

REVISION OF THE NRA.

In the order of development, it was to be expected that the NRA would have to undergo revision. It is not a fault of the Administration, but a second phase of the development; a very important one, if it is to mean permanent establishment. While admitting failures, the new deal can certainly claim successes. In the revision it is the task of the Recovery Administration to discard the bad and retain the good and not over-complicate by adding complications. It is hoped and rightfully expected that the public will be patient and give the NRA time to vindicate itself; confidence and faith in the Administration's efforts, and fair dealing and direction on the part of the Administration offices are not only important but essential.

PHARMACISTS' PART IN ETHER AND CHLOROFORM ANÆSTHESIA.

David F. Jones, former president A. PH. A., on the occasion of the State meeting of South Dakota physicians and surgeons installed a window representing a miniature operating room, which caused much favorable comment. We do not know whether Dr. Jones brought into his exhibit historical references to the part pharmacists had in the early use of ether and of chloroform. The PROCEEDINGS of the ASSOCIATION and the JOURNAL have many articles on the discovery of ether anaesthesia—see editorial, October 1933, JOURNAL A. PH. A., page 937. See page 70 (1932), JOURNAL A. PH. A., for note on "Chloroform Pharmacy." See also "The Centenary of Chloroform," JOURNAL A. PH. A., for May 1931, page 481. Recently, J. P. Gilmour, former editor of the *Pharmaceutical Journal* (Great Britain) has contributed a comprehensive article to the *Chemist and Druggist* on "Simpson's Discovery," wherein mention is made to David Waldie, Duncan Flockhart & Co., pharmacists of Edinburgh, and to E. Northway Nutt, prominent in affairs of the British Pharmaceutical Society.

MATÉ.

From time to time efforts have been made to introduce maté, Paraguay Tea, as a daily beverage. Just now the use of it is being studied for the Army troops. Many references may be found in the Index to the PROCEEDINGS. In the volume for 1884 an historical article by Dr. Peckholt is abstracted and in the JOURNAL for 1922, page 609, is a comprehensive report on "The Astringent

Principle of Maté," by Josiah C. and Bertha L. DeG. Peacock. The content of caffeine according to Dr. Peckholt varies greatly and seemingly, due to the source of supply. It would, therefore, seem that if the variation is as stated, the amount of caffeine in the product should be given.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Among the speakers, not mentioned heretofore, at the Century of Progress in Chicago, are **Prof. Charles E. Smythe**, of the School of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota, and **Prof. Freeman P. Stroup**, of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

Edwin E. Taiber, in a communication to the JOURNAL, commends the NRA in no uncertain terms.

Dr. Noel E. Foss is now a member of the faculty of Duquesne University, School of Pharmacy; he will supervise research in certain fields of organic chemistry.

Ambrose Hunsberger, assistant administrator of the Federal Alcohol Board, is recovering nicely, following an appendicitis operation.

Julius A. Koch, former president of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, was guest of honor at the annual Alumni Reunion banquet of the School of Pharmacy, of the University of Pittsburgh. This was the 50th anniversary of his graduation from the school.

Heber W. Youngken and **Ivor Griffith** were honored with the degree of Doctor of Science by Bucknell University. This was the 25th anniversary of the graduation of the former from Bucknell with the A.B. degree.

Among recent visitors at the American Institute of Pharmacy were **Prof. E. N. Gathercoal**, **Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Freericks**; **John E. Kramer**, registrar Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; **W. M. Hankins**, Florida Board of Pharmacy; **Prof. St. Elmo Brady**, Fisk University; **Prof. Leon Monell**, Buffalo University; **S. Ruffin Home**, Fayetteville, N. C.

R. R. Gaw, Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, in his presidential address, gave his views relative to the trend of pharmacy.

Miss **Mary Robinson**—daughter of the late James Scott Robinson, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, 1869-1923, Memphis, Tenn.—has erected a

building for his pharmacy as a memorial to her father. It is a beautiful structure, expressive of Mr. Robinson's conception of pharmacy. For more than 60 years, 36,000 prescriptions annually have been dispensed in this pharmacy; Frank W. Ward, long an associate, presides over this well and favorably known establishment.

Dr. Roland Schaffert has been made instructor in physics at Duquesne University.

Prescott R. Loveland, secretary of New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, is secretary of the state committee on Public Health and Welfare.

Charles H. Blaney, of Baltimore, donated a large brass counter balance with a set of block weights to the American Institute of Pharmacy. The pans are 10 inches in diameter and the standard is about 29 inches tall; the arms of the beam are stamped "Baltimore."

Mrs. C. W. Richardson, of Washington, D. C., has donated a stone mortar from Sothen's drug store, and an ointment jar, from the drug store of a brother of John Paul Jones, in Fredericksburg, Va.

THE UNITED MEDICINE MANUFACTURERS.

The United Medicine Manufacturers of America will hold its annual business convention in the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, October 10th to 12th. Among the most important subjects to be taken under consideration in the three-day meeting will be the elimination of false and misleading advertising; wholesale and retail drug trade relations; Department of Agriculture and Federal Trade Commission activities; drug code developments and legal and legislative action.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE F. BIGHAM.

George F. Bigham, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, second vice-president of the National Association of Retail Druggists and a member of the Bigham-Dambach Drug Company of Buffalo, New York, died at his home, July 31st, following a stroke suffered the day before. He was born in Ontario 61 years ago. He came to Buffalo, N. Y., 35 years since and had been in the drug business there until now. Mr. Bigham had been president of both the Buffalo and New York State Pharmaceutical Association and the Greater Buffalo Drug Club, and was treasurer of the Western New York Trades Conference. He is survived by his widow and a brother, J. Clayton Bigham of Vancouver.

W. E. GREINER.

W. E. Greiner, vice-president of the Southwestern Drug Corporation and prominent in Dallas, Tex., civic life for many years, died August 16th. He was a member of the Dallas Board of Education for many years, serving as president for seven years, and he was the first president of the Dallas Athletic Club, which he helped organize. He also served as president of the National Association of Wholesale Drug-

gists. Mr. Greiner graduated from Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1888. He is survived by his wife, one son, William E. Jr., and a daughter, Miss Adelia Greiner.

EDWARD CRAWFORD LONG.

The funeral ceremonies for Edward Crawford Long, son of Crawford W. Long, were held in San Antonio, Texas, July 26th. Mention is here made because of his father's discovery of ether as an anæsthetic. Sketches of the latter have appeared in the PROCEEDINGS and the JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

James C. Munn, former secretary of the Northern California Retail Druggists' Association and a pharmacist of Oakland, died at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., June 1st.

A native of South Dakota and a graduate of Northwestern University, Chicago, class of 1917, Mr. Munn came to California ten years ago. He took an active interest in association affairs, served as president of the Alameda County Pharmaceutical Association and was one of the prime movers in the formation of the Northern California Retail Druggists' Association.