

## OBITUARY.

## JOHN AUSTIN ROBERTS.

John A. Roberts died January 21st, 1924, of acute nephritis, at Baltimore, Maryland. He entered the drug business in 1895, receiving his early instruction in practical pharmacy under his uncle, J. C. Roberts, '85, who was his preceptor on entry at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1898. He was graduated with the 1903 class in Special Chemistry. He was a member of the Alumni Association of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and also of the American Pharmaceutical Association. During his collegiate term, he was engaged by Dr. A. W. Taylor at Beverly, New Jersey, where he continued to reside and remained in the drug business for many years. During the last three years he was a member of the technical staff of Sharp and Dohme. His versatility in drug lines was known to many physicians and druggists, while his character and geniality won him a host of friends who mourn his loss.

He was buried in the town of his birth at the Wilmington Brandywine Cemetery, after services by Rev. Dr. Bell, rector of Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware. Beverly Lodge No. 107, A. F. & A. M., of which he was Past Master, conducted the Masonic services. He is survived by a widow and one son.

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## GEORGE HOHMANN.

Dr. George Hohmann, member of the American Pharmaceutical Association since 1910, died at his home in New York City, February 25. He is an alumnus of the New York College of Pharmacy and soon after his graduation became an associate member of

the faculty of his Alma Mater. He studied medicine at Fordham Medical College and thereafter for a time was physician in Knickerbocker Hospital. He continued his interest in pharmacy and frequently attended the local as well as the State pharmaceutical associations. The deceased is survived by his widow.

## IN MEMORY OF EDGAR L. PATCH.

A sketch of the deceased appears in the March issue of the JOURNAL A. PH. A. The *Pharmaceutical Era* of March 22nd pays deserved tribute to Professor Patch in an editorial entitled "Cheers for the Living, Tears for the Dead"—the motto of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association. Dean Bradley writes that "the fine character of Professor Patch was appreciated by all who came in contact with him, and was strikingly shown in his family life. The place he held in the affections of his townspeople was shown by the great crowd which filled both the main auditorium and the chapel of the First Baptist Church at his funeral on Sunday, March 2."

The *Stoneham Independent* gave several columns to an account of his useful life and referred to him as one of Stoneham's loyal and beloved citizens.

"At the age of eighteen he was smitten with tuberculosis, but the determination to overcome obstacles which characterized his studious and business efforts won for him control over the disease, which carried away his father, three brothers and two sisters." The story of his success should encourage the young pharmacist who halts because of obstacles of minor significance compared with those of our lamented Ex-President Edgar L. Patch.

## SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

THE HEADQUARTERS CAMPAIGN IS  
AWAKENING PHARMACY TO A  
REALIZATION OF GREATER  
OPPORTUNITIES.

BY CHARLES H. LAWALL.

No person who has been a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association and attended its annual meetings during recent years, or kept in touch with its proceedings, is surprised at the volume of commendations of the Fund campaign which have poured in, in

response to the request for expressions of opinion. Members of other professions are amazed, however, and have voiced such amazement openly.

One of the permanent officers of a great national association with 15,000 members—an organization with offices in Washington, but which has no permanent headquarters or building of its own—expressed much amazement during a recent conference. "Do you mean to say," said he, "that the American Pharmaceutical Association can collect funds for a build-