

## OBITUARY.

## HENRY A. JORDEN.

Henry A. Jorden, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1902, died at his home in Bridgeton, N. J., March 10. He was formerly a member of the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy and also, for a time, its Secretary; for many years he was active in the State Association. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1868, and was engaged in business up to the time of his death: He held a wide acquaintance among pharmacists and was highly regarded in his home city. Mr. Jorden is survived by his widow,

PROFESSOR AUGUST VON  
WASSERMANN.

A Berlin dispatch, of March 18, states that the death of August von Wassermann removes the last of the four great scientists—Koch, Ehrlich, Behring and Wassermann—who established the leadership of Germany in the investigation and treatment of infectious diseases. No successor is at hand to take the place of the discoverer of the epoch-making Wassermann reaction, which entitled him to historical equality with Koch, who was the first to isolate the infectious protozoa of syphilis; Ehrlich, the inventor of salvarsan, and Behring, the finder of a diphtheria serum. It was the fate of the great researcher to die of a disease—organic kidney trouble—not yet touched by a gifted hand like his.

Though perhaps the most renowned of medical men in this decade, Dr. Wassermann never practiced medicine. His private fortune allowed him to dedicate his entire time to the laboratory.

Not very long before his death it was announced that he had determined a new blood test by which, it is hoped, cancer can be detected long in advance of present methods.

Professor Wassermann was director of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Experimental Therapy and professor of medicine at the University of Berlin. He was born in Hamburg in 1836. He studied medicine at Berlin, Strasbourg, Erlangen, Munich and elsewhere, becoming an assistant professor at the Koch Institute of the Charite, in Berlin, following the completion of his studies. He became an assistant professor of therapeutics in the University of Berlin in 1902, later being advanced to a full professorship in 1911.

In 1913 he was appointed director of the newly-founded Institute for Experimental Therapy in Berlin. It was in 1906, while an assistant professor in the University of Berlin, he made his discoveries which led to the universal blood test which bears his name.

In March, 1923, Dr. Wassermann announced the discovery of a method of determining the presence in the body of what he termed "latent active tuberculosis."

B. A. Parsons, sales manager of Parke, Davis & Company, died suddenly March 19, at his home in Detroit. Pneumonia complicated with pulmonary embolism caused his death.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Stimpson Parsons, a married son, Stuart O., living in Ohio, and a daughter, Helen M., attending the Liggett School. Mr. Parsons was 49 years old at the time of his death. He was born in Maple Valley, Michigan. Coming from the University of Michigan, he entered the employ of Parke, Davis & Company thirty years ago. Before being made sales manager two years ago, he held the position of manager of the Kansas City branch of Parke, Davis & Company. During his residence in Kansas City he was prominent in civic affairs, being at one time police commissioner and at another President of the Kansas City board of commerce.

## SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

A. PH. A. DRIVE FOR HEADQUARTERS  
IN NEW YORK CITY.

Retail pharmacists in Greater New York have an opportunity, during a three-month period which began on March 15, to contribute to the Headquarters' Building Fund of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. Pharmacists in the Greater City, to date, have not "gone over the top" in the matter of contribu-

tions to the fund and this special drive has been arranged to make it possible for them to do so.

Nathaniel Nicolai is directing the drive and, under his supervision, a corps of solicitors is calling upon retailers throughout the city. The committee appointed several months ago to collect funds in New York will continue to function under the direction of Chairman Robert R. Lampa and will cooperate with Mr.

Nicolai when the time comes to approach manufacturers, wholesalers and others who are interested in establishing a permanent headquarters for the A. P. H. A.

The project has the endorsement of practically every local, state and national pharmaceutical association in America and more than \$400,000 of the \$1,000,000 required to establish the headquarters has already been raised. It is confidently expected that the drive in New York will place the City in the hundred per cent class so far as its quota is concerned.

The campaign committee for New York includes Robert R. Lampa, Chairman; Nathaniel Nicolai, Director of the drive; Clyde L. Eddy, Treasurer; H. V. Arny, J. Leon Lascoff, H. B. Smith, Robert S. Lehman and S. S. Dworkin. From *Pharmaceutical Era*.

April 17 is Campaign Day throughout the United States—see editorial pages of this issue.

#### NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

A census of salesmen in the wholesale drug trade has been compiled by C. H. Waterbury, Secretary of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, and published by the association. The booklet lists the number of city, country, specialty and inside salesmen employed by each wholesale firm and enumerates the States covered regularly and part time.

A large size cloth-backed map, showing the points in which wholesale drug members are located also has been prepared. It shows not only the number and location of wholesale drug houses, the number of salesmen employed, but also gives the number of retail pharmacists in each state.

