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Under the heading, "The Pharmacist and the Law," will be found important amendments to the rules and regulations for the enforcement of the Food and Drugs Act. Under the amended rules the reception, by the Secretary of Agriculture, of guaranties from manufacturers and dealers, and the issuance of serial numbers, will hereafter be discontinued and all guaranties now filed will be stricken from the files and their serial numbers cancelled, and the use of such numbers is prohibited after May 1, 1915. The amendments further provide important regulations concerning the form of guaranty which may be given to dealers, in regard to their purchases and the manner by which it should be communicated, and relieves dealers from danger of prosecution when goods are purchased under such guaranty.



The entire pharmaceutical profession of the country, as well as its members located in Ohio, are indebted to Prof. George B. Kauffman for his successful efforts to stay the unwise and extravagant attempts of ignorant officialism in Ohio, to annoy the members of the profession with absurd construction of the laws.

Without Prof. Kauffman's efforts in behalf of the sane construction of the insecticide laws, recently passed in Ohio, every druggist in the state would have been put to great annoyance and expense, but by his action in organizing the druggists to oppose the Agricultural Commission, a permanent injunction has been granted by the courts and a needed lesson has been given to officials everywhere, that a sane interpretation must be given to all laws, and that justice and common sense are the foundations upon which all laws should be based.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor:

Referring to the last paragraph on page 662, of the May issue of the JOURNAL, allow me to correct the statement therein, which implies that A. Schleimer introduced the use of cacao butter in making tablets.

As early as 1902 Edmund White (who now is President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain) and R. A. Robinson, Jr., contributed a paper which was read before the Dundee meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, in which they proposed a mixture of one part of oil of theobroma and three parts of starch as a general excipient for tablets. At the Bristol Conference, in the following year, Edmund White and Henry Rodwell went further into the subject, and showed that by the use of an emulsion of theobroma the method could be used on a large as well as on a dispensing scale.

Yours very truly,

F. A. UPSHER SMITH.



THE AMERICAN DRUGGISTS' FIRE
INSURANCE CO.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Executive Board of The A. D. F. I. Co. was held on May 15 and 16, all of the members of the Board being present.

The business for the first quarter of the year was shown to have made splendid progress, the insurance written during that time amounting to \$3,834,934.70, at a net premium of \$39,889.30, which shows an increase over the business of the first quarter of the preceding year amounting to \$632,761.37, at a premium increase of \$6,603.91.

Fire losses of the company for the first three months of 1914, amounted to \$19,875.78, and the expense charged against the first quarter amounted to \$11,162.40.

On the 31st day of March, the company had in force 7216 policies for insurance, amounting to \$13,039,857.70, at a premium of \$133,856.15. During the first three months of the year the company saved its policyholders \$13,296.40 in their premium expense.

College and Society

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF
PHARMACY.

The Forty-sixth Annual Commencement of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy was held in Horticultural Hall, on Thursday, May 14. The Class Day program, at 2 p. m., was followed, at 3 o'clock, by the graduating exercises. The Class Day address of welcome was delivered by Charles Patrick Norton, the class history was read by Edward Louis Faucogney, and Joseph Hugh Cooney gave the oration. The prophecy came from Ralph Elliott Coburn. Alice Gardner Coleman made the Class Will, John Douglas Glancy, of the post-graduate section of the class, read an essay on Safe-guarding the Milk Supply, and the Farewell Address was delivered by Robert Edson Bemis.

President C. Herbert Packard presided at the graduating exercises. The prayer was made by the Rev. Frederick A. Wilmot, and the Hon. Samuel W. McCall delivered the Commencement address. Mr. McCall spoke of the importance of pharmacy as a profession and cautioned the graduates to have a care—in this age of specialization—that in their devotion to their work they do not allow themselves to become narrow, and he suggested that an active interest in the social, political and industrial problems of the day would, by fostering a broad open-mindedness, counteract the tendency to think and work along one line only.

The candidates for degrees were introduced to the President by Dean Theodore J. Bradley, who made a brief but thoughtful address to the class. As Mr. Lyman W. Griffin, the Secretary of the College, called the roll of the candidates for graduation, the President conferred the degrees, with some appropriate remarks to each individual student, afterward speaking to the class as a whole in his usual happy and forceful way.

Prize Nominations to Membership in the A. Ph. A. were awarded the following graduates

Joseph Hugh Cooney, for highest rank in senior organic chemistry; awarded by John G. Godding.

Emil Hermann Trumpold, for highest rank