SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES

DEDICATED TO THE DELAWARE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, WIL-MINGTON, DEL., JUNE 7, 1917.

Presented by Dr. Adolph W. Miller. "Pro presenti corporis et aeternae animae salute. Recipe:

Radicum fidei, Florum spei, Rosarum charitatis, Liliorum puritatis, Absynthi contritionis, Violarum humilitatis, Agarici satisfactionis, ana quantum potes.

Misceantur omnia cum syrupe confessionis; Terentur in mortario conscientiae; Solvantur in aqua lachrimarum; Coquantur in igne tribulationis; et fiat potus. Recipe de hoc mane et sera."

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS.

The American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties has appointed a special committee to work out methods for presenting the advantages of pharmacy as a calling to high school students, with Prof. J. A. Koch as chairman.

CHICAGO MEETING OF THE AMERI-CAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

The fall meeting of the American Chemical Society was a great success. A large attendance and a most remarkable program taken as a whole have made the meeting stand out as one to be remembered as a milestone of progress in chemistry. These meetings serve a double purpose, they are lessons for the future as well as records of what has been accomplished to this date. The members who attended the sessions had not only a week of enjoyable association with others in the same branch of scientific activities, but they had the opportunity to listen to some papers that showed the great advances made in certain departments.

This was denominated a "reconstruction session" with the announced purpose of "increased production through chemistry." The attendance was probably the largest in the history of the society, the registrants numbered about 1200, and in addition many of the local members did not register.

At the opening session A. S. Loevenhart of the University of Wisconsin spoke on "Chemistry's Contribution to the Life Sciences." He declared that every advance in chemistry was immediately reflected in medicines and their use for the treatment of disease. He asserted that chemo-therapy constitutes one of the greatest fields of endeavor for the chemist and physician.

The Division of Pharmaceutical Chemistry met Thursday in the botany lecture room at the Chicago University, closing with a symposium. The Organic Division met Thursday in the zoölogy lecture room. In each division there were a large number of carefully prepared and worthy addresses and reports of research, each being of prime interest to some group of attending chemists.

There is considerable discussion relative to the advisability of holding only one session annually, hereafter.

CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSO-CIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS IN ST. LOUIS.

More than 1600 druggists were registered at the twenty-second annual convention of the National Association of Retail Druggists. Legislation was the subject of principal interest, and ways and means for securing legislation and amendments of present statutes that will relieve the trade in the handling of regulated and restricted medicines.

A resolution was adopted urging amendment to the law which designates the retail pharmacist as a "retail liquor dealer." Efforts are to be made to have whisky standards restored to the Pharmacopoeia, and to have changed the present system of issuing treasury decisions so as to make them more understandable and less confusing to the retail trade.

An innovation in entertaining delegates was launched on the Mississippi River when Meyer Bros. Drug Company entertained the National Association of Retail Druggists with a Turkish Shenlik on the steamer St. Paul. The oriental affair, under the September moonlight, made the Mississippi appear as "sceptered in majesty and robed in mystery" as the Bosporus itself. It is reported that more than 3500 enjoyed the seven-hour hilarious trip into the Land of Ottoman. Oriental maids, howling dervishes, magicians and musicians filled every minute with entertainment. An epicurean feast was spread.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Whelpley entertained several evenings, informally, at their home, one occasion being largely attended by pharmaceutical editors. John T. Milliken & Co.

sponsored an enjoyable "get together" meeting in the auditorium of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce.

The Association elected J. J. Possehl, Milwaukee, president; Elmer E. Chilson, Rochester, N. Y., first vice-president; A. W. Pauley, St. Louis, second vice-president; W. Bruce Philip, Oakland, Cal., third vice-president; W. O. Oren, Indianapolis, treasurer, and re-elected S. C. Henry secretary. J. F. Finneran, Boston, and J. A. Webster, Detroit, were elected members of the Executive Committee for three years.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUG-GISTS' ASSOCIATION IN CIN-CINNATI, OCTOBER 25-29.

Plans have about been completed for the forty-sixth annual meeting of the N. W. D. A., at the Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, during the week beginning October 25th.

The Committee on Arrangements and Entertainment has prepared an excellent program of entertainment, including athletic and other diversions for associate members and the ladies during the hours when wholesale drug members will be in informal session on Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon. Full details have been given concerning the character and hours of entertainment features in the announcements of the Committee on Arrangements and Entertainment through the columns of *The Buckeye*, official publication of the committee.

