

Council. When a young chemist in a California university, Dr. Cottrell transferred to the Smithsonian Institution his patent for a successful process of curing the smoke evil, which made possible the collection of potash from the smoke-stacks of blast furnaces. The earnings from this patent have been used to further scientific research for the benefit of American science and industry. The Research Council handles and administers the funds.

Prof. *Émile Bourquelot* recently read to the Academy of Medicine a review of his twenty years' study of glucoside in plants. He has discovered (by his biochemical method in his own laboratory) fifteen new glucosides, all laevogyrate, which may be hydrolyzed by emulsine. Many of these glucosides are found in plants of widely different botanical species. Glucosides have thus been discovered and isolated in fifty-six species of plants. Of 281 phanerogams examined in his laboratory 205 have been found to contain glucosides. There are, therefore, still 149 of which the glucosides have to be isolated.

Dr. W. W. Keen Honor Guest at a Dinner.

The past, the present and the future were viewed and reviewed from the apex of eighty-four years of life by Dr. W. W. Keen at his

birthday party, January 20, at the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia. He said:

"Eight epoch-making medical events have transpired in my life. They are anesthesia; Pasteur's researches—the foundation of the new science of bacteriology; Pasteur's fundamental discoveries in immunology, or the science of specific prevention of disease; Pasteur's and Lister's researches resulting in anti-septic and aseptic surgery in obstetrics; the discovery that insects carry diseases; the discovery of radio-activity and, especially for medical use, the X-ray; the development of a medical literature written by American authors; the founding of the great laboratories of research.

His spirit is shown by the following:

"Mix merry laughter with earnest labor. Always have some as yet unfinished, but not too urgent job waiting outside your door. Then you will never know ennui. To 'kill time' is murder in the first degree.

"Ultimately, no doubt, I shall get out of your way, but do not overlook the fact of my maliciously good health and that a collateral forbear reached the mature age of one hundred and six."

More than five hundred guests were present and congratulations came from all parts of the world.

OBITUARY.

AUGUSTUS GEORGE SCHLOTTERBECK.

Augustus G. Schlotterbeck, for 60 years engaged in the drug business in Portland, Me., died January 3. He was the last charter member of the Maine Pharmaceutical Association, organized half a century ago. Born in Birstein, Germany, 77 years ago, he came to this country when 10 years of age, and had lived in Portland since 1865. He was known as the "father" of the local Masonic Temple, having taken an active part in financing the construction of the building.

Mr. Schlotterbeck joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1896. A sketch appeared in *THIS JOURNAL*, April 1917, p. 339.

CHARLES H. SCHMIDT.

We have notice of the death of Charles H. Schmidt, member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Hoboken, N. J., January 14. At this writing we have no data from which to prepare a sketch.

MRS. SIDNEY J. COFFEE.

We are advised of the death of Mrs. Sidney J. Coffee, Missoula, Mont. Besides her husband, one son and one daughter survive the deceased.

J. E. BARNABE.

J. E. Barnabe, president of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, 1919-1920, died at his home in Montreal, December 3. He was also a past president of the Quebec Pharmaceutical Association, and a member of the pharmaceutical examining board of that Province.

DR. HENRY A. BUMSTEAD.

Dr. Henry A. Bumstead, head of the National Research Council, died while en route from Chicago to Washington, Saturday, January 1. He was a noted physicist and was working out a great constructive program for the council. He had a laboratory at Yale University.

During the war Dr. Bumstead was an at-

taché of the American embassy at London and served as the channel through which this government communicated such technical secrets as were deemed proper for the Allies' governments to have.

WILLIAM H. OSBORN.

William H. Osborn, United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue from 1913 to 1917, died at his home at Greensboro, N. C., January 3. He was born February 21, 1856, at Oxford, N. C.

JOHN M. PARKER.

John M. Parker, connected for many years with Merck & Co., 45 Park Place, New York, died January 10.

Mr. Parker was born August 21, 1871, at Glencairn, Letterkenny, County Donegal, Ireland. He came to this country in 1887 and in December 1888 he joined the staff of Merck & Co., with whom he remained until his death. In 1893 Mr. Parker married Miss Minnie Morrison, who survives him.

JOSEPH G. ROSENGARTEN.

Joseph George Rosengarten, lawyer, writer, patron of literature, known for charitable works and public benefactions, trustee of the University of Pennsylvania for more than twenty years, died January 14.

He was eighty-five years of age and resided in Philadelphia all his life. His long career fol-

lowing his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, of which he was one of the oldest graduates, was filled with varied interests.

Because of the recognition which he gave in books and addresses to French influence and contributions to American interests, Mr. Rosengarten was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French Government.

He is survived by two brothers and a sister. They are Harry B. Rosengarten, head of the Powers-Weightman-Rosengarten Co., Frank H. Rosengarten, and Fanny Rosengarten. He was never married and made his home with his sister.

GUY THOMAS KETCHESON.

Guy Thomas Ketcheson, publisher of the *Pacific Drug Review* since 1904, died at his home in Portland on the morning of December 20, after an illness of about ten days. An affection of the heart, which for some time past had threatened serious complications, was the immediate cause of death. He was thirty-five years old.

Mr. Ketcheson was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, and when but a youth entered the field of drug trade journalism, serving his apprenticeship under H. R. Strong, of the *National Druggist*, of St. Louis. After purchasing the *Pacific Drug Review* he gave himself singly and wholeheartedly to the task of building up the publication, and was eminently successful in his endeavor.

SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

The seventy-third meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was held in Chicago, December 27 to January 1. The subject of the address of the retiring president, Dr. Simon Flexner, was "Twenty-five Years of Bacteriology." President L. O. Howard, chief of the Bureau of Entomology, presided; Prof. E. H. Moore, of the University of Chicago, is the president-elect. The next convention will be held in Toronto.

Among the resolutions adopted by the Council of the American Association are the following:

Be it Resolved, That the American Association for the Advancement of Science would welcome the organization of Mexican men of science, and their affiliation with this Association.

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to coöperate with such organization as Mexican men of science may form.

The suggestion is made by the Editor that similar action be considered by the American Pharmaceutical Association. It is true that an effort of this kind was made a number of years ago without any degree of success. There seems to be developing a closer relationship and a desire for coöperation. Only a very few would be interested, but the step might lead to the recognition of the U. S. Pharmacopoeia and National Formulary which, in the writer's opinion, is an important consideration.

THE NEW ORLEANS A. PH. A. MEETING.

A banquet was given in New Orleans by the Louisiana members of the American Pharmaceutical Association, January 27, at