

EDITORIAL NOTES

RECOGNITION OF PHARMACISTS BY SENATE BILL 4390.

In the April number of the JOURNAL reference was made to the progress of S. 4390, introduced by Senator Sheppard and the support given by the Surgeon General. The active interest of the Senator and of the War Department is appreciated. The Bill has now proceeded so that it is on the Union Calendar and there is reasonable assurance for enactment.

Congressman Charles I. Faddis, of Pennsylvania, who has charge of the measure for the House Committee on Military Affairs, concluded his statement for the Committee by saying: "The Committee feels that, under present conditions, proper recognition commensurate with education and qualification of the pharmacists connected with the Medical Corps of the United States Army is lacking. This makes it impossible to secure pharmacists of the proper professional qualifications to fill this most important function connected with the Medical Corps. This legislation will remedy the present condition and will, without additional cost, add to the efficiency of the Medical Corps and give these specialists the recognition in rank to which they are entitled."

This is bringing near conclusion efforts of many years by the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and the result of coöperation by the Senate and House, the Army and the Surgeon General. It is a forward step for pharmacists.

A QUESTION RELATIVE TO COCAINE ANESTHESIA.

An interesting letter appears in the *New York Times* of May 24th, by Dr. Carl Koller. Aside from answering the question of fact the latter gives historical data. While there is evidence on the subject, it is a source of satisfaction that Dr. Koller, who is well along in years, can answer the question in a personal communication.

In this connection, reference may be made to the PROCEEDINGS, A. PH. A., of 1885 and *Squibb's Ephemeric*.

CALL OF THE SCIENTIFIC SECTION, A. PH. A.

The 84th annual meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION will be held in Dallas, Texas, during the week of August 24th.

The officers of the Scientific Section appreciate the interest shown in past years, and are

now making an appeal for support to make the Dallas meeting a success.

The Scientific Section will hold several sessions, and for the officers to plan the program we should have, as early as possible, the titles of the papers which contributors plan to present, and also short abstracts of same. When submitting the title please advise the secretary whether you will present the paper in person or by title, also whether a lantern will be required for presentation. Copies of the abstracts must be in the hands of the secretary at least three weeks before the meeting. Copies of all papers should be in the hands of the secretary before the meeting.

The By-Laws provide that papers shall be presented in duplicate so that one copy will be available for publication and the other copy referred to the Committee on Ebert Prize. In writing the paper the author should follow the procedure outlined in THIS JOURNAL, page 484. The By-Laws also require that before publication all papers presented to the Scientific Section must be passed by the Board of Review of Papers. Authors can assist the Board of Review if, when writing the original paper, they will eliminate any non-essential material, presenting the subject in a short, concise form and being particularly careful to avoid duplication of experimental work, statements, etc.

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NARCOTIC CONFERENCE.

The United States will be represented by delegates in Geneva for the study of illicit narcotic drugs. The convention meets June 8th and Stuart J. Fuller, Assistant Chief of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs, H. J. Anslinger, Commissioner of Narcotics and Frank X. Ward, Assistant to the Legal Adviser, are delegates.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

The Pharmacy College will have a display at the University Centennial Exposition in Austin, featuring drugs of the scriptures, early pharmaceutical apparatus and indigenous remedies.