

## Obituaries and Memorials

Persons having information of the death of members of the A. Ph. A. are requested to send the same promptly to J. W. England, 415 N. 33d St., Philadelphia, Pa. Information as to the age, activities in pharmacy, family, etc., of the deceased should be as complete as possible. When convenient a cabinet photograph should accompany data.



### J. ARTHUR BEAN.

J. Arthur Bean, of Somerville, Mass., was born June 16, 1872, and died on November 10, 1912, as the result of an automobile accident in Wellesley, Mass., one month ago. The car in which Mr. Bean was riding came into collision with another and he was thrown out violently, receiving fractures of both legs. The direct cause of his death was stated to be brain emboli.

Mr. Bean was the proprietor of two drug stores in Somerville and he was planning to establish his third store. He took an exceedingly active interest in organization work. He became a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1910. He was Chairman of the Entertainment Committee at the Boston Meeting of the Association in 1911, and his courtesy and genial personality won the friendship of all. He was the New England member of the Executive Committee of the N. A. R. D.; ex-President of the Boston Druggist's Association; a member of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association, and of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; and Chairman of the Committee on U. S. P. and N. F. Propaganda of the Boston Association of Retail Druggists. He was also a Mason and Knight Templar.

Of him N. A. R. D. Notes writes:

"Jolly, loyal, true—Arthur scattered sunshine while here; he was every good man's friend, every just cause's champion, many a waiting opportunity's master hand. Passing on, he leaves behind a memory sweet with kindness, good cheer and helpfulness. Peace to his spirit."

The funeral services were held at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church in Somerville, the edifice being crowded with the relatives and friends of the deceased. The pallbearers

were: Frank F. Ernst, representing the Boston Association of Retail Druggists; C. Herbert Packard, of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; Fred L. Carter, Jr., representing the Boston Druggists' Association; J. F. Guerin, Secretary of the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association; F. A. Hubbard, a former member of the Board of Pharmacy, and E. E. Marshall. Interment of the body was had at Penacook, N. H.

Mr. Bean leaves a wife and ten-year-old son, and the deepest sympathy of his many friends in the American Pharmaceutical Association will go out to them in their sad bereavement.

J. W. E.



### FREDERICK A. BRECHT.

Frederick Adolph Brecht, the first graduate in pharmacy to locate in Yankton, S. D., is dead, following a stroke of paralysis. He was born in Leipsic, Germany, graduating from St. Thomas College and the University of Leipsic. He studied the drug business and then returned to the University of Leipsic to study medicine. In 1869 he settled in Yankton, and in 1874 commenced the drug business with the late L. M. Purdy, as his partner, the firm name being Purdy & Brecht. Following the death of Mr. Purdy, he continued the business with his sons, Dr. Adolph Brecht and Paul Brecht. He was a musician of unusual talent, had sung before Kaiser William I, and was an accomplished pianist. He was a 33d degree Mason, the funeral being conducted by the Masonic order.

He joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1895.

J. W. E.

## Council Business

### COUNCIL LETTER No. 2.

Philadelphia, November 18, 1912.

To the Members of the Council:

*Motion No. 1 (Purchase of Pamphlet Cases), and Motion No. 2 (Election of Members; applications Nos. 1-17) have each received a majority of affirmative votes.*

The following communication has been received from Franklin M. Apple:

"Concerning the advisability of publishing in book form the formulae thus far collected by Chairman Raubenheimer will state

that I deem it wisest to wait until after the publication of the next issues of the N. F. and U. S. P., but assuring the revisers thereof that a Recipe Book *will be* issued by the A. Ph. A., so that they will know that provision will be made to preserve the formulae that they deem to be of such a nature as not to warrant their retention or admission into those standard works on pharmacy. The next issues of the U. S. P. and N. F. should be as near perfection as possible, hence provision must be made for the preservation of formulae that would be objectionable, from various reasons, to medical men, and to the U. S. authorities, for legal reasons.

To issue several revisions of the proposed new book of formulae within a short space of time would be a mistake for many reasons; hence, I think it wisest to wait until sufficient material is on hand to guarantee a book that will prove so valuable that every progressive pharmacist (drug store owner) will not care to be without a copy thereof.

We must look at the materialistic side of this question as well as the utilitarian—for our Association has not unlimited funds with which to make this venture. As it will not be a legal standard for the U. S. or the state authorities to enforce, the book will have to depend entirely upon its merits to make it a success financially, hence the necessity for making it an extraordinary valuable collection of formulae."

Thomas F. Main writes:

"I am in favor of the publication of an A. Ph. A. Recipe Book just as soon as the members of the Council feel that it is opportune to do so."

Frederick J. Wulling writes:

"I have not been able to give the matter of the publication of a recipe book by the Association much thought. It is of course desirable to establish as far as possible uniformity in non-official preparations and on the whole I am inclined to favor the proposition. It seems to me the next step is to determine upon the scope and details of publication and to direct inquiries into the financial aspect of the question. Possibly a Council committee to study the matter and recommend a procedure would be advisable."

