

position among medical publications of the world.

It may fairly be said that through his work in the A. M. A. and its *Journal* Dr. Simmons has made a deeper and more lasting impression upon the practice of medicine than any other man of his generation.

In Lincoln, Neb., Dr. Simmons became known as a leader in reform movements and a resolution adopted by the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce indicated the willingness to admit the debt of that city to him for its political cleanliness and financial soundness.

The progress of the American Medical Association and its publications and other promotions have been brought into the sketch of Dr. Simmons, published in the *Journal A. M. A.* of September 4th. The article closes with the following lines: "The medical profession of the United States owes him a debt which it could never pay and which he never wished to collect."

We are indebted to Dr. James H. Beal for some of the foregoing data.

WILLIAM A. SAILER.

William A. Sailer, former director of Sharp &

Dohme, and head of the Baltimore Drug Exchange, died September 19th, at Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, age 75 years. Mr. Sailer became director of Sharp & Dohme in 1908, holding the position until his retirement. He was born at Swedesboro in 1861 and received his early education at St. Louis. After the death of his father he returned to Swedesboro and entered the drug business and thereafter matriculated at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and studied at the Medical and Chirurgical College. Before going to Baltimore Mr. Sailer was associated with John Wyeth & Bro., Philadelphia.

He was three times president of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association; twice president of the Baltimore Drug Exchange. He was a member of the Union League of Philadelphia, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, of Baltimore Country Club and the City Club.

He is survived by his widow and four children: Mrs. Philip M. Brown, Essex Fells, N. J.; Mrs. Paul E. Laferty, Baltimore; Miss Elizabeth G. Sailer of Baltimore; and John Wyeth Sailer of Philadelphia.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

N. A. R. D. MEETING.

The 1937 meeting of the N. A. R. D. convened in St. Louis, September 27th to October 1st, and promises to be very important and largely attended. The activities have extended from year to year and the responsibilities have increased greatly; this year they were of unusual importance and were given the consideration deserved, so that the foundations for practice under recent enactments may be properly adjusted, with fairness to all concerned. While this represented a very important part of the St. Louis program there was other legislation and conduct of business which made the coming together from near and far well worth the coming together for discussion and action for help and profit.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The New Hampshire Pharmaceutical Association was held September 12th-14th, at "The Balsams," Dixville Notch, N. H., in the center of America's Switzerland, on beautiful Lake Gloriett. The convention was largely attended and speakers of prominence were in

attendance; among them, President E. N. Gathercoal of the A. Ph. A., R. L. Swain, President of the N. A. B. P., and H. C. Christensen, Secretary of the N. A. B. P.

The address of President Moulton covered many important points, among these changes of several by-laws and a discussion of the New Hampshire plan, and phases of the activities of his term of office. President Moulton has completed a most successful year.

Among the speakers, besides those heretofore mentioned, were Dr. Howard E. Thompson of Nashua. He presented a motion picture of Alaska with descriptions of the country. Dr. Thompson is a well-known sportsman and surgeon and his address was well received.

A feature of the meeting was a presentation of badges to former presidents and officers who had given generously of their time to pharmaceutical affairs.

The annual banquet, followed by the President's ball, was a Monday night feature.

Under arrangement of President Moulton and the hospitalities of the members the visitors enjoyed a most interesting tour through the White Mountains.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, George A. Moulton, Peterborough; *First Vice-President*, Charles E. Green, Pittsfield; *Second Vice-President*, George A. Clark, Nashua; *Secretary*, Arthur O. Burque, Nashua; *Treasurer*, A. E. Gosselin, Manchester; *Auditor*, Herbert E. Rice, Nashua.

MASSACHUSETTS AMENDMENTS.

Massachusetts amendments to the pharmacy laws which became effective August 24th.

For the first time in this state, it legalizes the activities of the Assistant Pharmacist during the temporary absence of the Registered Pharmacist, same not to exceed six (6) hours in any one day.

In case of enforced absence as a result of illness or accident, the Board of Pharmacy, upon proper application, may allow the Assistant the right to carry on the usual activities of a drug store during the enforced absence of the Registered Pharmacist.

The new law also confines the sale of hypnotics and all medicines prepared for hypodermic use in the human system to drug stores.

It gives the Board of Pharmacy for the first time the authority to make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to properly enforce the provisions of law relating to the retail drug business, and to any other matter within its jurisdiction.

Chairman John F. Walsh of the Board of Pharmacy in a recent address made at the State Convention in Swampscott on June 2nd had this to say about the new Pharmacy Law. "We trust that with our new Pharmacy Bill behind us we will be able to make rules and regulations that will protect those who are in the profession at the present time." Chairman Walsh also solicited the advice of our Counsel, Mr. Silverman, in framing the new rules and regulations.

The enactment of this law, it is quite evident on the face of it, should be of more than passing

significance to every drug store operator in Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association held in Boston on August 23rd, Charles F. Brown of Fall River and Charles Kilmoski of Holyoke were elected directors to fill vacancies existing on the Board.—F. F. FINNERAN, through *the Apothecary*, September 1937.

