

DONATIONS.

Proceedings of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, by **Mr. S. Barksdale Penick, Jr.**, Secretary of the Association.

Dr. William Gates of Washington, D. C., donated a copy *De Cruz-Badiano, Aztec Herbal* of 1552, a Translation and Commentary, by William Gates, President of the Maya Society, Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins University. The aquarelles represent the art work of Miss Marie Therese Vuillemin, a niece of Mons. Eugene Tisserant, prefect of the Vatican Library.

A label (VERMIFUGE), 150 or more years old, of William Dorsey, Druggist, Martinsburg, Va. This was presented through **Dr. S. L. Hilton** by **Mr. Charles E. Ellicott**.

Mr. Oscar Loddy of Fitchburg, Mass., favored us with a contribution of joint efforts of the Estonian-Finland-Hungarian Pharmaceutical Societies reported by Karl Röhesco, Doctor of Pharmacy and Director of Pharmacy in Esthonia, published by E. S. U. Societies, Tallinn, contributing to the fifth annual meeting, April 30, 1939, by Kalerno Harjula.

Homeopathic Medicine Case in the form of a book, in four sections, each having three handmade bottles. The interesting case was donated by **H. A. K. Whitney**, of the hospital of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

A gavel, presented to the Association by **J. Leon Lascoff**. This was presented on August 22, 1939, to Dr. J. Leon Lascoff, president of the A. Ph. A., by the Crawford W. Long Memorial Association, made from the newel post in the home of Crawford W. Long, Athens, Ga., the discoverer of ether anesthesia.

A ship chest and dentifrice container, donated by **Harry L. Schrader** of Baltimore, Md. The chest is very old and bears the label of James L. Bispham, druggist, Philadelphia, Pa.

Joseph M. Moore of Baltimore, has donated a hand prescription balance and a set of weights—the definitions on the inside of the top explain the weights. The box holding the balance is made of selected quartered oak.

Chemical Catechism by Louis Szcelcedy, Ph.M. (A. G. Dixon). London, December 1, 1809. The book was donated November 9th by **W. W. Scudder**—of the Medical Family of several hundred years—pharmacist at the Navy Hospital in Washington. “The Rudiments of Chemistry” is extensively illustrated showing the apparatus. Chapter 1 deals of Liquids; Chapter 2, of Atmospheric Air and the Elements known during the period; Chap-

ter 3, of Caloric. A number of experiments are described and the Common Chemical Terms are given. 290 pages, 24 x 36 picas.

Manual of Chemistry, compiled from the works of Brande, Henry, Berzelius, Thomson and Others, illustrated in the lectures at Harvard University, N. E., by John W. Webster, M.D. Donated by **George I. Way**, Baltimore, Md. The book is illustrated to serve students. It was published by Richardson and Lord of Boston, in 1826. The volume is valuable from the historical viewpoint as the history is brought from earlier periods by chemists of prominence in their day.

John C. Haley, retired druggist of Washington, D. C., brought among other things: Freights Tonic, Pyoxtannin Yellow, Calcined Magnesia, by Thomas J. Husband, Rud. Pizzala, Apothecary, Elixir of Peptonate of Iron Aromatic Manufactory of pharmaceutical and dietic preparations, Zwingenberg a Bergstr., Germany.

Mr. Leo Oumano presented the second U. S. Pharmacopoeia containing a clipping from the “Voice,” prepared by Dr. Charles Rice for that publication for August 3, 1893; also several other early issues of the Pharmacopoeia.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Eta Chapter of Rho Chi, University of Wisconsin, include with the annual initiation of members, a year of membership in the Association. Recently the following new members have been initiated: Amos B. Colby, James C. H. Russell, Celesta A. Meyer, Maurice B. Rudnick, Lester A. Feiertag, Sister Gladys Robinson and Harry S. Eizen.

