

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

MARYLAND LEGISLATION.

The pharmacy organizations of Maryland have mailed out the following information to physicians through its official publication—*The Maryland Pharmacist*:

"The Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, in coöperation with the Baltimore Retail Druggists' Association, takes real pleasure in the success of the pharmaceutical legislative program. Several bills were introduced in the General Assembly and passed for the purpose of bettering pharmaceutical service and to more adequately control the manufacture and distribution of drugs, medicines and poisons.

"Specifically, the new laws accomplish the following:

"Veronal, Phenobarbital and other salts of barbituric acid may only be obtained on prescription.

"Poisons may be sold only by registered pharmacists in strict conformity with the record keeping provisions of the law. The State Board of Health is empowered to restrict the sale of poisons to prescriptions when the public welfare so warrants.

"All manufacturers of drugs, medicines, toilet articles and dentifrices must operate under a permit issued by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, and the technical qualifications of persons so engaged must be approved by the Board.

"All drug stores must possess at least the minimum of professional and technical equipment which the Board of Pharmacy prescribes.

"'Medicine Shows' and 'Patent Medicine Shows' are made unlawful. Unsafe and indiscriminate distribution of drug samples is prohibited.

"It is the belief of these associations that these new laws will meet with the approbation of the medical profession, and that they will contribute greatly to a higher professional standard in the manufacture and distribution of drug products."

HIGHER RETAIL ETHICS.

Consolidated Brooklyn Retail Pharmacists, Inc., Brooklyn, has been chartered by the Secretary of State, at Albany, as a membership corporation without capital stock. The particular objects and purposes of the corporation as stated in its certificate are:

To work together for the purpose of raising the standards and ethics of retail pharmacists

and druggists; to improve the working conditions of retail pharmacists and druggists; to endeavor to prevent unfair competition and unfair trade practices by retail pharmacists, druggists or others; to propose beneficial legislature for retail pharmacists and druggists and to coöperate with each other for the improvement of business in retail pharmacies and/or drug stores, and to do such further acts or things as may carry into effect the foregoing purpose. George Gottesman, W. W. Sitterley, Percy Goldman, George L. Chudow, J. M. Sarrett, Boris S. Prial, Brooklyn, are the incorporators. Alfred S. Perlstein, 66 Court St., Brooklyn, is attorney for the association.

MONTHLY REPORTS ON RETAIL DRUG STORE SALES.

The Department of Commerce expects to publish a series of monthly reports on sales in retail drug and grocery stores. The initial reports in the series will be confined to the states of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, but the department hopes to extend them later to cover every state in the Union. The figures published are expected to reveal general trends, inasmuch as the stores which have agreed to coöperate cover both rural and urban areas.

Director Claudius T. Murchison, of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, delivered an address at the Boston Conference on Distribution, September 24th, on "Research Needs and Activities in Field by Distribution." The remarks of Director Murchison were timely. A few lines from the conclusion of the address are quoted:

"Whatever be the immediate aim of given research activities in the field of distribution, there should be in all of them implicit recognition of the essential unity of purpose which provides all agencies and all functions in the field of distribution. The increased effectiveness of any agency is a contribution to the welfare of all agencies."

CHINESE DEMAND FOR AMERICAN MEDICAL PREPARATIONS.

Chief C. C. Concannon, of the Commerce Department's Chemical Division, states that China is becoming increasingly important as a market for American medicinals. In 1934 China stood seventh among foreign countries as a producer.