

EDITORIAL NOTES

REQUEST FOR THE PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS.

BY SECTIONS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND OTHER BODIES.

The Officers of the bodies designated are addressing the members of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION for papers and reports to be presented at the New York meeting. The time for the convention is fast approaching and the contributions should soon be in the hands of the officers so they may be included in the printed program.

A copy of the paper should be filed with the officers of the Section or body before which it is to be read and a copy addressed to the Editor of the JOURNAL, 2215 Constitution Ave., Washington, D. C. Please give this your early attention.

The officers are also requested to arrange the respective programs as soon as possible.

NOTICE OF THE SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

The 85th annual meeting will be held in New York City during the week of August 16th.

The officers of the Scientific Section appreciate the interest you have shown in the past years and are now making this appeal for your support to make the New York meeting a success. It is anticipated that a large number of papers will be submitted to the Section this year. The members, therefore, are requesting you to send in titles of papers at an early date.

Please note the following requirements:

1. The complete title and brief abstract, not to exceed 250 words must be in the hands of the secretary in time for enclosure in the published program not later than July 15th. Please advise the secretary whether you will present the paper in person, also whether a lantern will be required for presentation.

2. Ten minutes shall be allowed for the reading of the paper. If the paper is too lengthy to be read in detail in this space of time it shall be presented in abstract.

3. In writing the paper the author should follow the procedure as outlined in the enclosed notice to contributors.

4. The By-Laws provide that papers shall be presented in duplicate so that one copy will be available for publication and the other copy for the use of the Committee on Ebert Prize.

Our By-Laws also require that before publication all papers must be passed by the Board of Review of Papers. Authors can assist the Board of Review of Papers if, when writing the original paper, they eliminate all non-essential material, presenting the subject in short concise form.

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THE SUB-SECTION ON PRACTICAL PHARMACY AND DISPENSING.

At the last meeting of the A. PH. A. a Sub-Section was established of the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing, of which Louis C. Zopf of Iowa City, Iowa, is the Chairman; his address is University Hospital. No doubt hospital pharmacists will desire to participate in the program of that Sub-Section and are invited to address the Chairman for further information.

DENMARK ANTI-VENEREAL PLAN.

Denmark, according to Dr. Thorvald Madsen, director of the State Serum Institute at Copenhagen, was the first country to adopt legislation designed to check the spread of venereal disease. Embodied in the Danish laws are two principles, he declared in a recent lecture at Johns Hopkins, the right and access to free treatment and the obligation to submit to the treatment. So Denmark makes a felony out of knowing transmission of syphilis or gonorrhea by one infected with either disease; an innocent victim may obtain compensation.

A TIMELY EFFORT.

The Pharmaceutical Institute of Minnesota is promoting a valuable work by giving pharmacists an opportunity to review their studies and acquainting them with new methods in pharmaceutical practice. About fifty pharmacists returned to the University for an intensive 3-day post-graduate course.

NEW p_H INDICATOR.

Discovery of a new p_H indicator was announced before the Virginia Academy of Sciences by Dr. John H. Joe, professor of chemistry at the University of Virginia.

Dr. James W. Beams, professor of physics, reported on another type of centrifuge and improvements that increase the speed of the ultracentrifuge.

NEW AND NONOFFICIAL REMEDIES.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ARTICLES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AS CONFORMING TO THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL ON PHARMACY AND CHEMISTRY OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADMISSION TO NEW AND NONOFFICIAL REMEDIES. A COPY OF THE RULES ON WHICH THE COUNCIL BASES ITS ACTION WILL BE SENT ON APPLICATION.—PAUL NICHOLAS LEECH, *Secretary*.

PROTAMINE ZINC INSULIN (See *Journal A. M. A.*, Feb. 20, 1937, page 640).

Protamine Zinc Insulin.—*Mulford.*—A brand of protamine zinc insulin.

Manufactured by Sharp & Dohme, Inc., Philadelphia, under license from the governors of the University of Toronto.

Protamine Zinc Insulin.—*Mulford, 10 cc.*: Each cubic centimeter contains 40 units of insulin together with protamine and approximately 0.08 mg. of zinc.

DIPHTHERIA TOXIN FOR THE SCHICK TEST (See New and Nonofficial Remedies, 1936, p. 409).

The Gilliland Laboratories, Inc., Marietta, Pa.

Diphtheria Schick Test Toxin, Diluted Ready for Administration-Gilliland.—Also marketed in packages containing sufficient material for 100 tests. As a means of control, the Schick Test Control representing diluted diphtheria toxin heated sufficiently to destroy the specific exotoxins is supplied in packages containing sufficient material for ten, twenty-five, fifty and 100 control tests.

DIPHTHERIA TOXOID, ALUM PRECIPITATED (REFINED) (See New and Nonofficial Remedies, 1936, p. 393).

The Gilliland Laboratories, Inc., Marietta, Pa.

Diphtheria Toxoid, Alum Precipitated (Refined).—Also marketed in packages of one 0.5 cc. vial (one immunization); ten 0.5 cc. vials (ten immunizations); one 5 cc. vial (ten immunizations).

CALCIUM GLUCONATE (See New and Nonofficial Remedies, 1936, p. 146).

Calcium Gluconate-Abbott.—A brand of calcium gluconate-U. S. P.

Manufactured by the Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Illinois. No U. S. patent or trademark.

Sterile Ampoule Calcium Gluconate, 10%-Abbott: Each ampoule contains 10 cc. of a 10 per cent stabilized supersaturated solution of calcium gluconate-Abbott.