The Committee on Arrangements and Entertainment for the Fifty-first Regular Meeting of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich., during the week of October 4, 1925, is completing its organization.

#### AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

The spring meeting of the American Chemical Society was held April 6 to 10 at Baltimore, with most of the sessions at Johns Hopkins University and the Emerson Hotel. The programs of the general sessions and the divisional meetings offered a wide variety of subjects which were dealt with in papers and discussions by leaders in the various fields.

Papers of the Division of Chemistry of Medicinal Products follow: "Chemistry in the Field of Micro-Biology;" "Application of the Methods of Organic Chemistry to the Study of the Structure and Composition of Bacteria," by Dr. T. B. Johnson; "Chemical Aspect of the Therapeutic Action of Arsenicals," by Dr. Carl Voegtlin; "The Significance of the Selective Bacteriostatic Properties of the Aniline Dyes," by Dr. John W. Churchman; "The Significance of Hexylresorcinol and Its Homologues in Relation to the Problem of Internal Antisepsis," by Dr. Veader Leonard; "Bacterial Chemotherapy with Special Reference to Mercury Dyestuffs," by Dr. Geo. W. Raiziss.

#### CENTENARY OF JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE.

*The Democratic Press* of March 24, 1825, reported in a news item that "On the 8th inst. the Jefferson Medical College was opened in this city (Philadelphia) with a public address by one of the medical professors, B. Rush Rhees, M.D. The address having for its object the exposition of the plan of this newly established institution."

The "Philadelphia Evening Ledger" of recent date, said that "The school was founded by Dr. George McClellan, with a faculty of six, in 1825. It was at that time a constituent part of Jefferson College, which has since been changed to Washington and Jefferson University, Cannonsburg, Pa. Associated with Dr. McClellan in the early work of the college were Drs. John Eberle, Joseph Klapp, and Jacob Green."

The celebration will open on May 29th, during the week following the meeting of American Medical Association.

#### AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The American Medical Association meets in annual session in Atlantic City, May 25-29. The Pharmacopœia X, in its revision forms, will be on display at the convention, together with a more or less complete line of its materia medica, including pharmaceutical and chemical preparations.

The *Journal A. M. A.*, of March 28, is a comprehensive and interesting hospital number.

#### MINNESOTA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION VOTES FOR OFFICERS BY MAIL.

The names of the following nominees have been sent to members of Minnesota Pharma-

ceutical Association—one to be elected for each office—President, John B. Christgau, Owatonna; Emil T. Schmidt, Buffalo. First Vice-President, Paul H. Stucky, Waseca; Francis W. Moudry, Minneapolis. Second Vice-President, A. L. Malmö, Duluth; Albin C. Carlson, Willmar. Third Vice-President, Miss Jacobi Roes, St. Paul; Guy K. Wold, Austin. Secretary, Gustav Bachman, Minneapolis; L. E. Seiberlich, St. Paul. Treasurer, H. Martin Johnson, St. Paul; G. H. Countryman, Fergus Falls. Executive Committee, C. D. Johnson, Brainerd; Theo. A. Kustermann, Minneapolis.

**NEW JERSEY PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION COUNSELS ITS MEMBERS.**

*Mimeo 5-C*, New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, issued March 17, presents notices of the Board of Pharmacy to its members. Pharmacists are cautioned relative to proper keeping of spirit of nitrous ether and lime water, and are advised that the names of the registered pharmacists in pharmacies must be displayed so the same may be seen and easily read from the outside, and that the Poison Register must be properly kept and "poisons" labeled in accordance with the law.

**CINCINNATI COLLEGE WILL CELEBRATE ITS 75th ANNIVERSARY.**

Plans are being perfected for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy. Several days of commencement week will be given over to the celebration; the "reunion banquet" will be held June 2, in Hotel Gibson Roof Garden. More than 500 have signified their intention to be present. The Actuary, Prof. C. T. P. Fennel, enters his 40th year of membership in the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.**

The University of Illinois College of Pharmacy expects an appropriation from the Legislature of \$350,000 for a new pharmacy building.

The campaign for a new Student Y. M. C. A. building has been successful. This will add much to the west side medical center, and provides lodgings for students and extends gymnasium facilities.

**ST. LOUIS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.**

Students and faculty celebrated the 50th anniversary of Prof. Francis Hemm's graduation from St. Louis College of Pharmacy, which is also the 44th year of his connection

with the teaching staff—on March 30th. Engrossed resolutions were presented to him and also gifts in which members of the faculty and student body were represented.

A survey has been completed which has served in the preparation of the curriculum for the 3-year course. A physical survey also will be made of the retail drug stores, so as to determine how the College can best serve.

