

zilian Ambassadors and dignitaries from a number of countries.

President Pattou explained the objects of the Conference and spoke of Pharmacy as a profession, possessing equal rank with the other learned professions of the world.

Dr. J. Bruegelmans gave a history of the Conference and referred to the participating countries in the organizations represented, and that the reports of the Conference should be printed in the respective publications.

A meeting was held for the discussion of the International Pharmacopœias, at which time papers were read by the participants of the Congress, among these a report was made by Prof. Oscar Van Schoor, secretary of the International Pharmacopœia Commission.

Following a discussion it was decided that the League of Nations would be asked to establish a commission for the production of an International Pharmacopœia and that the meetings of the Commission be held in Brussels. A general opinion prevailed that the first International Pharmacopœia should be limited to a description of certain reagents and methods of analysis on which the participants are in agreement. Discussions were also held and other discussions dealt with army pharmaceutical service.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Marshall A. Howe was appointed director of the New York Botanical Gardens, succeeding Dr. Elmer D. Merrill.

The Ebert award, a gold medal, was presented to Marvin J. Andrews, of the faculty at the University of Maryland, for a "meritorious scientific research paper"—"Determination of the Reasonable Permissible Margin of Error in Dispensing," at the annual convention in Portland, Oregon, of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

H. C. Christensen, of Chicago, was given a plaque in recognition of his services in handling exhibits at the Chicago World's Fair.

The bulletin of **W. Bruce Philip** for August 9th gives available information relative to weighing and measuring, the purpose being to insure accuracy in prescription practice.

William A. Noyes, *emeritus director* of the laboratories of the University of Illinois, received the Priestley medal, highest award of the American Chemical Society, at the general session of the meeting of the society, August 19th, in San Francisco. The subject of his medalist

address was "The Way Forward in Chemistry."

F. W. Meissner, La Porte, Ind., had his 50th display at the La Porte County Fair. His booth on this occasion was decorated in gold trimming.

Hon. Frank J. Kobelak, of the Pennsylvania Legislature, whose fair trade bill was signed by Governor Earle, is a druggist of Pittsburgh.

An organization has been formed for the study of problems associated with phenolphthalein; the research activities will be under direction of **Dr. Bernard Fantus**, assisted by a research staff at the University of Illinois.

The memorial of the late Dr. F. B. Kilmer will be perpetuated by a Memorial Garden being planned by the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science east of the college building.

Frederick G. Zinser was born in New York, N. Y., March 20, 1868, received his primary education in the public schools of New York, N. Y., after which he attended Columbia University, from which he graduated with the class of 1888. Subsequently he spent several years in Louvain, Göttingen and Heidelberg where, in 1891, he obtained the degree of doctor of philosophy. Dr. Zinser has been elected president of Sharp & Dohme.

John A. Gerlach, Baltimore, Md., presented a Prescription Balance to the Museum of the American Institute of Pharmacy.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Lyman W. Griffin upon the completion of a half-century of life together. Lyman Griffin started in the drug business in 1874, entering the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1879 and graduating in 1882. He was made a life member of his alma mater, served as its secretary for twenty-five years and is now a vice-president of the college. After more than sixty years in retail pharmacy, he is now actively engaged in the management of The J. G. Godding store in Boston. He has given generously of his time and effort to pharmaceutical organizations; he is a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and for many years has been treasurer of both the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association and the Boston Association of Retail Druggists.

Dr. Frank Lee Pyman is to receive the Hanbury Medal for 1936.

SEVENTH AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS.

The Seventh American Scientific Congress will be held in Mexico City, Mexico, Septem-

ber 8th to 17th. The president of the organization is Pedro C Sanchez. Besides the scientific program, interesting entertainment events have been arranged for; our fellow-member G. G. Colin desires to have publicity given of the meeting.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Membership in the Red Cross offers the way to help those who have become victims of natural disasters, such as floods, fires, earthquakes, etc. Each year the Red Cross answers nearly one hundred such calls for aid. There are bureaus of 3700 chapters and 9000 branches located in the states and the service is given from these central points.

TRI-STATE PHARMACEUTICAL CONVENTION.

The Tri-State Convention of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, at the same time and place, with that of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, was eminently successful. The work of F. C. Felter was given much credit for carrying the program into effect.

DRUG LAW REVISION POSTPONED TO 1936.

There will be no action on the food and drug bill until Congress reconvenes in January, it was declared by Representative Virgil Chapman of Kentucky, *Chairman* of the sub-committee of the House Interstate Commerce Committee which conducted hearings on the measure.

OBITUARY.

P. E. HOMMELL.

Dr. Philemon E. Hommell, Jersey City, N. J., member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, one of the founders and first dean of the New Jersey College of Pharmacy, Newark, died August 21st, aged 72 years. He was graduated by the New York College of Pharmacy and the Bellevue College Medical Hospital and maintained a private medical practice in addition to his college post. Dr. Hommell served for many years as professor of materia medica and toxicology at the New Jersey college and at the time of his death was *dean emeritus* of the institution. He was a former president of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association and was a delegate to the United States Pharmacopœial Convention, 1900-1920.

HENRI GOLAZ.

Dr. Henri Golaz, professor of Galenical Pharmacy, Lausanne University, and chief pharmacist, County Hospital, Lausanne, died June 30th, aged 75 years. He was educated at Vevay, and on completion of his studies he went into business in Sainte Croix, returning to Vevay after several years to take over the Pharmacie des Crois Couronnes, the oldest pharmacy in the district. In 1925 he was awarded the degree of Sc.D. *honoris causa* by Lausanne University; he was among those who received the members from the different countries on the occasion of the 1924 International Pharmacy Congress held in Lausanne.

He was chairman of the Committee for the Unification and Standardization of Preparations of Poisonous Drugs, and member of the Revision Committee of the Swiss Pharmacopœia.

DR. HERMANN EMDE.

Dr. Gottfried Wanruk, Koenigsberg, Pr., Besselstrasse 5, Germany, advises that Doctor of Philosophy, Hermann Emde, director of the Pharmaceutic Chemical Institute of the Albertus University, Koenigsberg, Pr., Besselstrasse 5, Germany, died in Thun, Switzerland, on a visit for the restoration of his health, following an operation. The deceased was Professor of Pharmaceutical and Food Chemistry.

ARTHUR DEHON LITTLE.

Arthur Dehon Little, aged 71 years, chairman of the board and founder of Arthur D. Little, Inc., a *past-president* of the American Chemical Society, and a member of the Advisory Board of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, died suddenly August 1, 1935, at the Rock End Hotel, Northeast Harbor, Maine, where he had gone to spend the summer with Mrs. Little. Upon arrival at the hotel on July 28th, Dr. Little seemed completely exhausted as the result of a cold. The following day pneumonia developed. Dr. Little was born in Boston, Mass., on December 15, 1863. He was a member of the class of 1885 of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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