On October 10th, thirty-four men prominent in drug circles in Louisville, Ky., left in special cars for Detroit, Mich., where for two days they were guests of Parke, Davis & Co. They visited the Parke-Davis plant; Parkedale, the company's biological farm, thirty miles from Detroit; and the Parke-Davis Research Laboratories. A talk by F. O. Taylor, Vice-President of the A. Ph. A., was enjoyed, also a trip to Greenfield Village, site of Henry Ford's famous museum. An evening banquet was a feature of the occasion.

An informal meeting of Province II of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, called by Satrap George E. Milliman, was held at Philadelphia, Pa. in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Sunday, November 12, 1939, at

2:00 P.M. All officers of the province and one officer of the Grand Council, George C. Schicks, Grand Historian, were present. Thirty-eight brothers representing collegiate chapters: Eta, Nu, Omega, Beta-Omega; and graduate chapters: Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia.

The regents of the collegiate chapters were asked to report their activities and plans for the year. These reports were delivered by Thaddeus S. Poreda, Nu; Anthony Ridolfo, Omega; Victor Shivy, Beta-Omega; and Robert Gordon Johnson, Eta. It was suggested that since none of the chapters of the province were separated by many miles it would be well for the collegiate and graduate chapters to send out a monthly news-letter to each chapter in the province. By so informing the other chapters of the activities and coming events more frequent inter-chapter visitations would be encouraged.

Grand Historian George C. Schicks reported the meeting of Kappa Psi at Atlanta, Georgia and commented on the report of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. A. R. Bliss.

Dr. Richard A. Deno suggested that since the American Association for the Advancement of Science was meeting in Philadelphia in 1940 at about the same time of the year as the quadrennial convention of Kappa Psi, an effort should be made to hold the Kappa Psi 1940 convention in Philadelphia, thus making it possible for the Kappa Psi members of the A. A. A. S. to attend both meetings. A motion requesting the secretary to make this suggestion to the Grand Council was carried.

A motion to call another informal meeting of the province in April, said meeting to be held in New Haven, Connecticut, was carried.

C. L. Cox, *Secretary, Province II.*

Alex Stewart, of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, has retired after fifty years in the drug business. For thirty-four years he has been a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Stewart graduated from the Ontario College of Pharmacy with high honors, winning the D'Avignon Gold Medal. Two years after graduation he established a business of his own, and became active in the affairs of Pharmacy. He was elected to the council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, for six years was a member of the examining board of the college and served for several years both on the finance and education committees. He was president of the college for two years.

As well as being active in professional matters Mr. Stewart found time to act as Councilor for the city of Guelph, was a member of the Board of Trade and the Building Committee, first president of the Guelph Rotary Club, president of the Canadian Club, president of the Guelph Golf and Country Club and has taken a keen interest in the Victorian Order of Nurses, last year being elected president of the local board of that organization.

Dr. George Washington Carver, Negro agricultural chemist, was selected as one of the recipients of the 1939 Roosevelt Medals, given annually for distinguished service in the fields associated with the career of the late Theodore Roosevelt. The medal was presented by the Roosevelt Memorial Association at a dinner in New York City on October 27th. Dr. Carver has won recognition as one of the foremost agricultural chemists in the country and as a vital factor in the economic and social progress of the South.

Dr. Crawford W. Long, of Athens, Ga., 1815-1877, discoverer of surgical anesthesia, is to be honored by a memorial stamp, which will soon be in circulation. On March 30, 1842, Dr. Long used ether when he extirpated a glandular tumor from the neck of James M. Venable, a boy in Jefferson, Georgia—the first use of ether in a surgical operation.

To commemorate national Pharmacy Week, pharmacists of Milwaukee County were honored by the Sunday Morning Breakfast Club at the Medford Hotel. Physicians and dentists joined in the program. The Milwaukee County Medical Society expressed its confidence "in the practice of Pharmacy in our community" through its president, Dr. Millard Tufts. He urged even better unity "between our allied groups in Medicine to make life still longer and happier."

Dr. C. J. Baumann, president of the Milwaukee County Dental Society, said the pharmacist's "skill, integrity and care are more keenly realized now than ever before by the profession and the public." The pharmacist, he declared, is no longer regarded "as merely one that has something to sell, but is recognized for the service he renders."

