

## JOURNAL OF THE SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

### WAR COUNCILS COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

The above-named committee met in Washington December 12th; the appointees from the American Pharmaceutical Association were Messrs. S. L. Hilton, A. R. L. Dohme and J. H. Beal. The object of the committees is to give the Government the benefit of the suggestions and advice of the industries involved. The several associations of the drug trade represented were the American Pharmaceutical Association, the National Association of Retail Druggists, the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, the American Association of Proprietary Medicines, the American Drug Manufacturers' Association and the National Association of Pharmaceutical Chemists. At a meeting of the latter bodies it was decided, in view of the request by the War Councils Committee, that one organization represent the drug industries, that the National Drug Trade Conference be designated. A meeting has been called to meet in Baltimore, January 3rd. Dr. J. H. Beal was named as the unanimous choice for general representative and as the Government expert to work with the Council of National Defense. At this writing it was not decided whether he could accept the appointment.

### THE NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

Three hundred and forty-five new members were added to the roll of the National Pharmaceutical Service Association at its seventh monthly meeting held at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Tuesday evening, December 11th.

Dr. Henry P. Hynson of Baltimore, who had been invited to speak on the organization of a Pharmaceutical Corps in the Army, stated that there were two ways open to pharmacists for securing such a corps. One was to induce the medical profession and the Surgeon-General's office to favor such a measure, and the other was to have a bill similar to the Edmonds Bill passed by Congress over the head of the Surgeon-General. Dr. Hynson told of his connection with the Rotary Clubs and of the cooperation that could be afforded the movement for the passage of the Edmonds Bill by Rotarian pharmacists. Dr. Hynson said that he would make it his first "order of business" to secure the cooperation of Rotary Clubs

throughout the United States in behalf of the Edmonds Bill. He also mentioned the desirability of having the support of the National Drug Trade Conference in pushing this measure through Congress.

Mr. Caswell A. Mayo of New York, who had also been invited to speak on the Edmonds Bill, made a very interesting address based on his experiences in the various camps which he has had an opportunity to visit. He declared that it was absolutely necessary for the welfare of our Army to have adequate pharmaceutical service and urged that subscriptions be asked for so as to swell the funds of the N. P. S. A. sufficiently to be able to carry on an active propaganda in behalf of the measure. It was moved, seconded and carried that the secretary send out letters asking for contributions for this work and it was also decided that the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare literature telling of the work of the N. P. S. A.

Upon motion by Mr. Eberle it was decided to ask the National Drug Trade Conference and other associations for their active cooperation in this work.

A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Mayo and Dr. Hynson for their attendance at the meeting and for the messages which they had brought.

### 1918 N. A. R. D. CONVENTION AT NEW ORLEANS.

The Executive Committee of the National Association of Retail Druggists at their recent meeting in Chicago selected New Orleans, Louisiana, the place for the 1918 meeting of the association.

### AMERICAN METRIC ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the American Metric Association was held at the University of Pittsburgh, December 28th and 29th. Among those who presented papers and addressed the body were—George W. Perkins of New York; J. W. McEachern, of the Crane Company, Chicago; Dr. William C. Wells, chief statistician of the Pan-American Union; Henry D. Hubbard, of the United States Bureau of Standards; and Dr. John D. Brashear, past president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

### AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

A fund has been started by the American Chemical Society for a suitable memorial

to Joseph Priestley, who came to Philadelphia after being ordered out of England; he later moved to Northumberland, Pa., where he died and is buried.

The committee has made the following recommendations:

1. That a bust portrait of Joseph Priestley be secured; that this be retained by the American Chemical Society, but be deposited as a loan in the National Museum in Washington.

2. That a gold medal be awarded at intervals of probably more than one year for superior achievement in chemical research, the award to carry with it the requirement that the recipient shall deliver an address before the general meeting of the society at the time of the presentation or at such other time and place as the council of the society may direct.

#### BALTIMORE DRUG EXCHANGE.

The Baltimore Drug Exchange held its annual meeting December 13th. Dr. A. R. L. Dohme spoke on pharmacy, past, present and future, outlining the changes that had taken place, and James E. Hancock also spoke. The following officers were elected:

*President*, A. E. Mealy; *First Vice-President*, J. Emory Bond; *Second Vice-President*, James E. Hancock; *Secretary*, George M. Armor; *Treasurer*, H. H. Robinson; *Executive Committee*, W. M. McCormick, and Dr. A. R. L. Dohme.

#### THE NEW YORK GERMAN APOTHECARIAN SOCIETY.

The German Apothecaries Society of New York has celebrated its sixty-sixth birthday; A Christmas meeting was held December 27th, to which the members and their families were invited and a regular meeting of this time-honored organization was held January 3rd. The special meetings are social and invariably successful and enjoyable.

#### MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

A service flag, containing thirty stars, was unfurled at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy on Monday noon, November 26th. Short addresses were made by President Herbert Packard and Dean Theodore Bradley. Instructor Florin J. Amrhein read a list of the names of those represented by the stars on the flag which was unfurled by Bertha Sugden, Ph.G., a graduate student at the College. The thirty stars represent one officer of the College, five members of the class of 1917 who went directly from the College into military

or naval service, and twenty-four undergraduates. About the same number of graduates of the College are also in the service, but stars are not included for them on this flag, which represents the present student body.

#### THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The Pharmacy Faculty of the College of Pharmacy, University of Michigan, in an endeavor to do its bit to support the Edmonds Bill, recently drew up the following petition, a copy of which was sent to all United States Senators and Representatives from Michigan:

"We, the undersigned, wish to call your attention to the following reasons why we urge your support of the Edmonds Bill known as Number H. R. 5531, which will be brought up in the December session of Congress, and which is intended to increase the efficiency of the Medical Department of the United States Army, to provide a Pharmaceutical Corps in that Department, and to improve the status and efficiency of the Pharmacists in the Army:

"First. It will increase the efficiency of the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army by supplying a place for specially trained men who can cooperate with physicians and surgeons.

"Second. The enlistment of the professional services of properly qualified pharmaceutical chemists will enable physicians and surgeons to devote more of their time to the diagnosis and direction of the care of sick and wounded.

"Third. It will give the profession of Pharmacy a standing in the Medical Corps, and will afford an opportunity for the promotion of pharmacists for special services which they may render, and place the profession on the same basis as that already established for Dentistry and Veterinary practice.

"Fourth. Not only as a war measure, but in the development of the U. S. Army in times of peace, there must of necessity be developed a closer association between pharmacists and the medical profession."

It is interesting to know that President Hutchins' name headed the list of signers, and was followed by the names of the Pharmacy Faculty, all the druggists of Ann Arbor, and the students of this College.

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF  
PHARMACY.

The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy has a flag of 153 stars displayed in the college library and designates that from among the recent graduates and student body that number have enlisted in the Government service. With few exceptions the enlistments were voluntary and so far as known, none eligible for service endeavored to become exempt from the draft.

ST. LOUIS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

The following resolutions were passed by the Board of Trustees at the November meeting, and a copy ordered sent to the pharmaceutical press:

PROFESSOR CHARLES CASPARI, JR.

The St. Louis College of Pharmacy records with deep sorrow the death of Professor Charles Caspari, Jr., one of America's foremost and distinguished pharmacists, teachers and pharmaceutical writers.

We recognize the extended and self-sacrificing service which he has rendered to our whole profession with the deepest feeling of gratitude and we rejoice in the sublime record made by him and in the exemplary life he has led.

Among his numerous friends, the St. Louis College of Pharmacy desires to pay its tribute of respect and esteem to his memory.

Be it therefore,

*Resolved*, That the St. Louis College of Pharmacy express to the family of our deceased friend and co-laborer, its deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

The College joins the pharmacists of America in honoring the memory of Charles Caspari, Jr.

The Committee,

FRANCIS HEMM,  
OTTO A. WALL,  
H. M. WHELPLEY,  
F. W. SULTAN,  
AMBROSE MUELLER.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY.

The Pharmacy Department of the University of Washington is "doing its bit" by encouraging farmers to collect digitalis leaves. Instructions have been set out relative to proper collection, drying and packing. If the collectors are uncertain regarding the drug, they are advised to send samples to the University for identification. In this way considerable digitalis has been harvested.

THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

THE RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS'  
LICENSE.

As far back as 1874, Geo. H. Schaefer, an honorary president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, advocated that retail druggists be not classed with liquor dealers. The matter was brought up at the Louisville meeting of the A. Ph. A. in the year named, and he believes that the time is most opportune now to do away with a classification which is entirely unjust.

PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PHARMACY  
GIVES NOTICE OF CHANGES IN THE  
STATE DRUG LAW.

The Pennsylvania Board of Pharmacy has sent out notices and comments on several sections of the amended State drug law.

Section 3 of the Drug Act has been amended and reads as follows:

"That for the purpose of this act an article shall be deemed to be adulterated.

"First. If a drug is sold under or by any name recognized by the ninth revision of the Pharmacopoeia of the United States, the fourth edition of the National Formulary, or the American Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia, it differs from the standard of strength, quality, or purity as determined by the test or formula laid down in the ninth revision of the Pharmacopoeia of the United States, the fourth edition of the National Formulary, or the American Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia; provided that no drug defined in the ninth revision of the Pharmacopoeia of the United States, the fourth edition of the National Formulary, or the American Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia except official preparations of opium, iodine, peppermint, camphor, ginger and ethyl nitrite, shall be deemed to be adulterated, under this provision, if the standard of strength, quality, or purity be plainly stated, in juxtaposition with the official standard of strength, quality, and purity, upon the bottle,