

## PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The annual Pharmaceutical Symposium of the College of Pharmacy, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, was held on March 16th and 17th. Among the interesting features of the Program were: "Newer Conceptions of Antiseptics," by Edgar B. Carter, N. Chicago, Ill.; "Relationship of Pharmacological Action and Chemical Structure of Barbituric Acid Derivatives," E. E. Swanson, Indianapolis, Ind.; "Vitamins and the Pharmacist," R. A. Hardt, New York City; "Buying and Selling Problems in Retail Drug Stores," L. L. Shoemaker, Dayton, O.; "Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act," W. A. Moerschel, Iowa City, Io.; "Syringes, Needles and Thermometers," W. J. Merian, Rutherford, N. J.; "Rubber Goods and Plus Profits," W. E. Powell, Akron, O.; "Brushes and Bristles," George D. Prigmore, Chicago, Ill.; "Promoting the Prescription Department," J. W. Snowden, Aurora, Ill.; "Operating a Soda Fountain for Profit," H. B. Dickens, Rochester, N. Y.

The annual Pharmaceutical Symposium of the School of Pharmacy, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va., will be held in that city on March 8th. The chief feature of the program will be a discussion of Socialized Pharmacy. Dr. E. F. Kelly, secretary of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, will open the discussion, and will be followed by Mr. A. L. I. Winne, secretary of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

The Willard Gibbs Medal of the Chicago section of the American Chemical Society, one of the highest scientific honors bestowed in the United States, has been awarded for 1939 to Dr. Donald Dexter Van Slyke, research chemist of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York.

Manufacturers of dangerous drugs have been notified by the Food and Drug Administration that such products must bear warning labels so conspicuous as to arrest attention of the ordinary consumer, and that many products now on the market do not have a warning label which meets the requirements of the new Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

On Friday, February 24th, at the Fordham College of Pharmacy, Dr. Charles Higgins, the eminent authority on biologicals, lectured

on "Pneumonia," the methods of typing pneumonia germs and the use of specific type serums for the treatment of the disease. The lecture was accompanied by a motion picture film illustrative of the steps outlined. This is the third motion picture shown this year for practical demonstration of laboratory work at Fordham

The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy entertained the New England Association of Chemistry Teachers when some two hundred delegates from all over New England assembled for their 191st meeting. An all-day program revealed by lectures and demonstrations how closely connected to-day are the formerly independent fields of Chemistry, Pharmacy and Medical Science, and how fundamental a part Chemistry plays in the various careers found in public health service.

After a message of greeting from Dean H. C. Newton, delegates heard demonstration lectures on: "Chemistry in Filling Prescriptions," "Chemical Mediation of Nerve Impulses" and "Chemistry of the Choline Derivatives," by Professors L. M. Ohmart, Howard L. Reed and Charles W. Bauer of the College faculty. Following process demonstrations in the laboratories, inspection of the building and luncheon in the College cafeteria, the afternoon program included lectures on "The Relationship between Chemical Constitution and Physiological Action," by Dr. Soma Weiss of the Boston City Hospital and Harvard Medical School, and "Chemistry in Pharmaceutical Manufacture" by Dr. Eldin V. Lynn, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Walter A. Bastedo addressed the lecture series being conducted in the College of Pharmacy, Fordham University, under the direction of Dr. Leonard Piccoli, on the subject of "The Relation of the Pharmacist to the Physician." He is a nationally known authority on Pharmacology and author of the widely known text "Materia Medica, Pharmacology and Therapeutics," is associated with both Cornell and Columbia Universities, is President of the United States Pharmacopoeial Convention which extends from 1930 to 1940 and is a physician on the staffs of St. Luke's, St. Vincent's and City Hospital, in New York City.

At the request of the health authorities of one of the Latin American Republics, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is trying to secure a number of American nurses familiar with Spanish, and, if possible, trained in care of mental cases. The contracts offered these nurses will be for two years, and the transportation expenses incurred in reaching their destination will be paid.

American nurses have made quite a name for themselves in a number of countries where they helped to organize hospital and public health services, as, for instance, Cuba, Chile, Colombia and Panama, etc. In fact, in some countries, such as Argentina and Uruguay, the English term "nurses" is used in preference to its Spanish equivalent, "enfermera."

"Wuxtra," published by Grand Street Boys' Association, carried a two-column article on Dr. J. Leon Lascoff, President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in their February issue.

The British Pharmaceutical Conference will meet for the seventy-sixth time on July 17-21, 1939, in Birmingham. A very interesting program has been prepared.

The tenth annual Tri-State Hospital Assembly will be held at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago on May 3, 4, 5, 1939. This assembly is composed of the hospital associations of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, with the Michigan Hospital Association as a guest for the present year. In addition to the four large state hospital associations, twenty-five separate organizations and groups of hospital workers will participate. Each of these groups will have a separate program.

The American Medical Association will hold its annual convention in St. Louis, Mo., May 15-19, 1939. An invitation is extended to all members of hospital staffs.

The 41st annual convention of the N. A. R. D. will be held on October 9th to 13th, in St. Paul, Minn. Official hotel headquarters will be at the St. Paul with the Drug Show and the business sessions to be held in the St. Paul Municipal Auditorium, just a block away.

The Frances E. Willard Hospital, of Chicago, Ill., is now under the management of The Sisters of St. Casimir and will now be known as the Loretto Hospital.

The Sixth District of the A. A. C. P. and the N. A. B. P. will hold its annual meeting at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, March 8th and 9th. The Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy and the College of Pharmacy of the University of Oklahoma will be hosts for this meeting. The Mayor of the City of Oklahoma will make an address of welcome and Governor Phillips, of Oklahoma, will speak in the evening.

A retail druggist of Arizona, **Robert T. Jones**, was recently inaugurated as Governor. He at one end of the country and **Governor Claude Barrows of Maine**, have the distinction of being the only druggist-governors in service to their respective states. Druggists throughout the country wish them success.

The New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association will meet June 27-30, 1939, instead of June 20-23, as previously advertised, due to the fact that Pennsylvania and New York State Associations are holding their conventions the third week in June. The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Atlantic City, will be headquarters.

Dr. E. Fullerton Cook, of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, will address the student body of the School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina, on the evening of April 17th.

Druggists of Alabama were successful in leading the fight for the enactment of a state Fair Trade Act in the legislature this session. As a result Alabama becomes the forty-fourth state to embrace Fair Trade legislation.

Dr. H. A. B. Dunning, of Baltimore, Md., has donated \$75,000 to Washington College, at Chestertown, Md., for the erection of a new science building to be known as the Dunning Science Building. Laboratories for the Departments of Chemistry, Biology and Physics will be provided. The building will be dedicated to two great modern scientists, Dr. Ira D. Remsen and Dr. John Jacob Abel. Dr. Dunning also provided a scholarship tenable at the College, and open to advanced students from Caroline County, Maryland, where he was born.

Synthetic levorotatory ephedrine, produced by whatever process desired, so long as it meets the physical and chemical tests specified in the U. S. P. XI, is now Official, and may be used interchangeably with ephedrine derived by extraction of plants of the ephedra species, Dr. E. F. Cook, Chairman, U. S. P. Committee of Revision announced.