Among the visitors at the American Institute of Pharmacy, during October, were the following: Albert Price, Philadelphia, Pa.; Clayton S. Smith, Columbus, Ohio; Elmer H. Swenson, Belmont, Mass.; J. F. Hershner,

St. Louis, Mo.; Betty Stephenson, Doris E. Hemp, Eleanor White, Virginia Lee Young, Mildred Lee Ferguson, Anna Kaspat, Betty Ann Leisher, Mary E. Shaffer, Betty A. Heard, Alice Anna Harry, Frances McDaniel, Betty Price, Marguerite Taylor, Miriam L. Tull and Eliza Wootten, Baltimore, Md.; Irene Opitz, Catonsville, Md.; William Gates, Washington, D. C.; Alice Zeiler, Frederick, Md.; Mary Lou Riggs, Gaithersburg, Md.; F. O. Taylor, Detroit, Mich.; Morris F. Eisenberg, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bindley, Terre Haute, Indiana.

And during November, the following: W. F. Holcomb, Detroit, Mich.; J. H. Kilmartin, Waverly, Va.; J. Charles, Washington, D. C.; A. L. Boyce, Washington, D. C.; J. R. Townsend, Washington, D. C.; Roy M. Foster, Washington, D. C.; Irving Glaser, New York City; Milton Glaser, New York City; Norman M. G. Towne, Washington, D. C.; Seymour Adler, Washington, D. C.; Esther H. Barney, Chicago, Ill.; F. E. A. Pollack, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ralph Zaldin, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The University of Buffalo, School of Pharmacy, its Alumni Association and the Local Branch of the A. PH. A., in coöperation, are putting on an interesting program for the winter months. There will be meetings on January 10th, February 10th, March 13th, 26th and 27th. Among the items of interest is the establishment of a drug store of about 1880, in coöperation with the Buffalo Historical Society.

Announcement is made by Dr. H. Evert Kendig, dean of the School of Pharmacy of Temple University, of the appointment of Carson Frailey, Jr., of Washington, D. C., as lecturer in Pharmaceutical Law in that school. Mr. Frailey is a son of Carson P. Frailey, executive vice-president and secretary of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and of the Law School of the University of Maryland, and is a widely known practicing attorney. Mr. Frailey, in his lectureship, will outline the fundamental legal concepts which concern pharmacy students as prospective practitioners.

Certificates of registration were awarded to forty-nine newly registered pharmacists at the State House in Trenton, N. J., by Governor A. Harry Moore on Wednesday, November 15, 1939. In addition to an inspiring address delivered by the Governor, the new registrants

were also addressed by Mr. Oscar Singer, the president of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, who delivered a splendid message based on his long experience as a retail pharmacist. Mr. Singer pointed out that without strong state and local organizations, retail pharmacists are not in a position to combat present-day trade and professional problems. He urged the new registrants to continue their studies and to maintain close contact with members of the medical profession and with their colleagues.

The three chapters of the Code of Ethics of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION were read by Messrs. Adolph V. Palumbo, John J. Debus and Charles Schamach, members of the board. At the conclusion of the reading of the Code all of the new registrants signed copies thereof for filing in the board records.

A brief address on the local responsibilities of the retail pharmacist was given by Dr. Robert P. Fischelis, the secretary of the board. Mr. James A. Bauman, president of the board, presided over the exercises and introduced the speakers.

Governor Murphy of New Hampshire named, and the Council affirmed, the appointment of William G. McGrillis of Plymouth, N. H., to the State Board of Health. Mr. McGrillis is a well-known pharmacist in the state, having been in the retail drug business for over forty years and the owner of two fine drug stores, one in Bristol and the other in Plymouth. He is a graduate of the University of Maine and a past-president of the state association. In making this appointment Governor Murphy has carried out his often expressed plan to place a well-trained pharmacist on the State Board of Health, in which position the Governor made clear the knowledge and scientific training of the pharmacist would be made available to the state, in the ever-expanding medical services extended through the Health Board. Mr. McGrillis will serve for five years in this important public service.

