

THE HENRY WELLCOME MEDAL.

ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY SURGEONS UNITED STATES.

The Wellcome Gold Medal and cash prize of \$500.00 awarded annually by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, was established in 1916 by the late Sir Henry Wellcome with the endorsement of the Council of the Association. The Gold Medal, which was designed by Sir Henry Wellcome, bears on the reverse a representation of the seal of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. On the obverse are the heads of Mechaon and Polaleiros, Homer's "two famed surgeons" of the Greek army in the Trojan War.

The Medal, together with the cash prize, is awarded annually "for researches, discoveries, inventions, designs, improvements, assays or any other acts or deeds which the Executive Council of the Association may consider desirable and helpful to the objects of the Association, and relating to any phase of medico-military affairs and disease control associated with the Army, Navy, Militia and Public Health and Marine Hospital Service in times of peace or war at home or abroad."

Announcement of the annual competition is published each year in the official organ of the Association, *The Military Surgeon*. The award is made for the best paper on a subject assigned each year in the published announcement. Particulars as to the assigned subject and the requirements to be met in submitting papers may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, Army Medical Museum, Washington, D. C.

The competition is open to any member of, or person eligible for membership in the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Active membership in the Association is open to: (a) those who are, or have at any time been, commissioned officers in the Medical Department (or Service) of the Army, the Navy, the U. S. Public Health Service, the National Guard, the Organized Reserve, the U. S. Volunteers and Acting Assistant or Contract Surgeons of these Services; (b) regularly appointed members of the Medical Service of the Veterans' Administration and those who have been such; (c) those who have been duly elected members of the Air Service Medical Association and of the Medical Veterans' of the World War; (d) officers of the Military Medical Service of other countries.

All competitors who are not already members of the Association and who can qualify under any of the foregoing classifications, are eligible to membership, and the Executive Council hopes that they will exercise their privilege and join the Association.

COURSE FOR PHARMACY TECHNICIANS.

This course is being given at the Army Medical School, Army Medical Center, Washington D. C., and the purpose is to train enlisted men for duty as enlisted assistants in pharmacies of station and general hospitals and medical regiments. The following subjects are offered:

Chemistry, Bacteriology, Mathematics and Physics, Pharmacognosy, Dispensing Pharmacy, Pharmacology, Medical Department Supply Catalog and Pharmacy Administration. The instruction is given by Lieutenants G. K. Smith, J. V. Painter and G. H. Wilson, who are pharmacists, with the exception of Bacteriology, which is given by Capt. A. R. Dreisbach of the Bacteriology Department.

The course covers nine months and a total of 1374 hours of instruction will be given. Applicants for the course must have at least a High School education or its equivalent and about twenty-five carefully selected enlisted men from all over the United States are taking the first course which began on September 15th.

RESEARCH AWARD.

Mr. Kenneth P. DuBois has been selected as the recipient of the fellowship grant of \$400.00 recently made to the School of Pharmacy, Purdue University, by the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, for the study of antioxidants in extractive preparations of tannin-bearing drugs. Mr. DuBois is a graduate of the School of Pharmacy, South Dakota State College, and has been engaged recently in research at that School. He will spend the next ten months in the study of substances which may prevent the oxidation affecting astringent preparations. One of these is the new *Liquor Acidi Tannici*.



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Mr. John W. Gayle, of Frankfort, Ky., Honorary President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, was born near Frankfort, September 1, 1859. He became a member of the A. PH. A. in 1891 and by virtue of continued membership is now a Life Member. He served as its vice-president in 1914, and was elected Honorary President at the recent Atlanta meeting.

His early education was received in the County schools, Frankfort City School, Eminence (Ky.) College and Georgetown College. He left college without graduating and taught county schools for three years.

In 1882 Mr. Gayle entered the pharmacy of Joseph LeCompte in Frankfort and became a registered pharmacist by examination in 1884. He is still actively engaged in the retail drug business.

In 1889 he was elected Secretary of the Kentucky Pharmaceutical Association and served in that capacity for fifty consecutive years. On retiring from this position in June 1939 Mr. Gayle was presented with a gold plaque commemorating his half-century of outstanding service and was also made Secretary Emeritus by acclamation.

In 1897 Mr. Gayle was appointed a member of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, was at once made secretary and served in that office for forty-one years. Immediately after his appointment to the board Mr. Gayle attempted to have passed a state pharmacy law and during the last hours of the session of the legislature, in 1898, succeeded after most strenuous effort. This was one of the big moments of his life. For twenty-seven years thereafter he was chairman of the Legislative Committee and was successful in having passed every amendment to the state law which the association desired.

Mr. Gayle served as Treasurer of the National Association Boards of Pharmacy for twenty years.

In 1888 Mr. Gayle married Miss Annie Macklin of Frankfort. Two sons and one daughter graced their home, both sons following in the footsteps of their father and becoming retail pharmacists.