

Some anæsthetics, such as cocaine in the form of coca leaves, were known to primitive people long before they were used in this country. Cinchona, jalap and eucalyptus were all used in the tropics long before their employment here in hospitals."—*Pharmaceutical Journal* (England); March 6th, page 252.

MUNICH PHARMACY MUSEUM.

The German Pharmacists' Association is appealing to its members for contributions for the Museum of Pharmacy in Munich. It demonstrates the use of medicines in the course of the centuries, beginning with the medicinal herbs as employed in 2000 B. C.

DANISH APOTHECARY SHOP—1780-1800.

It is announced in a February 1937 issue, of *Arch. Pharm. og Chemi* that a typical Danish apothecary shop of the period 1780-1800 is to be established at the museum of folk culture at Kjøbstad, Denmark. The museum is known as "The Old Village" (*Den gamle By*). A brick and timbered house, one of the oldest dated buildings of its type in Denmark, has been assigned to house the project. A committee of apothecaries and professors of pharmacy has been formed to plan the exhibit and to raise the necessary funds. The treasurer is Apothecary Carl Stub of Skanderborg, Denmark. Subscriptions are solicited.—*Courtesy of C. S. Leonard.*

NUMBER OF LICENSES OF JAPANESE PHARMACISTS.

The Japanese Home Department has recently completed an investigation into the number of licenses issued to pharmacists, physicians, dentists. During the ten years between 1925 and 1935, 13,945 licenses have been issued of which 4231 were re-written and 734 were re-issued. The results show that an average of 1394 pharmacists increased every year during the ten years under review.—*Japanese Retail Pharmacist.*

LIABILITIES ARE LOWER. BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

A sharp decrease in the number of failures in the manufacturing as well as the retail branch of the drug industry in 1936 as compared with 1935 is shown in a recent report by Dun and Bradstreet. The report shows that for manufacturers of chemicals and drugs there were 61 failures with liabilities of \$1,411,000 in 1936 as compared with 87 failures and liabilities of \$2,151,000 in 1935.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dean Edward Spease, of Western Reserve School of Pharmacy, addressed the City Club of Cleveland, March 20th, on national Food and Drug Legislation, past and present. The Saturday noon talks at the City Club are regularly broadcast, and because of the importance of the subjects discussed and the general competence of the speakers these broadcasts are widely listened to. The talk evoked from the critical audience a warm response, and the gist of Professor Spease's talk was printed in the newspapers.

Our fellow-member, **Professor Charles F. Heebner**, has rendered splendid service to pharmacy in Toronto and throughout Canada. He has also gained recognition Masonically and *Bulletin* 496 is largely devoted to his record. It contains a sketch of his activities in Pharmacy and an appreciation of the Masonic bodies. The sketch of the Dean ends with these words: "A more-or-less imaginary line which separates two neighbor nations has long ago tied them in bonds of friendship, and coöperation in pharmacy is as general between the pharmacists of Canada and the United States as among those of respective countries." He is an alumnus of New York College of Pharmacy. The appreciation evidences the high esteem in which our member is held.

The Masonic meeting of April 14th was known as "Pharmacy Night," at which time Dean Heebner presided and the candidate for degrees was the son of a pharmacist.

MINNESOTA STATE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Dean Emeritus Frederick J. Wulling was honored at the fifty-third annual banquet of the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association on April 7th. At this time tributes were paid to the retiring dean and the banquet dedicated to him. At this time, also, formal presentation of a memorial plaque was made by President Frederick K. Kustermann of the Alumni Association. President Roy G. Paulson of the Association presided as toastmaster.

Greetings were read from Governor Elmer Benson, John W. Dargavel, Jesse B. Slocumb and Dean C. H. Rogers.

Nearly 900 guests were seated at the table and following the banquet a musical program was rendered.

The bronze tablet measures 15" x 22" and contains the former dean's picture and an inscription paying tribute to him.

CRIME AND SLEEPING POTIONS.

Dean Robert C. Wilson is leading a drive for control of the sale of hypnotics in Georgia. He states: "Jails and penitentiaries are being filled with people, who, under the influence of some one of these hypnotics, have yielded to the suggestion of committing some crime."

South Carolina Pharmaceutical Association will hold its annual convention in Charleston on June 8th and 9th. John Frierson, of Charleston, has been appointed chairman of the committee on arrangement.

TWO PHARMACISTS FOR ARMY CORPS POSTS.

President Roosevelt has appointed two pharmacists to the Medical Administrative Corps of the Army under the act adopted at the last session of Congress. The pharmacists are Glenn Keith Smith, of Lindsay, Calif., and Howard Brim Nelson, of Salt Lake City, Utah, both of whom were made second lieutenants in the regular Army. All Army appointments are made by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Both the pharmacists have been confirmed.

METRIC SYSTEM IN URUGUAY.

A Presidential decree of September 25, 1936, consolidates previous laws requiring the use of the decimal metric system and establishes regulations governing the manufacture, use and control of numerous instruments of measure, according to the *Diario Oficial*, Montevideo, Uruguay, October 15, 1936. Besides prohibiting the use of all systems of measure other than the metric system, this decree provides for the regulation of scales of all kinds.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATION.

House Bill No. 622 provides for compulsory Health Insurance; in House Committee on Public Health and Sanitation the Legislative Committee expressed opposition to this bill. Senate Bill No. 703 is practically drafted on the Federal Copeland Bill recently passed by the Senate.

House Bill No. 1785 would permit every person registered in Pennsylvania as "Assistant Pharmacist" and who has had fifteen years'

experience, to apply for registration as Pharmacist during a thirty-day period following enactment of this bill.

Senate Bill No. 534 would limit the number of drug stores. It restricts the sale of drugs, medicines, etc., in Pennsylvania, unless the person is a Pharmacist, or Assistant Pharmacist. *The Pennsylvania Pharmacist* of March states that the bill is not specific enough on the sale of "Household Drugs."

OBITUARY.

C. O. BIGELOW.

Clarence Otis Bigelow, president of the West Side Savings Bank, Sixth Avenue and Ninth Street, and president and treasurer of C. O. Bigelow, Inc., apothecaries, at 414 Sixth Avenue, died March 28th at St. Luke's Hospital, after three weeks' illness. Mr. Bigelow, who was eighty-five years old, had been active in banking and other business until he became ill.

Mr. Bigelow, who was born in Warwick, R. I., attended schools in Massachusetts before coming to New York, where he studied at the New York College of Pharmacy. Beginning as a clerk, he later became owner of the drug business which bears his name.

In 1888 Mr. Bigelow became a trustee of the West Side Savings Bank, and president twenty-three years later. He served as treasurer of the department of pharmacy of Columbia University and was chairman of the New York State Board of Pharmacy from 1898 to 1918. He was a director of the Fellows Medical Manufacturing Company, a member of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, the Merchants' Association, the Washington Square Association, the Sons of the Revolution, the New England Society, Ye Olde Settlers' Association, the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, the German Apothecary Society, the New York State Pharmaceutical Association and the New York County Pharmaceutical Society.

He was a member of the Union League Club, Salmagundi Club and St. Andrew's Gold Club. Mr. Bigelow was a Mason and a trustee of the Rutgers Presbyterian Church and the Elberon, N. J., Memorial Church. His summer home was in Allenhurst, N. J.

His wife, Mrs. Grace White Bigelow, died in 1916. Surviving is a step-daughter, Mrs. Walter Simpson, of East Orange, N. J. (See also February JOURNAL, page 190 and March JOURNAL, page 270.)