SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

This issue of the JOURNAL will reach the homes of the members during Convention Week, and it is to be hoped many will be in attendance as there is much important work that requires attention.

Whatever the attendance may be, the thanks of the Association are due the pharmaceutical publications for the splendid publicity given by them. While such expression will be given in resolutions we desire to take this opportunity of making such record of appreciation. Many who are usually in attendance will be absent and doubtless for good and sufficient reasons. All, however, have been impressed with the importance of the meeting.

FOURTH NATIONAL EXPOSITION OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES.

The Fourth National Exposition of Chemical Industries will be held in the Grand Central Palace, New York, during the week of September 23. The coming Exposition will be the largest Chemical Exposition ever held and it will be necessary to use four floors of the Grand Central Palace. The amount of floor space already engaged is greater than last year so the managers say the exhibits will be much more attractive and a movement is under way to show all exhibits of machinery in operation under actual working conditions as they would be found in the field. The products of the chemicals manufactured and as they enter into the world's commerce will be there as examples of what the chemist has produced in America since the world war began.

SYLLABUS COMMITTEE. BULLETIN XVIII.

The Committee will meet at the headquarters hotel during the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in Chicago, in the week beginning August 12, 1918. The exact time and place will be announced by the Chairman and Secretary.

It is expected that the three sub-committees will submit the revision of their several sections of the present Syllabus for consideration and adoption by the whole committee, after any necessary changes are made.

The Chairman has been collecting suggestions and material for the proposed third year course and will present the results as a basis for the preparation of this addition to the Syllabus.

The programme of the meeting will be as follows:

- I. Roll-call.
- II. Report of the Chairman.
- III. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.
- IV. Report of the Sub-Committee on Materia Medica, H. H. Rusby, *Chairman.*
 - V. Report of the Sub-Committee on Chemistry, J. A. Koch, Chairman.
 - VI. Report of the Sub-Committee on Pharmacy, W. H. Rudder, *Chairman*.
- VII. Discussion of the proposed addition to the Syllabus, covering a third year of study, leading to the degree of Pharmaceutical Chemist.
- VIII. Miscellaneous business.
- IX. Adjournment.

Signed, THEODORE J. BRADLEY, Chairman.

BOSTON, July 25, 1918.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RE-TAIL DRUGGISTS.

The appeals for attending the meetings of associations apply with equal force to that of the National Association of Retail Druggists. Never before in the history of the country have so many problems confronted the retail druggists and by conferring together benefit will accrue to all of them. We use the words of President W. H. Cousins:

"To-day, as never before, druggists should stand together in the unstinted support of their local, state and national organizations. Your craft and your country need you, and you can serve your country best through cooperating with your craft. Every industry in America feels the tightening tentacles of the monster war; every industry in America is making its sacrifices.

"Will any craft make sacrifices more readily or more willingly than the men trained in the science of pharmacy? We say 'No,' a thousand times no! This is no time for idle words. There is work to do that requires grim determination, backbone and hearts of oak.

"On behalf of the National Association of Retail Druggists, we urge every druggist in America to do not only his bit, but his best for the organizations whose missions in the world are for the betterment of the conditions of our calling—thus serving our government to the best possible advantage."

THE NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

The regular monthly meetings of the National Pharmaceutical Service Association held throughout the winter in Philadelphia expanded during the last month into many centers of activity where State associations were gathered. The Edmonds Bill, for which the N. P. S. A. is working hard, was again approved through strong resolutions at rractically every State Association meeting held during the last six weeks. In many places petitions were signed and forwarded to the President of the United States, Secretary of War, and the Surgeon-General of the Army, and to Congress, and in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, similar petitions have been circulated to all members of the State Associations with the request that they secure signatures of the parents of the men in the service, of physicians, and other prominent men in the community, urging upon Congress the passage of suitable legislation for the establishment of a pharmaceutical corps.

One encouraging development has been the active advocacy of the Edmonds Bill by the Pennsylvania Medical Journal.¹ Everyone who is interested in this legislation should try to secure the support of physicians, the large majority of whom are entirely in harmony with the efforts of this association, knowing well the importance of pharmaceutical help and recognizing the need for the use of all resources of the country, which are available for helping the Medical Service. Another encouraging development has been the support given the Edmonds Bill by the Rotary Clubs of the country, not only in many local organizations, but at the recent Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. resolutions were passed and forwarded to the officials at Washington, strongly urging the establishment of a pharmaceutical corps in the Army and Navy.