Vermont Pharmaceutical Association held a one-day meeting in Rutland, September 20th, at the Meade Community House.

The *Connecticut Capsule*, filled by Alice-Esther Garvin, contains much news, quickly told. If the capsule is placed for investigation, the reader would interpret the capsule's message as "much in little."

A new monthly publication, the *F. S. P. A. Journal* (Florida), will make its initial appearance late in September. The new magazine will be distributed to every druggist in the state, regardless of membership in the State Association. President R. Q. Richards will be editor-in-chief.

The fall meeting of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association will be held at Braddock Heights, Thursday, October 14th.

On account of the preparation for the November JOURNAL—"the Proceedings Number" of the ASSOCIATION—this issue of the JOURNAL is somewhat belated. It is hoped to restore and correct the Roster of Associations in a succeeding number and also list the Branches.

NEW OFFICERS FEDERAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

In the annual election for officers the association selected the following: *President*, George A. Raab, Providence, R. I.; *Vice-President*, S. C. James, Buffalo, N. Y.; *Secretary*, R. E. Lee Williamson, Baltimore, Md.; *Treasurer*, O. J. Schmitz, Atchison, Kan.; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, Paul Pearson, Washington, D. C.

Experiments of H. H. Fricke and K. L. Kaufman with pure samples of these alkaloids lead to the conclusion that both are more stable in ether than in chloroform solutions. Continued heating on a water-bath causes their partial decomposition. The results show that heat is definitely a factor in the disappearance of atropine and hyoscyamine from ether solutions. When chloroform was used as the solvent, some other form of destruction must also have occurred, as the dried chloroform gave higher results than the U. S. P. grade.—Scientific Section, A. PH. A.

A method has been devised employing PdCl₂ for the detection of CO in O₂. Its applicability as an official procedure has been studied and presented in Scientific Section, A. PH. A., New York meeting, by F. K. Bell and John C. Krantz, Jr.

DR. CHARLES MOORE.

Upon attaining the ripe age of 82 years, Dr. Charles Moore has resigned the Chairmanship of the Commission of Fine Arts which he has held since 1915, and has been succeeded by Gilmore D. Clark who has been the vice-chairman for several years. Dr. Moore will continue as a member of the Commission to which he was named when it was established in 1902. Prior to that time he had served with the so-called McMillan Commission and has given his life to the development of the National Capital and of the fine arts in America—as was well said, this resignation “officially ends a career of great service to the country and particularly to the Capital City.”

Dr. Moore took a great interest in the location and erection of the Headquarters Building and was a very helpful advisor and guide in this entire project. He spoke at the ground-breaking exercises in 1932 and at the dedication in 1934, and was at that time elected an Honorary member of the ASSOCIATION. He was a close friend of Sir Henry Wellcome with whom he served for many years on the board of the Gorgas Memorial.

In Dr. Moore, the ASSOCIATION and American Pharmacy has had a strong friend, who, it is hoped, will be spared for many more years of useful and unique service to his country.

THE PHARMACY EXHIBIT AT DALLAS AND CHICAGO.

The Pan-American Exposition at Dallas will be closed on October 31st and Dr. H. C. Christensen has gone to Dallas to arrange for the shipment of the Pharmacy Exhibit to Chicago for use later in the permanent Museum of Science and Industry in Jackson Park, which has been endowed by the late Julius Rosenwald. Over \$3,000,000 is being spent in renovating and rearranging the interior of the Fine Arts Building of the 1893 Columbian Exposition, to house the Museum. The Pharmacy Exhibit will be permanently included among the Medical Science Exhibits, the cost of installation and maintenance to be borne by the Museum.

The Pharmacy Exhibit at Dallas was located in the Government Building with the other public health exhibits, during the seasons of 1936 and 1937. It has been inspected by many prominent persons and, with the exhibit at the Century of Progress Exhibition in Chicago, has brought Pharmacy and its services to the favorable attention of many thousands of visitors. Arrangements are already in progress for similar exhibits at the coming expositions in New York and San Francisco, and this seems now to have become a permanent activity of the A. PH. A.

The ASSOCIATION is indebted to Dr. Christensen who has directed each of these exhibits and to Miss Esther H. Barney who has been in daily charge of them. Miss Barney was also officer in charge, during the season of 1937, of all of the medical exhibits of Dallas, which were under the general supervision of the U. S. Public Health Service, and has served very acceptably in this important position. She has now been appointed to superintend the packing and shipping of these exhibits which is a further recognition of her ability in this field, and will be in Dallas until the close of the year.

Dr. Joseph Peter Hoguet, a surgeon of long and varied experience, has been appointed as Administrative Assistant and Medical Director of the New York World's Fair of 1939. In this position Dr. Hoguet will be in charge of the executive and administrative work of the Division of Public Health, Medicine and Sanitation. He will also be responsible for the health of members of the exposition staff and other employees and of visitors attending the Fair when the latter is opened to the public.
