

The five-day week plan, valuable as it is for workers in general, does not fit the requirements of scientific work. This needs no amplifications to make it clear to scientific men.

The furlough or reduction in salary makes the situation still more difficult, but it is our observation that the scientific workers generally are making the readjustments necessary to keep within reduced incomes.

The reduction of annual leave (no leave with pay for the current year) and 15 days instead of 30 after this year, throws the government still further out of line with educational institutions and will make the government positions less attractive than those in educational institutions.

It is too soon to appraise very accurately what the full effect of this legislation will be. Our policy in administering it will be to secure the greatest possible saving with the least injury to the work and workers.

### CANADIAN-AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL CONVENTION

THE program of the joint meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association during the week of August 22-27 at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, has been completed. The Ontario Retail Druggists Association will also hold its annual meeting at this time and will have charge of the entertainment of the delegates. The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain will be officially represented by President, F. G. Hines; past-president, Herbert Skinner; secretary, Hugh N. Linstead; and Thomas Marns, a member of the council. Mr. Skinner is also chairman of the British Pharmaceutical Conference. This will be the most important international pharmaceutical gathering held in North America.

The Plant Science Seminar, the Committee on Pharmaceutical Syllabus and the Conference on Pharmaceutical Research will meet in Toronto during the week preceding the Convention. The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the National Association Boards of Pharmacy will hold their sessions on Monday and Tuesday, August 22 and 23. The Canadian Pharmaceutical Association and the Ontario Retail Druggists Association will hold their business sessions on Tuesday, August 23, and their members will be free to attend the various sessions of the American Pharmaceutical Association on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Saturday will be spent visiting the Canadian National Exposition.

On Wednesday forenoon and Thursday afternoon, there will be joint sessions. At the first, the Presidents of the organizations, George A. Burbridge, of Nova Scotia, and Walter D. Adams, of Texas, will deliver their presidential addresses.

Mr. Marns, as chairman of the Committee on Law Enforcement of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great

Britain, will take part in the Conference of Law Enforcement Officials, and Secretary Linstead, of the Society, in the Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries. The five sections of the American Pharmaceutical Association—Scientific, Practical Pharmacy and Dispensary, Educational and Legislative, Commercial Interests, and Historical—have an unusual number of papers and discussions dealing with practically every phase of pharmacy. Canadian pharmacists will participate in all the programs, and a number of questions of mutual interest to the pharmacists of the United States and Canada will be considered in addition to the usual reports and items of business.

There will be a reception and dance on Monday evening, the joint banquet on Tuesday evening, a moonlight sail on Lake Ontario on Wednesday evening, a Farewell Party and Dance on Friday evening and an all day visit to the Canadian National Exposition on Saturday. In addition, special entertainment for the ladies, Veterans Luncheon on Thursday, sight-seeing parties, a number of special dinners and luncheons for associations, alumni and other groups. Special transportation rates by rail and water are offered.

### MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION AT HARVARD OBSERVATORY

DIRECTLY following the total eclipse of the sun, the triennial meeting of the International Astronomical Union (postponed for a year in order to coincide with the eclipse) will be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The meeting is open to delegates and specially invited guests. About eighty overseas astronomers have already signified their intention of attending the meeting.

Sessions of the general assembly, and meetings of scientific commissions, will be held in Alice Longfellow Hall of Radcliffe College. The student dormitories of Radcliffe College have also been lent by the college for the accommodation of the delegates.

The program of the meeting includes: Reception by the American Astronomical Society (Evening, September 2); garden party at the observatory residence (Afternoon, September 3); Excursion to Oak Ridge Station of the Harvard Observatory (September 4); Excursion by boat to Plymouth (Afternoon, September 6); Excursion to Wellesley College (Afternoon, September 8). On the evening of September 8 there will be a dinner, by the invitation of the American Section of the International Astronomical Union.

Meetings of the General Assembly of the Union, and of the various scientific commissions, will be held on the morning of September 3, the morning and after-