Hotel reservations to date exceed 450, the largest number ever recorded for any meeting of the Association so far in advance. Hotel reservations can be secured promptly by communicating directly with Mr. Lee Wiltsee, c/o Wm. S. Merrell Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

There are many important problems confronting the drug trade at this time, and it is President Bradley's earnest desire that the attendance, especially from wholesale drug members, be as representative as possible. Last year's meeting was attended by more than 85 percent of our wholesale drug membership, and it is President Bradley's hope that the attendance of such members this year will be 100 percent.

The Washington representative will be present during the convention, and it is also expected that an important official of the Drug Division of the Bureau of Chemistry,

Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will also attend, and will present some interesting suggestions on the subject of proper labels for drugs and medicines.

From *Bulletin* No. 29 we reprint the following important notice which is given to customers of a wholesale drug firm in making shipments:

1st. The shipment represented by this invoice has been carefully checked and rechecked, weighed before and after packing, and gross weight marked on outside of bundle.

2nd. The merchandise was carefully packed and delivered to the Transportation Company.

3rd. *They, not us,* are responsible to you for safe delivery.

4th. We will assist at any time in obtaining a just settlement, providing you carry out the following instructions:

SHIPMENTS RECEIVED IN "BAD ORDER."

1st. Before accepting shipment make sure package is intact.

2nd. If bundle, and paper are torn, case or carton broken, do not sign until the Agent has made notation "In bad order" on the receipt.

3rd. Then unpack at once, make note of the contents, send us a list of any items that are missing or broken.

4th. File bill for amount of loss or damage within 30 days.

In order that the carrier may have an opportunity to inspect goods and thereby verify claims, any loss or damage discovered after delivery should be reported to the agent of the delivering line, as far as possible, immediately upon discovery, or within forty-eight hours after receipt of goods by consignee.

We take the liberty of adding the following suggestion to above. In these times alcohol containers are apt to be tampered with. If the weight does not agree with that given by the shipper, less weight will indicate loss; if heavier, water may have replaced the abstracted alcohol. The specific gravity of the alcohol should be taken when received.

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT RICHARD C. STOFER OF AMERICAN DRUG MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

In testimony of the high regard it entertained for its late President, Mr. Richard C. Stofer, the American Drug Manufacturers' Association recently adopted the following resolution on his death:

"Resolved, That it is with profound sorrow that the American Drug Manufacturers' Association learns of the demise of its beloved President, R. C. Stofer, and that, while it offers to the bereaved family a sympathy that an appreciation of his lovable qualities makes heartfelt, it likewise offers them the consolation that is to be found in the thought that their beloved husband and father still lives in the good works he has left behind him, and in the cherished memories that his sterling manhood has instilled in all who were fortunate enough to know him."

(Signed) W. J. WOODRUFF, Secretary.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE UNITED DRUG COMPANY IN ST. LOUIS, SEPTEMBER 29.

A brilliant commercial future for St. Louis was prophesied by President Louis K. Liggett, of Boston, Mass., in his annual address to the Rexall druggists and stockholders, numbering about 4,000, at the first day's session of the seventeenth annual United Drug Co. convention at the Coliseum last Tuesday morning. He also gave a comprehensive idea of what the establishment of the new \$2,000,000 plant of the company which has just been completed would mean to the city and how the commercial development of the city would be affected by the successful operation of the industry, capable of producing \$15,-000,000 worth of goods yearly. He also told of what the company had accomplished in the past year and outlined the plans for the future.

WHOLESALE DRUG FIRM TAKES EN-TIRE ORGANIZATION ON EDUCA-TIONAL TOUR.

A decided novelty in the history of the wholesale drug business was an "Education Trip" given by the Gibson-Snow Co. to their entire sales and organization forces, in taking them on a week's tour to visit large manufacturing plants at distant points. This firm organized the trip as the outcome and reward of a pharmaceutical contest, in order, as General Manager George B. Evans said, to post them on the manufacture of rubber goods and pharmaceuticals.

PHARMACY CONDITIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN NOT SO DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES.

