

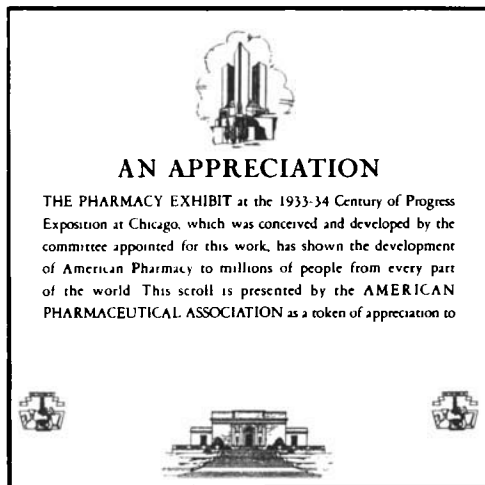
EDITORIAL NOTES

RED CROSS ROLL CALL.

Red Cross service is as wide as humanity's ills, meeting all manner of distress on the basis of individual and community need. Its two-fold programs of cure and prevention range in scope from the ministering to victims of disasters to teaching how to bandage a cut finger. There is scarcely a situation of human suffering which the Red Cross is not called upon to meet.

Even a volunteer organization such as the Red Cross must have funds with which to carry on and these are provided by the four million men and women who annually join the Red Cross and whose membership dues support its activities.

Join at Roll Call, November 11th-28th.



Reduced etching of scroll presented to H. C. Christensen, Julius Riemenschneider, and Frank A. Kirby. See page 817, September JOURNAL A. PH. A.

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES FOR PHARMACY AT CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXHIBITION.

The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION expressed its appreciation by individual scrolls to H. C. Christensen, Julius Riemenschneider and Dr. Frank B. Kirby for their valuable services in connection with the work represented by the Pharmacy Exhibit at the Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago.

Miss Esther H. Barney served with distinction in superintending the exhibit and Thad-

deus Niemiec was in charge of the pharmaceutical dispensing. A copy of the scroll presented to Miss Barney is shown in the *C. R. D. A. News* for October 5th, page 56. The scroll awarded to her is signed by the Local Committee: H. C. Christensen, Julius Riemenschneider and Frank B. Kirby and by President R. L. Swain and Secretary E. F. Kelly of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. The same applies to the scroll of Thaddeus Niemiec.

THE BDIANUS MANUSCRIPT.

The Magazine Section of the *Washington Post*, October 13th, features an article on "Strange Discovery—First Book of Plant



Science" by Dr. Frank Thone. Dr. Emily Walcott Emmart contributed an interesting paper to the Section on Historical Pharmacy, A. PH. A. on the subject, printed in the JOURNAL, A. PH. A. for September, pages 771-774. Since then Dr. Emmart has visited the Vatican Library, examined the book and was granted permission to photograph it. The manuscript

is 6 by 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches, bound in crimson velvet; it is clearly written in Latin and Aztec. The text is exquisitely illustrated with pictures which retain their brilliancy of color; these have been copied in water-color sketches, through the kindness of Dr. Charles G. Abbott, of the Smithsonian Institution. A half-tone from the photograph mentioned is shown herewith.

NEWER PRESERVATIVES USED IN PHARMACY.

Most of the early work in the esters of *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid was summarized by S. Back (*P. J.*, 128, 328 (1932)). Later, H. Burlinson (*Quart. J. Pharm. Pharmacol.*, 7, 489 (1934)) found the propyl and ethyl esters to be efficient for the preservation of mucilage of tragacanth. The propyl derivative in a concentration of 0.05 per cent appeared to be the best preservative for the mucilage. The author has found that a 1 per cent w/v solution of tartaric acid in water, in which ordinarily a mold appeared within twenty-four hours, may be preserved by the addition of 0.05 per cent of methyl *p*-hydroxybenzoate or 0.01 per cent of propyl *p*-hydroxybenzoate. In the case of fresh infusion of calumba, while 10 per cent of alcohol (90 per cent) effectively preserved it, 0.15 per cent of methyl-*p*-hydroxybenzoate preserved it for four days only, while the propyl ester had practically no preservative effect in strengths up to 0.075 per cent.—E. E. NYE (*Austral. J. Pharm.*, 590, 183 (1935); through *The Pharmaceutical Journal* of July 6, 1935).

ASSESSING ABILITY TO PAY.

Physicians, dentists, pharmacists, members of hospital staffs and nurses of Omaha and county will be included among the members of the Omaha, Douglas County Central Health Service Association which will seek to reduce the charity rolls. Each low-income patient will be questioned regarding his or her ability to pay; then a card will be given stating the ability to pay—one-fourth, one-half or whatever portion is determined. When the patient visits the doctor a card conforming to schedule is presented and the physician charges the proportion designated. Similar procedure follows in prescription service.

KENTUCKY U. S. P. EXHIBIT.

The *Journal of Kentucky Pharmaceutical Association* for October carries on its cover a

print of the U. S. P. Exhibit made at the annual meeting of the Kentucky State Medical Association, sponsored by this organization, the Kentucky State Pharmaceutical Association, Jefferson County Medical Society and Louisville Retail Druggists' Association. Along with the display, cooperative publicity material was distributed which gave information relative to U. S. P. chemicals and proprietary products; preparations of the Pharmacopœia and those known under proprietary designations.