**THE THREE-YEAR CURRICULUM.**

Most of the pharmacy schools have completed preparations for the minimum 3-year course in pharmacy; a number have instituted such a course and a few have advanced beyond these requirements. Doubtless some changes will be necessary before uniformity is established and the plans work satisfactorily.

A schedule of hours and subjects (Adopted February 12) has been sent in by Dean Rudd of the Medical College of Virginia School of Pharmacy; to this will be added—training in the "College Practice Drug Store" and "Dispensing Laboratory Work;" sufficient time will be allowed each student during his course to become proficient in these subjects.

**Schedule of hours and subjects—Virginia School of Pharmacy 3-Year Course.**

Name of course	Hours per Week								Total Hours			
	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		L	Didac.	Lab.	Ttl.
<i>First year—</i>												
Biology, general	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	32	64	96	
Chemistry, general	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	72	96	168	
Chemistry, qual.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	48	72	
History of pharm.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	16	16	
Theory of pharmacy	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	48	64	112	
Mfg. pharmacy	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	16	112	
Mathematics, phar.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	64	64	64	
Latin, phar.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	16	16	
English	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	96	96	96	
Total	13	10	13	10	13	10	13	10	416	336	752	
<i>Second year—</i>												
Pharmacology	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	32	32	64	
Phar. botany	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	32	64	96	
Materia medica I.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	64	64	64	
Chemistry, quant.	2	6	2	6	2	6	2	6	16	48	64	
Chemistry, organic	2	3	2	3	3	4	3	4	72	80	152	
Mfg. pharmacy	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	64	64	128	
Disp. pharmacy	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	48	48	48	
Com'l pharmacy I.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	64	64	64	
Physics (heat, elec.)	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	48	64	112	
Total	13	14	14	10	14	10	14	10	440	352	792	
<i>Third year—</i>												
Pharmacognosy	1	2	4	2	1	2	1	2	32	64	96	
Pharmacology	1	1	1	1	3	4	3	4	48	64	112	
First aid	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	16	16	
Bacteriology	1	1	1	1	2	6	2	6	32	96	128	
Materia medica II.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	64	64	64	
Biochemistry	2	4	2	4	2	2	2	2	32	64	96	
Theoretical chem.	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	32	32	32	
Com'l pharmacy II. (Economics)	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	48	48	48	
Pharmacy	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	64	32	96	
Government and citizenship	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	32	32	32	
Total	13	6	13	6	12	14	12	14	400	320	720	

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PALESTINE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Jerusalem Branch of the Palestine Pharmaceutical Association was held February 3, at Bristol Garden. President Farid Haddad presided and gave an outline of the program.

Secretary Jacob Michlin presented a report of the activities of the Associations of the Conference of Palestine pharmacists in Jaffa; results of the interview with the Director of Health relative to poison regulations—simplification of the Poison Register. The Secretary also referred to various exhibits in pharmacies during Health Week; the establishment of a pharmaceutical journal, etc.

Treasurer M. Hausdorf made a report, and the two foregoing reports were discussed by Messrs. Koswinier, Carnapas, Oplatka, Barouch, and others.

A plan for a central establishment for the manufacture of galenical preparations was discussed and also a general price current on drugs and pharmaceuticals.

The Executive Committee for 1925 consists of Messrs. F. Haddad, M. Hausdorf, J. Michlin, E. Oplatka, I. Halaby, S. Carnapas, and A. Koswinier.

Following adjournment a reception was tendered Secretary Jacob Michlin and his fiancé by Mr. and Mrs. Anton Halaby at their home, to which the membership were invited.

#### PLANS TO REORGANIZE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

Plans are being considered for the reorganization of Johns Hopkins University by the abolition of the first two years of college work and devotion of the University entirely to graduate study and research.

The great reputation of Johns Hopkins University, and of Johns Hopkins Hospital, was largely won in the field of original research. The half-century committee is attempting to raise upwards of \$10,000,000 for the two institutions, and expects to expend large amounts of money annually to further research. The chairman of the committee having this in charge is Daniel Willard, and he has announced the first gift toward the special research fund, which was made through H. A. B. Dunning, a member of the half-century committee. The interest on this subscription is to be used for research in the departments of urology and pharmacology.

It is contended by some that there should be places where higher learning can be acquired, and such places cannot function successfully if they must also teach branches whose only object is to increase earning power. It remains to be seen whether the venture will be successful. It certainly will be if the endowment is sufficiently large. The greater number of institutions will, probably, always continue

their line of work as at present. There may be a suggestion in this, that there are possibilities for schools of pharmacy that devote their energies largely to the business side of pharmacy, and others that will make a specialty of research and preparing the students for clinical laboratory work and for the pharmaceutical manufacturing industries.

#### PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS TO MEET AT WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association will be held in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., the week of June 22nd, of this year. Headquarters will be at the Greenbrier Hotel. This meeting place is very accessible, being on the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.



Greenbrier Hotel.

A program of unusual interest is being arranged, including the annual golf tournament for the Monsanto Cup.

The following officers and directors were elected at the last Annual Meeting to serve in 1925:

*President*, J. H. Foy, Newark, N. J.; *Vice-President*, F. A. Mallett, Des Moines, Ia.; *Vice-President*, G. A. Kinsel, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; *Secretary-Treasurer*, R. R. Patch, Boston, Mass.; *Board of Directors*: C. N. Angst, C. H. Searle, C. D. Smith, G. C. Pratt, S. De Witt Clough, H. F. Snider, R. M. Cain, H. B. Johnson, R. L. McNeil.

#### THE AMERICAN PHARMACISTS' EUROPEAN TOUR.

Reference has been made in several issues of the JOURNAL to the tour of American pharmacists, who will visit Germany, Austria and Switzerland this summer, and indications point to a party of not less than 150. The program of the trip has been arranged, and among the

events scheduled is an address before the German Apothecaries' Association in Berlin, by Prof. Curt P. Wimmer of the New York College of Pharmacy. An invitation has been extended by the Wellcome Historical Museum to visit that institution in London, and it is

expected that quite a number of the party will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Inquiries relative to the tour can be addressed to Editor Hugo Kantrowitz, of the *Apotheker Zeitung*, 104 John Street, New York City, under whose auspices it has been planned.

## THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

### CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY IN LEGISLATION.

The last Congress enacted 632 public laws and 75 resolutions. Congressman Ramseyer, of Iowa, has reviewed the work of Congress during 136 years—more than 50,000 laws and resolutions have been passed, covering 48,000 pages in the statute books. Far more legislation has been enacted because legislative measures are frequently passed as riders to appropriation bills, and pension bills are often combined in one measure.

The number of the last House bill, in Pennsylvania, is 1649, but included in this are 289 Senate bills that take the House numerals when messaged from the Senate to the House. These facts are stated so that an idea may be had as to how much we must remember for—ignorance of the law excuses no one.

### STATE LEGISLATION.

A bill has been introduced to amend the pharmacy law of Arizona, exempting grocers and general dealers from its provisions. If passed, this would regulate pharmacists, who are qualified, but those *not qualified* would not be restricted. The present pharmacy and poison law would become a source of danger, if the amendment passes, but it is hardly probable that the Governor would sanction such legislation.

A Senate bill in Arkansas provides for registration of drug stores and pharmacies, and registered pharmacists must continuously be in charge.

In California, a judge held an employee liable—for *possession* of Jamaica Ginger (intoxicating beverage); the owner was absent and the judge's opinion did not hold that the employee had paid for the Jamaica Ginger any more than for any other items of the stock; the owner had expressly or impliedly authorized the employees to sell the Jamaica Ginger.

A bill of Delaware Legislature makes it unlawful and punishable by imprisonment up to one year and a fine up to \$500 for a person to

be found with any intoxicating liquor in his possession. The present State law allows a person to have one quart of liquor.

Idaho Legislature has passed a bill providing that two years' college training and two years' practical experience shall be required as a prerequisite to the registration of pharmacists. Another bill regulates the sale, giving away and transfer of denatured alcohol. A bill in Kansas Legislature delegates the appointing power of members of the Board of Pharmacy, without reference to the recommendations of the State Association.

A Massachusetts measure places the sale of all hair dyes under the supervision of the Department of Public Health.

Senator Horatio S. Karcher, a druggist and member of Michigan Legislature, has introduced an "ownership bill"—restricting ownership to pharmacists, whether in a company or corporation. Provision is made for the continuance of present corporations but no new companies can engage unless all conditions of the bill are met.

A bill of Missouri Legislature seeks to restrict the sale of *all* medicines containing coal-tar derivatives to registered pharmacists; a number of the foregoing are named, as acetanilid, aspirin, phenol, etc.

Governor Silzer (New Jersey), has signed Assembly Bill 54. The bill is an amendment to the present pharmacy law and under its provisions the requirements for candidates for assistant registration will be raised to include four years of high school and the completion of at least one year in a school of pharmacy recognized by the Board. The fee for registration as assistant pharmacist is raised to \$10 and hereafter each candidate appearing before the Board for either full registration or assistants' licenses will have to be either a citizen of the United States or have declared his intentions. Under the provision of the amendment candidates will have to pay an additional fee for re-examination and the war-time service clause of the Pharmacy Act is repealed. The amendment becomes effective in July of this year.