

these various elixirs and tinctures in less than five gallon quantities by wholesale druggists will have the effect of compelling the trade to entirely reorganize its methods of doing business.

#### COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE DANIEL C. ROPER RE- SIGNS.

In accepting, on March 6, with "great regret" the resignation of Daniel C. Roper as Commissioner of Internal Revenue, President Wilson told Mr. Roper, in a letter made public at the White House on date given, that he appreciated his services to the Government "for many years in different difficult positions and always with distinction."

Commissioner Roper based his resignation, his letter to the President discloses, on a desire to "re-enter private life to pursue my personal plans."

#### PROHIBITION OFFICIALS RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS HOW TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS.

The following are some of the instructions issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue to officials for inspections of plants using non-beverage alcohol; they are to ascertain the following:

How long the business has been established.

Previous occupation and reputation of the proprietor.

Whether or not a chemist, pharmacist or other person with a knowledge of compounding is employed in the manufacture of the finished product.

The manner in which the alcohol in bulk is stored on the premises and the steps taken by the proprietor to safeguard any illegitimate use thereof by employes.

The volume and character of business. Note is to be taken of the equipment on hand for compounding, such as mixing vessels, means of filtering or clarifying and bottling. If medicines, extracts or toilet preparations are being manufactured, whether or not a reasonable quantity of crude drugs, flavoring oils and essential oils are on hand to meet the legitimate needs of the business. Careful search is to be made for any whisky or brandy essences, beading oil or other materials commonly used in compounding spirits.

The character and business of customers purchasing the finished product.

Whether or not the finished product is in reality sold, distributed and purchased in good faith as either a medicinal or toilet preparation or a flavoring extract.

#### ONE CENT LETTER POSTAGE CON- TEMPLATED.

In the House of Representatives Mr. Rouse of Kentucky introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads and ordered to be printed: *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That upon all local mail matter of first class and all mail matter of the first class on local rural routes, postage shall be charged, on and after the 1st day of July, 1920, at the rate of 1 cent per ounce or fraction thereof.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

*Chemistry: Les Progres de la Chimie en 1918. Traduction Française Autorisée des "Annual Reports on Progress of Chemistry for 1918."* André Kling, Editor. 322 pp. Price, 15fr. Gauthier-Villars & Cie, Paris.

*Color Chemistry: Grundlegende Operationen der Farbenchemie.* H. E. Fierz. 323 pp. Schulthess & Co., Zurich.

*Organic Chemistry: Notions Fondamentales de Chimie Organique.* Charles Moureu. 6th Ed. 8vo. 552 pp. Price, 24fr. Gauthier-Villars & Cie, Paris.

*Organic Compounds: Preparation of Organic Compounds.* E. De Barry Barnett. Price, 10s. 6d. J. & A. Churchill, London.

*Chemistry and Its Mysteries.* The story of what things are made of told in simple language.

Charles R. Gibson, F.R.S.E., author of "The Stars and Their Mysteries;" "The Great Ball on Which We Live," etc. 41 illustrations. 12mo. 246 pp., cloth. Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Company.

*Textbook of Physiology.* Martin Flack, C.B.E., M.B., B.Ch., and Leonard Hill, M.B., F.R.S. New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1919. 8vo. 800 pp.; illustrated.

*Elements of Business.* Parke Schoch and Murray Gross. New York: American Book Company. 8vo. 216 pp.; illustrated.

*Techno-Chemical Receipt Book.* William T. Brannt and William H. Wahl, Ph.D. New York: Henry Carey Baird and Co., Inc., 1919. 8vo. 516 pp.; 78 engravings.

*Praktikum der Medizinischen Chemie.*

Einschliesslich der Forensischen Nachweise für Mediziner und Chemiker. Von Dr. Sigmund Fränkel, Professor der Medizinischen Chemie an der Universität in Wien. Paper. Price, 18 marks. Pp. 439, with illustrations. Berlin: Urban & Schwarzenberg, 1918.

*Essentials of Pharmacy with Questions and Answers.* Clyde M. Snow, Ph.G., A.M., Associate Professor of Pharmacy, University of Illinois School of Pharmacy. Price, \$5.50. C. V. Mosby Co., St. Louis, Mo.

A review will appear in next issue of the JOURNAL. A. Ph. A.

#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

*Digest of Comments on the Pharmacopoeia of the United States of America and on the National Formulary for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1915.* A. G. DuMez. Hygienic Laboratory Bulletin No. 118. Paper. Price, 35 cents. Pp. 456. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1919.

*Digest of Comments on the Pharmacopoeia of the United States of America and on the National Formulary for the Calendar Year ending December 31, 1916.* By A. G. DuMez. Hygienic Laboratory Bulletin No. 119. Paper. Price 20 cents. Pp. 316. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1919.

We have in the past made comment on these valuable Bulletins and the service rendered by their publication to pharmacy and therefore quote from the first paragraph of the Preface, containing information relative to the compilation. The bulletins are the eleventh and twelfth in the series of Hygienic Laboratory publications, known as the Digest of Comments on the Pharmacopoeia of the United States of America and the National Formulary. Like the preceding bulletins of this series, they are comprehensive indexes of all available literature which may be of interest or value in connection with the re-

vision of the two standard works mentioned in the title. The marked reduction in the number of pages from that of preceding numbers is not the result of an attempt on the part of the compiler to narrow the scope of the work, but is due to a diminution in the number of articles pertaining to pharmaceutical research published during the respective years, and to the fact that a number of the foreign periodicals have not been received in this country of late. In fact, the publication of some of these journals has been suspended for the period of the war.

"In this, as in the preceding numbers of the bulletin, all of the available literature has been gone over carefully and the abstracts have been made as concise as possible without detracting from their value as working references. In those cases where the articles were of such a nature that they could not be abstracted with advantage, merely the titles have been given.

"In citing references no attempt has been made to record all of the periodicals in which a given paper may have appeared. As a rule, the reference most easily accessible to the American pharmacist has been given preference, even in those cases where the original paper did not appear in the publication recorded. With respect to the papers presented at the annual meetings of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, references are only given to the *Pharmaceutical Journal* and the *Yearbook*, it being understood that wherever these two references appear conjointly the article can also be found in the *British and Colonial Druggist* and the *Chemist and Druggist*."

Within certain limits for free distribution, copies may be obtained by application to the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Washington, D. C. They may also be obtained at a nominal price from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

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What is wrong can be made good, what is good can always be made better. If you think everything is wrong at present with pharmacy you are in a bad way. If you think that everything was wrong in the past as well as the present you are in a worse way. And if you think everything will be wrong with pharmacy in the future—there is a misfit.

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