their intention of following them. Subsequently the Commission will apply and administer the rules. The Chicago conference was called by the Federal Trade Commission on the application of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association which went on record at its last annual convention in favor of such a meeting.

Trade practices were considered in two groups—Group I, Illegal; Group II, Not Illegal, but should be observed. In the first, false advertising, defamation of competitors, selling below cost to injure competitor, secret remuneration, secret payment or allowance, refunds, altering trade-marked merchandise to deceive, acceptance of orders and making smaller deliveries at quantity price, misrepresenting as wholesaler, imitation of trade-marks, fictitious prices, threats of suit for intimidation, substitution misleading price lists, create monopoly, free transportation, special price misrepresentation, unreasonable discounts, coercing purchases, interference with competitors' rights. These statements are to be considered in connection with deception, and also the practices of Group II.

The following committee was selected to cooperate with the Federal Trade Commission and to perform such acts as are proper to put into effect the rules adopted: A. Kiefer Mayer, Indianapolis; George V. Doerr, Minneapolis; Warner James, Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y.; O. J. Cloughly, St. Louis, and Ira J. Shapero, New York.

Dr. E. L. Newcomb was unanimously elected secretary of the conference. Col. Charles H. March, member of the Federal Trade Commission, addressed the conference on "Origin and Powers of the Commission."

#### F. W. D. A. PLANS CAMPAIGN OF EXTENSION.

Executives of the coöperative wholesale houses composing the Federal Wholesale Druggists' Association met in Chicago for special deliberations December 5th and 6th. The chief topic of discussion, according to R. E. Lee Williamson, secretary of the Association, was extension of the coöperative plan, and steps were taken toward explaining the plan to retail

druggists in sections where there are now no cooperative organizations. "Flexibility of the operating plans of the cooperative houses," Mr. Williamson said, "made it possible for them to report at the meeting that none had had a loss over the past four years, in spite of their sharing in the general lessening of business." The Association will hold its Winter meeting in New York some time before March 10th.

#### DRUG INSTITUTE OF AMERICA.

Endorsement of its past activities and the proposal of a budget that will assure continuance of a very definite predetermined program were the outstanding actions taken at the Annual Meeting of the Drug Institute, Inc., at its headquarters in New York City on December the 12th.

Retail druggists will come face to face with their responsibilities under price stabilization plans during the coming year according to plans outlined at the annual meeting of Drug Institute of America, in New York City, December 12th. The Institute intends to send two men out in the field to set up committees in every urban community and disseminate information relative to developments in the industry along lines of stabilization. The meeting was attended by thirty-four members.

Ten members of the board of directors whose terms expired this year were reelected and seven members were elected to fill vacancies or newly created openings. The directors who were reelected were as follows: Charles J. Lynn, Dr. W. E. Weiss, J. L. Johnston, Ralph Aronson, George V. Doerr, Harry Z. Krupp, John W. Dargavel, C. Fred Michaels, H. H. Miller and Wheeler Sammons. Henry W. Bristol, John H. Johnson, Charles A. Peacock and B. E. Levy, were elected to fill vacancies. C. W. Kress, Fred Griffiths, Dr. E. L. Newcomb, Dean C. E. Caspari and Dean H. V. Army were elected to fill new positions on the board. Officers of the Institute will be elected at a meeting of the board December 19th.

#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

Cincinnati was selected as the 1935 N. A. R. D. convention city by the members of the Executive Committee: *Chairman*, Charles Ehlers, Cincinnati; C. Fred Wright, Boston;

George L. Secord, Chicago; John Witty, Portland, Ore.; Thomas S. Smith, Wilmington, Delaware; Monte L. Powell, Denver; and President Harvey A. Henry, Los Angeles.

#### A. PH. A. AND N. A. R. D. COMMITTEE DISCUSSES COÖPERATION.

The joint committee representing the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and the National Association of Retail Druggists, in a meeting held in Washington, December 5th, considered at length various suggestions that have been presented looking to a consolidation or affiliation of the two national associations and also to the closer federation of State pharmaceutical associations with the two national associations. The proposal for consolidation was disposed of for the present by a formal resolution adopted by the National Association of Retail Druggists at its recent annual meeting in New Orleans. The proposal for some form of affiliation between the associations did not appear to the committee to be practical under existing conditions, and in view of the apparent need for separate organizations to deal with the professional and the economic problems of pharmacy.

