

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE CANADIAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The following officers were elected by the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association for the coming year: *President*, H. M. Corbett; *Vice-President*, F. W. Heath; *Honorary Presidents*, W. L. Ormond, Nova Scotia; J. Riddell, British Columbia; V. E. Hessel, Alberta; P. H. Green, Saskatchewan; B. R. McNaught, Manitoba; A. Bergeron, Quebec; C. Dickison, New Brunswick; (Sgd.) H. S. Tapscott, *Chairman*; J. F. Scott, V. E. Hessel, A. McBean.

At a post-convention meeting of the C. P. A. Council, the following were elected: A. J. Wilkinson, *Chairman of Council*; R. B. J. Stanbury, *Secretary-Treasurer*; *Members of the Executive Committee*: J. F. Scott, Cranbrook; B. C. H. Brodie, Moose Jaw, Sask.; W. J. Abell, Brampton, Ont.; G. A. Lapointe, Montreal, Que.; Dean G. A. Burbidge, Halifax, N. S.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

The Lancet in reporting on the College of the Pharmaceutical Society (Great Britain) states that it is a constituent part of the University of London. The Society conducts examinations for registration as (a) Chemist and Druggist and (b) Pharmaceutical Chemist. Courses of instruction are given for these examinations.

A two years' course for the Final Examination for the degree of B. Pharm. of the University of London is also given. Medical students are admitted to the lectures and laboratory work. Certificates of instruction in the School are received by the Conjoint Board of the Royal Colleges and by the University of London. Graduates of approved Universities may carry out the research work necessary for the thesis for the Ph. D. of the University of London in the Society's Research Laboratories; this degree may be taken in Pharmacy, Pharmacognosy, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Pharmacology. Several scholarships are also offered.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MICROBIOLOGY.

The second International Congress of Microbiology met in London in July; the total number of papers presented in the eight sections

being about 400. The subject of viruses occupied one section for two days. Pertussis vaccine was the subject of contributions by Prof. W. H. Park (New York), Prof. Th. Madsen (Denmark), Dr. A. D. Gardner (Oxford) and Dr. N. Silverthorne (Toronto). Prof. W. W. C. Toyley opened a discussion on antigenic structure; and among other topics was that of drug action and drug resistance.

OFFICERS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLANT PHYSIOLOGISTS, WESTERN SECTION.

The Western Section of the American Society of Plant Physiologists elected the following officers at its recent meeting: *Chairman*, D. R. Hoagland, University of California; *Vice-Chairman*, J. P. Bennett, University of California; *Secretary*, H. F. Clements, State College of Washington.

OFFICERS OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, PACIFIC DIVISION.

At its sessions of the Pacific Section the Botanical Society of America held at the University of Washington on June 17th, 18th and 19th, the following officers were elected: *President*, A. H. Hutchinson, of the University of British Columbia; *Secretary-Treasurer*, L. L. Burlingame, of Stanford University; *Councilor*, H. S. Fawcett, of the California Citrus Experiment Station.

FEDERAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The 21st annual convention of the Federal Wholesale Druggists' Association was held in Minneapolis, August 31st to September 3rd. A special train carried eastern members to the convention. An interesting program was carried out, among the subjects were discussions on the Robinson-Patman Act, the Tydings Bill, the new Revenue Act, Food, Drug and Cosmetic Legislation, Social Security Act and other laws affecting the drug-trade activities.

U. S. SUPREME COURT ASKED TO TEST ILLINOIS FAIR TRADE ACT.

According to a news item of *Drug Trade News*, the United States Supreme Court has been asked by Old Dearborn Distributing

Company to pass upon the constitutionality of the Illinois Fair Trade Act. This is the second state fair trade act to be challenged and on which a ruling is hoped for from Chief Justice Hughes and his confrères, the other being the California Act. The Supreme Court is now in recess and the appeal will not come before it until some time in October.

The Supreme Court of Illinois about two months ago upheld an injunction against Old Dearborn which prohibits it from selling products of Seagram Distillers Corporation below the prices fixed by the latter. The Illinois law carries a provision similar to that in the California law which binds non-signers of fair trade contracts as well as signers.

FLORIDA CHAIN STORE TAX.

Lane Drug Stores, Inc., of Jacksonville, Fla., have filed a brief with the Supreme Court in opposition to a petition by C. H. Simpson, tax collector for Duval County, Fla., asking review by the high court of a decision of the Florida Supreme Court which held the Florida chain store tax unconstitutional in part.

The Florida tax carried levies based on the number of stores operated, as well as levies on gross sales. The Florida court upheld the former.

NEW JERSEY LEGISLATION.

A bulletin has been issued by New Jersey Board of Pharmacy which outlines the regulations of the Pharmacy Act. The bulletin is conveniently divided and explanatory. The first division discusses the Basis for Regulations, followed by the Preamble, Regulations Governing Approval of Pharmacies in Which Practical Experience May Be Obtained, Regulations Governing Approval of Practical Experience Acquired. The latter division is comprehensive. It defines the pharmacy and the pharmacist, the credit for practical experience, which includes keeping up with developments in pharmacy, by reading and attending pharmaceutical meetings and visiting physicians, compounding of prescriptions.

It is the purpose of the Board of Pharmacy of the State of New Jersey to maintain contact with the applicant for registration during his internship and he should feel free to communicate with the Board whenever information or guidance is desired.

LINNEAN SOCIETY.

Dr. W. T. Calman's subject for his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Lin-

nean Society, London, was: "The Origin of Insects." The officers for the ensuing year are: *President*, W. T. Calman; *Vice-Presidents*, John Hutchison, Margery Knight and Lieutenant Colonel R. B. Seymour Sewell; *Secretaries*, John Ramsbottom (Botany) and Dr. Stanley Kemp, (Zoölogy); *Treasurer*, Francis Druce.

ROBINSON AND PATMAN TO SPEAK AT N. A. R. D.

Both Senator Robinson and Representative Wright Patman, co-sponsors of the now famous antidiscrimination law, will speak at the convention of the National Association of Retail Druggists to be held at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, September 21st to 23rd.

PICTORIAL CHARTS IN THE PHARMACY.

Dentists and opticians often adorn their walls with charts and diagrams of various kinds, but I personally have never seen anything of a similar nature, possessing a pharmaceutical interest, on the walls of a pharmacy. I do not suggest that anatomical reproductions are any more appropriate than the pseudo-scientific diagrams used in some patent medicine advertising. But it might be possible to teach customers, pictorially, how much better, for example, it is to use a medicine glass than an ordinary domestic spoon, how to pour out medicine from a bottle without soiling the label, how unwise it is to drink out of bottles and why medicine should be kept out of reach of children. For years chemists have tried to instruct their customers on these lines, and it is probable that pictorial charts would have a greater effect than short cross-counter "talks."—From an "Onlooker's Note Book"—*Pharmaceutical Journal*, September 5, 1936.

LATIN AMERICAN PHARMACOPEIAS.

Argentina.—*Farmacopea Argentina*, second edition, published in 1928. A revision committee was organized in 1931 for the purpose of preparing a third edition. Secretary: Dr. J. A. Bandoni, Cordoba 2149, Buenos Aires.

Brazil.—*Pharmacopea dos Estados Unidos do Brasil*. The present Pharmacopœia was made official in 1926, and its compulsory use dates from August 15, 1929. A Pharmacopœia Committee was appointed in 1936. Address Phco. V. Lucas, Associacao Brasileira de Farmaceuticos, Rua do Ouvidor, 187, Rio de Janeiro.