J. Carroll Culbert, Council candidate of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ircland, said recently in an address to a retail drug trade association:

"I am deeply interested in the question of pharmaceutical education, both professional and commercial, and hope, with your assistance, to see such coördination between the shop, the laboratory, and the technical school that the pharmacist of the future will be as: familiar with modern shop systems and organization as with scientific data-in a word. that he will take his place in the commercial community as a trained business man. Closer and more effective organization is demanded in the drug-trade to meet the menace of interested legislation forced on us from outside, while our desires for improvement are checked and smothered. There is more than a possibility of relief in the near future, if we are quick enough to seize the opportunity, from Imperial-or other-Parliament, from somedifficulties and anomalies that now trouble us, such as unqualified dispensing in public and private surgeries; the status of pharmacy in the Army and Government services generally; the illegal and dangerous handling of poisons; the payment by members and Associates of the cost incurred in carrying out the Acts. These and other questions will need to be dealt with in the light of common sense and public interest. Finally, some means will have to be found to keep every chemist in business in touch with his fellows and with the Pharmaceutical Society."

LABORATORIES OF PHARMACY SCHOOLS IN EUROPE TO BE STUDIED BY CUBA.

Announcement is made by the U. S. Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior, that "Laboratories of schools of pharmacy in Europe will be studied by the professor of practical pharmacy in the University of Havana, Dr. Guillermo Diaz y Macias, who has been commissioned by the Cuban Government for that purpose. His observations will be reported to the school of medicine and pharmacy of the University of Havana."

Prof. Diaz is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and translator of the U. S. Pharmacopoeia into the Spanish language.

CINCINNATI COLLEGES OF PHAR-MACY MERGED.

Cincinnati's two colleges of pharmacy were merged at a meeting by the faculty of the Queen City College of Pharmacy. Through this amalgamation the Queen City College, of which Prof. Caswell A. Mayo is the dean, will be joined with the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy over which Dr. Walter Griess presides. Arrangements have been made for the operation of the colleges at the building occupied by Cincinnati College for at least one year, after which it is expected that Cincinnati druggists will cooperate to find a more suitable home. C. T. P. Fennel of the Cincinnati College was unanimously recommended as dean of the combined faculties and will be appointed the manager.

CHANGES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF PHAR-MACY.

Charles H. Stocking has been appointed Assistant Professor of Pharmacy to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. A. F. Schlichting who has taken up his new duties as chief of the control laboratories of the William R. Warner Company of St. Louis. William J. McGill, holder of the Frederick Stearns' Research Fellowship, has been made Instructor in Pharmacy. Prof. E. H. Kraus is Acting Dean of the College of Pharmacy.

BUFFALO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PHARMACY HAS NEW DRUG GARDEN.

The catalog of Buffalo College of Pharmacy shows the new drug garden, which is under the direction of Prof. A. B. Lemon; also a perspective view of the University of Buffalo and of the interesting event of breaking ground for the new chemical laboratory.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAM-INATION FOR DRUGGIST.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for druggist on October 20, 1920. Vacancies in the Public Health Service throughout the United States at \$60 to \$100 a month and maintenance (room, subsistence, and laundry); vacancies in the Internal Revenue Service, at \$1,800 to \$2,000 a year; and vacancies in positions requiring similar qualifications, at these or higher or lower salaries, will be filled from this examination, unless it is found in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

Subjects and Weights.—Competitors will be examined in the following subjects, which will have the relative weights indicated:

Subjects. Wen	ghts
1. Spelling (twenty words of more than average difficulty)	5
2. Arithmetic (fundamental rules, com-	
mon and decimal fractions, percent-	
age, and their business application) 3. Penmanship (the legibility, rapidity,	10
neatness, and general appearance of the competitor's handwriting in the	
subject of letter writing)	10
4. Letter writing (a letter of not less than 150 words on some subject of general	
interest)	5
 Copying and correcting manuscript (test in making a smooth, corrected copy of a draft of manuscript which includes erasures, misspelled words, 	
errors in syntax, etc.)	5
6. Chemistry, pharmacy, and materia	
medica	55
7. Training and experience	10
Total	100

Education.—Applicants must have been graduated from a recognized college of pharmacy. Statements as to training and experience are accepted subject to verification.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE POTASH MINES IN ALSACE.

The development of the potash mines in Alsace since the French took them over is already such that, according to a German authority, more than a million metric tons of crude salts will be produced this year, and the prospects are that the output will be largely increased. The reason for this increase is stated to be that while under German control a scheme of regulating the output was maintained in order to hold up prices. A recent report to the U. S. Geological Survey estimates the deposits of Alsatian potash salts as well above a billion metric tons, underlying an area of more than seventy square miles.