The following communication from P. A. Mandabach, of Columbus, secretary of the National Association of Drug Clerks, has been received by General Secretary Beal, and is transmitted by him to the Council:

"Since writing you a few days ago concerning the National Home, it has been decided that we shall take up the matter of selecting the National Trusteeship from among the names suggested or submitted by the Executive Board of your Association, instead of writing the officers individually, wherein we expected to ask them whether

or not they would accept, therefore, trust that you will submit the names of at least three members from among your past and present officers.

Article 12, Section IV of the constitution of this Association provides:

"That a trusteeship of five members shall be appointed from among the officers and past officers of kindred Associations, and who shall manage the property of the Home and the appropriation of the funds, and make all contracts, purchases, and disbursements. Bond shall be given by the Secretary and the Treasurer of the trusteeship in such sum as may be designated by said Board of Trustees. Said trustees shall render quarterly reports of the financial and general conditions of the home to this and other Associations."

Again, a special resolution was adopted at the annual convention, which provides that the first Board of Trustees shall be selected as follows: One member each from the past or present officers of N. A. R. D., A. Ph. A., N. W. D. A., and two from among past and present officers of N. A. D. C., who shall serve, respectively, for a period of one, two, three, four and five years, therefore there will be annually one vacancy which shall be filled, respectively, from the aforesaid Association.

Article 8, of the constitution of this Association provides that all funds, subscribed, endowed or donated for the National Home, shall be placed in the hands of the National Trustee Board. All annual dues accruing from the associate membership of the N. A. D. C., will also be set aside for the National Home Fund. A percentage of the dues of the active membership of this Association shall also be set aside annually for the aforesaid fund.

We trust that this explanation will be clear to you, and that you will lend us your cooperation and support in the consummation of this charitable work, as the intent and purpose of this project as a whole is for the direct benefit of both employer and employee, and for the orphaned dependants thereof."

It will be recalled that at the meeting of the Council, held August 21, 1912, at Denver, a communication from the National Association of Pharmacologists (National Association of Drug Clerks) was presented, submitting a resolution for the founding of a National Apothecaries' Home. This was referred to the House of Delegates, which reported to the Council that:

"The Committee on Resolutions of the House of Delegates can see the benefit of a home for indigent druggists and drug clerks as proposed by the National Association of Pharmacologists, if such can be properly established and maintained, but we do not believe that the A. Ph. A. should become

partially responsible for such an institution by appointing any members to its Board of Trustees, therefore we recommend that no appointment of members to such a board be made at this time."

The recommendation was received, but no action was taken by the Council.

*Motion No. 3 (Time of 1913 Annual Meeting at Nashville).* Moved by J. H. Beal, seconded by J. O. Burge, that the sixty-first annual meeting at Nashville be held during the week beginning August 25, 1913.

*Motion No. 4 (Election of members).* You are requested to vote on the following applications for membership:

No. 18. Harry Willson DeCoster, 304 Boston, St., Lynn, Mass., rec. by Linus D. Drury and Adolf H. Aekermann.

No. 19. J. J. Nichols, 112 W. Sidney Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., rec. by J. Roemer and Hugh Craig.

No. 20. William A. Holstrom, Huron, S. Dakota, rec. by E. C. Bent and J. H. Beal.

No. 21. David Benjamin Yaffa, 191 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, N. Y., rec. by Caswell A. Mayo and H. M. Whelpley.

No. 22. George Whipple Hubbard, 1118 First Ave., Nashville, Tenn., rec. by J. O. Burge and William R. White.

No. 23. Orval W. Lee, 54 E. Fiftieth st., First Apt., Chicago, Ill., rec. by Wm. B. Day and A. H. Clark.

No. 24. William Irby Gates, Gates Building, Whiteville, Tenn., rec. by J. O. Burge and William R. White.

No. 25. George W. Luft, 140 Claremont Ave., New York, N. Y., rec. by Wm. C. Anderson and Joseph Weinstein.

No. 26. Randal John Western Jones, 502 Anita St., Houston, Texas, rec. by E. G. Eberle and C. A. Duncan.

No. 27. John A. Borneman, 159 Seminole Ave., Norwood, Del. Co., Pa., rec. by W. A. Pearson and J. W. England.

No. 28. Francis Marion Bass, Delherd, Tenn., rec. by Ira B. Clark and Moses Cook.

No. 29. Robert Simpson, 201 N. Thirty-sixth St., Philadelphia, Pa., rec. by J. W. England and F. S. McCartney.

J. W. ENGLAND,  
Secretary of the Council.

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### COUNCIL LETTER No. 3.

Philadelphia, November 19, 1912.