The Maryland Pharmaceutical Association and the Baltimore Retail Druggists' Association held a regional meeting on October 19, 1939, at Braddock Heights, Md. A very interesting program was carried out.

Dean Edward Spease of the School of Pharmacy of Western Reserve University, Cleve-

land, Ohio, announced renewal of the Proctor and Gamble Fellowship for 1939-1940 conferred upon Myron W. McKinney who will come to Cleveland from Winslow, Indiana. He will continue the study for the Cincinnati Soap Company of the irritant action of soap on skin, under the direction of Dr. Leroy D. Edwards, assistant professor of Pharmacognosy and Pharmacology at the School. McKinney was graduated from Purdue in June 1939, and will receive credit toward his Master of Science degree from the Graduate School of Western Reserve University.

He announced also fellowships awarded to Miss Isabel Kippen and Miss Ann M. Picchioni, who will study under him this year to receive the degree of Master of Science in Hospital Pharmacy from the Graduate School of Western Reserve University next June. Miss Kippen, who is a graduate of the University of Alberta, has a year's leave of absence as pharmacist from the Royal Alexander Hospital at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to which she expects to return next year. Miss Picchioni, whose home is in Klein, Montana, received her A.B. from the University of Montana in June, 1939.

The state of Maine obtained its first school of pharmacy this fall when a department of Pharmacy was established at Portland Junior Technical College. Instructors were chosen from a list approved by the Maine Pharmaceutical Association, and the course will prepare candidates for state board examination and registration.

A Drugs Resources Committee has been appointed, at the request of the War Department, to coördinate the civilian and military needs of the country in time of national emergency, and its initial meeting has been scheduled with officers of the Army and Navy Munitions Board for October 24th.

The William H. Nichols Medal of the New York section of the American Chemical Society, one of the highest honors in chemical science, has been awarded for 1940 to Dr. John M. Nelson, professor of organic chemistry at Columbia University. The presentation will be made at a dinner in New York City on March 8th.

The 55th annual meeting of the **Association of Official Agricultural Chemists** was held in Washington, D. C., on October 30th to November 1st, at the Raleigh Hotel.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE W. LUFT.

A shock to the drug and cosmetic world was the announcement of the death, October 14th, of George W. Luft, one of the founders of the American Druggist's Syndicate and President of the George W. Luft Company, makers of Tangee Cosmetics. Mr. Luft passed on at the age of 68, after an emergency operation at the New York Hospital. He had been a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1912.

One of the most widely-known and universally liked leaders in the drug and cosmetic field, Mr. Luft was an inspirational factor in the lives of thousands of druggists. As a registered pharmacist and a one-time store owner himself he knew their problems and was directly responsible for the advancement of many.

Born in Aurora, Illinois, Mr. Luft received his earlier schooling in the Middle West and then entered the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1894. After several years of experience in the drug business he came to New York in 1904 and helped establish the American Druggist's Syndicate, of which he was Executive Vice-President until 1920. In this capacity he became recognized as an authority and pioneer in chain store and drug merchandising.

In 1921 Mr. Luft retired from the American Druggist's Syndicate to start the George W. Luft Company and was President of that organization until his death. The Luft Company makes the remarkable color-change lipstick which was first to gain international acceptance and to become the largest selling lipstick in the world.

Aside from his business activities, Mr. Luft had long been a leader in civic and philanthropic affairs in the borough of Queens, New York. He was elected a director of the Queensboro Chamber of Commerce in 1934, and in 1936 he was general chairman of the Queens Welfare Committee's campaign to raise \$250,000 to finance the committee's philanthropies for the year. He was a thirty-second degree Mason.

Surviving are his widow, Rosamund M. Luft; a daughter, Mrs. Tevis Huhn of New York City, N. Y.; and two sisters, Mrs. Robert N. Bode and Miss Anna K. Luft, both of Long Beach, California.