The members of the joint committee are Robert P. Fischelis, E. F. Kelly and R. L. Swain, representing the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION; and John W. Dargavel, Charles Ehlers and Thomas S. Smith, representing the National Association of Retail Druggists.

#### FEDERATION OF EASTERN STATES PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The by-laws provide that the purpose of this federation shall be to promote and advance the economic and professional interests of Pharmacy and to cooperate with the A. PH. A. and the N. A. R. D. in problems of national interest.

At present the membership is composed of the associations of the following states: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia. A council is created of representatives from constituent members. Other articles deal with officers and duties. Two meetings are provided for, May and November, and special meetings may be called by the executive committee.

## STATE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

**Alabama Pharmaceutical Association** meets in Birmingham, June 18th-20th.

**Florida Pharmaceutical Association** meets in Jacksonville, May 14th-16th.

**Mississippi Pharmaceutical Association** meets in Tupelo, June 18th-20th.

**Vermont Pharmaceutical Association** meets at Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee, June 16th-18th.

**Florida Board of Pharmacy** will meet in Jacksonville, January 7th; applications should be filed with Secretary J. H. Houghton, Palatka, Fla.

**Tennessee Board of Pharmacy** will meet in Nashville, January 15; applications should be in the hands of Secretary J. B. Sand, South Nashville, by January 1.

## ARIZONA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of Arizona Pharmaceutical Association was held in Phoenix, November 22nd-24th. A large representation of its members was in attendance. L. N. Brunswig, Frank E. Mortenson, secretary of Southern

California Pharmaceutical Association, were among the visitors. Secretary H. C. Christensen, of the N. A. B. P., was present to assist in the final draft of a proposed new Pharmacy Law and as a representative of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. President Harvey A. Henry, of the N. A. R. D., was one of the speakers of the convention; First Vice-President, Ludwig A. Schiff, N. W. D. A., was a representative of that organization.

## ASSOCIATION OF OFFICIAL AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTS.

To commemorate its fiftieth anniversary the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists has issued as No. 4 of its current volume of the *Journal of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists* a fifty-year index of its publications. This index includes all entries from the Proceedings published in the Department of Agriculture *bulletins*, the journal of the Association, and in the 1920, 1925 and 1930 editions of the "Book of Methods." The Association plans to issue a supplementary index each ten years covering subsequent work.

## LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

## NARCOTIC EVIL.

No class of citizens is more seriously concerned and desirous of destroying illegal traffic in narcotics than are druggists and pharmacists. There are probably no more needful and useful drugs than narcotics but, unfortunately, there is no greater evil than misuse of them. Pharmacists have a responsibility and it is gratifying to know that they, as a class, discharge their duty in connection therewith. A part of an editorial of the *Washington Evening Star* is quoted:

"Both as an evil in itself and as a causative of other evils the traffic in narcotics has become one of the gravest menaces to social stability in this country. It affects the moral and physical health of those addicted to the drug habit and it leads to all forms of dishonesty in the maintenance of the business of purveying the materials. By a pernicious sequence those who are engaged in the traffic seek to enlarge the field by corrupting the young. Themselves in most cases addicted to the use of drugs, the vendors ply their trade without conscience or restraint to gain means to secure the materials which in their depraved condition they crave.

"To break this vicious circle of combined cause and effect is a task of great magnitude."

## PHARMACEUTICAL AND BIOLOGICAL INDUSTRY.

The following members have been appointed members of the code authorities of the Pharmaceutical and Biological Industry: Carl N. Angst, Pitman-Moore Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; Horace W. Bigelow, Parke-Davis & Co., Detroit; Clifford V. Haver, Haver-Glover Laboratories, Kansas City, Mo.; John G. Searle, G. D. Searle & Co., Chicago; A. Homer Smith, Sharp & Dohme, Philadelphia.

## RULES PRESCRIBED FOR HANDLING CODE AUTHORITY FUNDS.

The National Industrial Recovery Board issued regulations, December 7th, which must be followed by all code authorities in handling money collected for code administration. The prescribed rules call for a bonded receiver for all money collected, separation of Code Authority funds from all others, keeping accurate and adequate accounting records available for inspection by the NRA, periodic reports to the