Those who are impressed with the importance of securing this kind of service for the men in the Army, can help by securing the interest of citizens, especially those who are not pharmacists, to prove the *c* is interested character of our claim. They should send letters and signed petitions, urging this legislation. Anyone who is willing to help in this way should correspond at once with the Secretary, E.

¹ Also the Missouri State Medical Journal.— Editor. Fullerton Cook, 145 N. Tenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

When confronted with the question, "What can be the help of a Pharmaceutical Corps in the American Army?" let us point with pride and with hope to the splendid work being done to-day in France by the Marines and also in our Navy. Here the Chief Pharmacists, over 200 of whom have been advanced since the war began, to the rank of Junior Lieutenant, are doing the very work which we advocate for the Pharmaceutical Corps in the Army, and are doing it exceptionally well. This fact should answer conclusively the claim that the Army cannot use pharmacists. It is true these men have had special training in the needs of the service; they know how to take care of the medical stores, to look after the sanitation of the camp, to dispense needed medicines, and act as general superintendents for the hospitals, but this same training can be given to graduate pharmacists in the Army, and Navy. Doctors admit that graduate pharmacists respond to the training more quickly, and produce, as a class, a better type of men than any others who enlist.

THE NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUG-GISTS' ASSOCIATION CHARGED WITH "CONSPIRACY" BY THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMIS-SION.

The Federal Trade Commission, on June 29, served complaint against the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, alleging that it has reason to believe, and charges on information and belief, that the respondents are, and for more than two years last past have been wrongfully and unlawfully engaged in a combination or conspiracy among themselves, with the intent, purpose and effect of discouraging, stifling and suppressing competition in interstate commerce in the wholesale drug trade of the United States.

The complaint further charges that the aforesaid combination and conspiracy to induce or compel manufacturers of drugs and druggists sundries, to refuse to sell them as such or to discriminate in price against them, have been effected and carried out by various means, among them the following: By verbal and written notices to manufacturers that certain customers or prospective customers were not entitled to recognition, as so-called regular or legitimate jobbers; by the appointment of committees to confer with said manufac-

turers or owners, for the purpose of influencing said manufacturers to adopt sales methods in harmony with the policies of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association; by written and verbal notices given by the secretary of the National Wholesale Drugggists' Association to said manufacturers that said competitors who are not members of said association are selling below the net price named by manufacturers for resale; by the compilation and distribution among manufacturers and wholesalers of lists of so-called legitimate jobbers; by bringing influence to bear on various local associations of drug jobbers and wholesalers to adopt policies in harmony with the policies of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association.

The predominant issue seems to involve questions concerning resale prices and may bring about a definite understanding of the law on the subject. We concur with the *Paint, Oil and Drug Reporter* in saying:

"We do not believe—particularly in view of the character of the men named in the N. W. D. A. citation, and of the complete and self-sacrificing coöperation by this branch of the pharmaceutical industry with the Government in all war activities—that there has been any attempt on the part of the Association to evade any statute law of the United States."

SCHLOTTERBECK MEMORIAL POR-TRAIT.

At the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Michigan University College of Pharmacy, the presentation of the Schlotterbeck Memorial Portrait was one of the features. Also at this time Dean A. B. Stevens was pleasantly surprised by the Alumni, who presented him with a fine engraved gold watch.

RECRUITING FOR Y. M. C. A.

Manufacturers and wholesalers in the New York drug trade have been asked to assist in the recruiting of the four thousand Y. M. C. A. workers requested by General Pershing to go to France and look after the needs of the American Army there. An informal committee of the drug industry, comprising Dr. Wm. J. Schieffelin, Sanders Norvell, F. E. Holliday, Henry S. Livingston and Franklin Black decided to make an appeal to those manufacturing and wholesale houses who have salesmen on the road, asking them to designate one of their travellers for the overseas work.

Travelling men are specified in this letter,

because of the intimate touch they acquire with human nature, as well as other qualifications which might be expected to fit them for the work. They are not particularly designated in General Pershing's request, and any man who can meet the mental, moral and physical requirements is desired.

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