SODIUM AMYTAL (See New and Nonofficial Remedies, 1936, p. 114).

The following dosage form has been accepted:

Suppositories Sodium Amytal, 3 grains.—*Journal A. M. A.*, March 20, 1937.

A. M. A. MEETING.

The eighty-eighth annual session of the American Medical Association will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 7 to 11, inclusive, 1937.

A Symposium on Health Problems in Education, under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on Health Problems in Education of the National Education Association and the American Medical Association, together with the A. M. A. Section on Pediatrics and Section on Preventive and Industrial Medicine and Public Health, will be held in the Music Room of the Hotel Chalfonte, Atlantic City, June 8th, at 2 P.M. Dr. Thomas D. Wood, chairman of the Joint Committee, will preside.

INTRA-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION.

The Intra-American Conference on Education will be held in Mexico, August 1937, and the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION has been invited to participate. The Honorary President is Secretary Gonzalo Vazquez Vela, for Public Education.

The Secretary General, Professor Enrique Beltran, has submitted the invitation to the ASSOCIATION.

LIMITATION OF THE NUMBER OF PHARMACISTS.

Secretary General T. Potjewijd is addressing the affiliated bodies of the International Pharmaceutical Federation and other members. The communication states that the limitation of the number of pharmacists is the subject of detailed studies being made in various countries, such as Italy, Switzerland, etc. It is further stated:

"However, the limitation of the number of pharmacies is a difficult question not to be too quickly decided, because this problem has, at the same time, legal, social and economic aspects. Furthermore, the Bureau of the International Pharmaceutical Federation does not know whether it should take any position upon the question.

"If, however, the active members wish us to do so, the Bureau is naturally ready to take the matter up and we, accordingly, ask you kindly to inform us:

"(1) Whether such limitation is already effective in your country.

"(2) What means are being used to bring about such limitation.

"(3) And, in case such limitation has not yet been effected, whether it constitutes in your country a matter of such national interest that your association would like to have an examination of the subject made.

"We ask you to note that a most effective limitation has already been put into effect in the following countries: Germany, Austria, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Hungary, Norway, Sweden and Czechoslovakia."

SOUVENIR OF THE CORONATION BANQUET AT GUILDHALL.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain prepared a beautiful Souvenir Program for the Coronation Banquet held at Guildhall, April 6, 1937. The cover is a reproduction of the Title Page of the London Pharmacopœia of 1627.—The Royal Arms and the Arms of the City are incorporated, together with representations of Galen and Avicenna, who are the supporters of the Arms of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

The site of Guildhall has been used by civic government for more than a thousand years.

The ceremonial of the British pharmacists for the Coronation Banquet contains Grace, the Menu, Toasts and program of music. Another part gives the list of guests and plan of tables.

THE EDGAR FAHS SMITH COLLECTION.

An endowment fund of \$50,000 for the maintenance and future development of the collection of chemical memorabilia assembled by the late Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, formerly professor of chemistry and provost of the University of Pennsylvania, has been established by Mrs. Smith. It was through her generosity that the collection was presented to the University following the death in 1928 of her husband. Dr. Smith, on many occasions, evidenced his valuation of pharmacy.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Frank B. Kirby is on a 3-months' vacation in Europe.

Professor Emil Perrot, of the University of Paris, Paris, France, has been invited to represent the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION as delegate for the Seventeenth Congress of Industrial Chemistry. Dr. Perrot is an *Honorary Member* of the AMERICAN PHAR-

MACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. The Congress will convene in Paris, September 26th to October 22nd.

Announcement has been made by Secretary Hugo H. Shaefer that **J. Leon Lascoff** has been awarded the Remington Honor Medal. Sketch of Dr. Lascoff is deferred to the time of the formal award.

The world-famous Lloyd Library was transferred to the University of Cincinnati, April 7th, thereby its great value to pharmacy and science will be preserved.

Dr. James F. Norris, professor of organic chemistry, and director of the research laboratory in organic chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has won the medal of the American Institute of Chemists, awarded annually for "outstanding service to the science of chemistry or to the profession of chemist in America." Dr. Maximilian Toch, president of the institute, in making the announcement, said the award was in recognition of Dr. Norris' outstanding service as a teacher and an investigator in the field of organic chemistry.

Thirty-one members of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association and one visitor—George Epstein, district manager for the Abbott Laboratories—at their April 22nd noon luncheon at the Bismarck Hotel celebrated the 73rd birthday of **Frater Charles A. Storer**, veteran treasurer of C. R. D. A. and one of its best beloved stalwarts.

E. L. Newcomb discussed several crude drugs before the recent meeting of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association. He spoke of the possibility and desirability of reducing the official alkaloidal requirement for stramonium from 0.30 per cent to the 0.25 per cent of the U. S. P. X standard. In this connection Charles C. Neal referred to the high percentage of rejected importations of stramonium reported from time to time.

Dr. Newcomb criticized the official limitation of capsicum to the African article, saying that capsicum grown in Louisiana was of equal quality in pungency, and that flavor was an important characteristic. He mentioned the work being done to develop a chemical test for capsicum. The official exclusion of the rhapontic variety of rhubarb was questioned by him because of the difficulty of distinguishing it.—*Through Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter.*

Prof. L. K. Darbaker, University of Pittsburgh, School of Pharmacy, was honored by Ohio Northern University, on May 30th, with the degree of Doctor of Science.