

"(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.