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From the more than modest "Staatsapotheke" at Bern in 1873 with its equally modest occupant, to the well housed and equipped building that was dedicated in 1893 and the election of its director to the directorship of the Swiss university, seems a long road to travel, yet the task was accomplished in a single generation.

With the re-establishment of the German Empire, in 1871, one of the first fruits, intellectually speaking, of the re-united German people, was the renaissance of the University of Strassburg, not as a state university, but as a "Reichs-universitaet." To it Flueckiger was called from his modest position in Bern to fill the directorship of the newly established pharmaceutical institute of the "Kaiser Wilhelm Universitaet." It was here, in the old institute building inherited from the French régime, that F. B. Power, a recent graduate of the P. C. P., sought to lay a deeper foundation and to spread over a broader area the superstructure of a higher pharmaceutical education than was offered at that time in our country.

But while Flueckiger labored for a time at Strassburg, advancing the new science of pharmacognosy, one of his followers became his successor at Bern. More aggressive than his master, Tschirch gained for his institute a recognition at home as well as a reputation abroad. The new institute building in the Swiss city, so rich in historical lore, became the home *par excellence* of the new science. From all over Europe students came to Bern, and from our own country the late J. O. Schlotterbeck left one of the latest and certainly the largest republic to seek inspiration and knowledge in the oldest and probably the smallest of republics.

Once more Strassburg is French and the fate of its pharmaceutical institute will be watched with keen interest wherever students are working for the advancement of pharmaceutical science, for according to the Flueckiger medal "Scientia non unius populi sed orbis terrarum." The little republic of Switzerland, while not unaffected by the warring nations that surround its mountain fastnesses on all sides, has held its own. The publication of Tschirch's monumental work, his

"Handbuch der Pharmacognosie," has been resumed by his German publishers since the war has nominally ended. The vitality of its author has always been such that we may well count on the completion of his epoch-making treatise during his lifetime. But those who are looking into the future may well search for the man to be called upon to carry forward another step the work so auspiciously begun by the two masters of modern pharmacognosy, Flueckiger and Tschirch.

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#### A GRANT FOR RESEARCH.

The American Pharmaceutical Association has available a sum amounting to about \$450.00 which will be expended after October 1, 1920, for the encouragement of research. This amount either in full or in fractions will be awarded in such manner as will in the judgment of the A. Ph. A. Research Committee produce the greatest good to American pharmaceutical research.

Investigators desiring financial aid in their work will communicate before May first with H. V. Arny, Chairman, A. Ph. A. Research Committee, 115 West 68th St., New York, giving their past record and outlining the particular line of work for which the grant is desired.

The Committee will give each application its careful attention and will make recommendations to the American Pharmaceutical Association at its meeting in Washington, May 5 to 10, 1920, when the award or awards will be made.

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#### PAPERS FOR THE SECTIONS.

A list of Section Officers is printed in the March number of THIS JOURNAL. The addresses of chairmen and secretaries are given, but they will leave for Washington about May 1 or earlier; if, therefore, you have delayed sending in your papers, mail them to JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A., 253 Bourse Building, Philadelphia. After May 1, papers should be mailed to the respective Section Officers, care American Pharmaceutical Association, The New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.; you will then be certain that the papers will reach the meeting, and not be left at home, securely locked, within the desk or safe.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find information relative to Hotel Rates.

There is something to do every minute of the hours provided for in the program; there is something to see all the time in Washington. Give the program for work your undivided attention.

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