The display and cooperation are helpful evidence in the interest of public health and better professional service.

THE YEAR BOOK AND MONTHLY ABSTRACTS.

The *Rocky Mountain Druggist*, for October 1935, gives an interesting outline of the subjects considered in the YEAR BOOK for 1933 and comments favorably on this work as well as the publication of the monthly abstracts of pharmaceutical literature which have appeared in the JOURNAL of the A. P. H. A. since the March issue.

In closing the review, the *Rocky Mountain Druggist* states the publication of "Pharmaceutical Abstracts" will make available each month a comprehensive review of literature for retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, teachers, editors, research workers and all others connected with the profession and industry of pharmacy and marks another step in the enlarged service which the ASSOCIATION plans for all who are interested in professional and industrial pharmacy.

Appreciation is expressed for the detailed comment.

The October "Pharmacy Week" issue of the *Druggists' Circular* may be designated a work of art, brilliantly conceived and executed, containing also timely articles by Dr. Charles H. Mayo, of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.; Dr. Lloyd K. Riggs, director of research and Prof. George C. Schicks, of Rutgers University College of Pharmacy; Dr. H. A. B. Dunning and others.

A prominent feature of the issue is the five-page section of photographs of the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY, Washington, taken specially for the publication by Underwood & Underwood.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS SERUM.

A serum, said by Dr. E. C. Rosenow of the Mayo Foundation to be effective in the treat-

ment of infantile paralysis, was demonstrated in Louisville before members of the Kentucky State Medical Association. A conference was convened in San Diego, called by President Roosevelt to make Nation-wide plans to eradicate infantile paralysis and to promote measures designed to lessen the handicap of those who have been crippled by the dread disease. The work outlined is to be under the Warm Springs Foundation.

Infantile paralysis has never attained the epidemic proportions of the plagues which ravaged civilization in earlier periods, but when it is considered that 75 per cent of the 17,000 patients admitted to one of the Scottish Rite Hospitals for Crippled Children, have suffered from disease or deformity originating in the infantile paralysis, it becomes everybody's responsibility, because no one is free from the attack, or members of the family may be stricken.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Preston Dunn, druggist of Eskridge, Kans., has been elected commander of the Kansas department of the American Legion. He is a former mayor of Eskridge.

Hans Heger's 80th birthday was celebrated by the Austrian Pharmaceutical Society, of which he is the secretary. He is also active in an editorial capacity of the official Austrian pharmaceutical publications. Congratulations are extended and best wishes for continued health.

President A. C. Taylor, of the District of Columbia Pharmaceutical Association, warns pharmacists to be careful relative to returns under the law requiring payment of tax on cosmetics and toilet preparations. He refers particularly, in this instance, to rose water and glycerine.

Dean A. Richard Bliss, Jr., of the School of Pharmacy of Howard College of Birmingham, Alabama, represented Columbia University at the inauguration of Doctor Alfred Benjamin Butts as Chancellor of the University of Mississippi on October 19th.

Dr. C. H. Searle advises that a research fellowship has been established at the State University of Iowa, under the supervision of Dr. Henry Gilman, professor of Organic Chemistry, and another fellowship at the University of California Medical School, under the supervision of Dr. C. D. Leake, professor of Pharmacology.

Dr. Francisco Cignoli, of Buenos Aires, has favored us with a reprint on National Formularies. The writer is much interested in the *JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A.* The reprint is in Spanish, the following formularies are discussed from an historical and present viewpoint. The National Formulary, American; Brazil; Germany (Ergänzungsbuch); Great Britain (The Pharmaceutical Codex); France, "Formulaire Generale des Pharmaciens Francais;" Belgium, Formulaire National. Military and hospital formularies also receive attention.

J. A. Reese has been appointed to a graduate fellowship at the University of Florida.

T. D. Rowe, of the University of Montana, succeeds J. A. Reese at the School of Pharmacy, Medical College of Virginia.

Dr. R. Eder, Institute of Pharmacy, Zurich, Switzerland, contemplates making a visit to the United States. He hopes to be in this country about the middle of November.

The Evening Sun (Baltimore) of October 1st, speaks editorially of **Sir Henry Wellcome** in connection with the medal associated with his name and awarded for valuable military service. The medal has recently been awarded to Major Leon A. Fox, U. S. A., attached to the 104th Medical Regiment.

Radio talks by **Frederick J. Wulling**, dean of the College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota, are delivered each Wednesday over WLB, 1:00 to 1:15 P.M., from October 23rd to November 27th, inclusive, on the following subjects: "Pharmacy Week Anniversary," "Pharmacy and the Public," "Famous Discoveries by Pharmacists," "Medicines Obtained from Animals," "Medicines Obtained from Bacteria" and "Drugs Mentioned in the Bible."

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PHARMACY WEEK IN THE DAILY PRESS.

The interest in pharmacy has been evidenced in the Press by editorials and most of the articles coming to our attention have expressed a helpful purpose to promote professional pharmacy. Every day during Pharmacy week these editorials have appeared emphasizing that the annual occasion is worthy of public attention and that "the present trend is to