To the Members of the Council:

The following letter has been received by the secretary of the Council:

"To the Council of the American Pharmaceutical Association,

Gentlemen: The object of this communication is to enter an earnest plea for

the conservation of the Report on the Progress of Pharmacy as a concrete publication of the Association in the form in which it has appeared in our Annual Proceedings for over half a century. My long connection with the making of this report beginning with the years 1866 and 1867 and practically continuous from 1873 to the present, with only a brief interval, makes it a matter of personal concern and naturally leads me to oppose any change that cannot be demonstrated as being an actual improvement, either of the report itself or in its bearings on the welfare and usefulness of the Association.

Eliminating my personal bias, however, I believe that I am justified in strenuously opposing a fragmentary publication of abstracts from articles appearing in the pharmaceutical, chemical and medical journals during a given period as proposed at Denver, in lieu of a well arranged and compact report, bound in the usual form, provided with a carefully prepared index, and accompanied only by statutory matter pertaining to the Association, lists of officers, committees, and members, etc., as outlined and decided at Boston.

Even the intermediary proposition, to publish the report in four installments covering a full year, in consecutive numbers of the "Journal," did not appeal to me, but the more recent action has put this out of question, and needs no consideration at this time.

Beginning with the year 1857 when the first systematic report on the progress of pharmacy was made by a committee headed by the late Professor Wm. Procter, Jr., the report was augmented and improved from year to year, until in the course of time the appearance of the annual volume of Proceedings was looked for with impatience both by the members with a scientific trend, who could use the information contained therein in research work, and by that far larger contingent of members, who in pursuit of their calling as practical pharmacists found it to be a useful work of reference, efficiently supplementing for them the few standard books of reference commonly found in an average pharmacy.

To the latter class also belong those who look forward to the appearance of the report, not so much because of the direct advantages as a work of reference, but for the purpose of increasing their general knowledge, and I could name some of our older members who have assured me at different times, that they made it a practice to read the report from beginning to end as an intellectual pastime, as soon as it became available.

It is little wonder therefore that impatience was manifested by both classes of members when the appearance of the Proceedings was delayed beyond, what was considered, a reasonable limit, the deflection being usually attributed to the failure of the reporter to supply the finished manu-

script at the annual meeting—a question which I do not propose to discuss, however, except to say: "There are a few that know, some that think they know, and a large contingent that do not know," what it means to select and make from the vast store of material contained in pharmaceutical and kindred journals a report that shall satisfy the progress made during a given period and shall satisfy the individual demands and meet with the approval of a representative contingent of its readers.

What my aim has been in this direction, I have outlined in the prefatory remarks to the first installment of abstracts from the Report for 1911, in the January, (1912) number of the Journal of the Association. I shall confine my concluding remarks, therefore, to point out some of the difficulties, incongruities and objections, as I conceive them, if it is insisted that the recently adopted plan to publish the Report on the Progress of Pharmacy in monthly installments shall be carried into effect.

In order to furnish the abstracts required for each monthly issue of the Journal with unflinching regularity, and the assurance that they shall keep pace with the progress made from month to month during any single year, it will become necessary that the reporter give his undivided attention to this work; all other occupations must be subordinate to this work and must of necessity be relinquished if they interfere in a serious degree with the prompt supply of copy.

Supposing this to be satisfactorily arranged, we are confronted with conditions that are far more difficult of adjustment. Mental strain, temperamental moods, illness, are factors that must be taken into account, and may at times make it impossible to do effective work which under normal conditions would be comparatively easy of accomplishment. Moreover, the opportunity to catch up with delayed work, which is quite possible when making an annual report, becomes a practical impossibility when monthly reports are required.

Assuming, however, that these difficulties (and others might be mentioned) have been overcome, and we have succeeded in making monthly reports that fairly well represent the progress of pharmacy made during the year, what have we gained? We have simply substituted a number of separate reports in which a diversity of subjects, liable to duplication, follow each other incongruously—at best without more than a superficial attempt of systematic arrangement—for a well-ordered and properly arranged annual report, in a bound volume, properly indexed, and in this concrete form always available on the library shelf; whereas the twelve fragmentary reports, any one of which is liable to be misplaced or lost, and unprovided with an index until the last number has appeared, are in no respect different—except in scope and volume—from the abstracts usually contained in the current pharmaceutical journals.

Other incongruities might be pointed out and other objections brought forward, not the least of which is the fact that the Report on the Progress of Pharmacy, which has heretofore proven a most valuable asset for propaganda work, will lose its identity and usefulness unless we continue to present it in the concrete form to which the members of the Association have become accustomed, and to which they are entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

C. LEWIS DIEHL.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 15, 1912.

J. W. ENGLAND,  
Secretary of the Council.

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ALBERTS, M. LEE,  
From Gary, Ind.  
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NOAK, R. S.,  
From San Francisco, Cal.  
To National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks,  
Missouri.

COLE, EDW.,  
From Rizal, P. I.  
To Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio.

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