

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION RECEIVES BOTANICAL LIBRARY.

The botanical library of Captain John Donnell Smith of Baltimore, presented to the Smithsonian Institution twenty-two years ago has just been received by the Institution. The Library consists of 1600 volumes; from the same donor there are also 100,000 botanical specimens. The library is particularly rich in works describing tropical American plants.

Captain Smith is 97 years old and is said to be the oldest living Yale graduate, being a member of the class of 1847.

The House, on December 20th, passed a bill (Senate Bill 4153) providing for the re-location and enlargement of the Botanic Garden in the District of Columbia. The reason for the move is that the present location and the general plan of the garden ought to be changed to make it possible to complete the Meade Memorial and the landscape engineering connected therewith.

PHARMACY IN EUROPE.

After a four months' tour through Germany, Tyrol, Switzerland, Italy and Holland, Prof. Otto Raubenheimer of Brooklyn, N. Y., gives some of his experiences in the "Drug Edition" of the *New York American Merchandiser*. The article is divided into the following chapters: Pharmacies, Drug Stores, Colleges of Pharmacy, Working Hours, Standardization of Prices, Conditions in Pharmacy and Society for History of Pharmacy.

Pharmacies in most of Continental Europe are restricted, namely, one Apotheke to about 6000 inhabitants. They are under strict government control and in order to open a new apothecary shop the pharmacists must first obtain a concession from the authorities. The following points are taken into consideration: Need and location of the new pharmacy, age, nationality, fitness and financial responsibility of the applicant. Needless to mention, there is always a very long list of applicants and a pharmacist usually gets to be fifty years old before he obtains a concession for a new apothecary shop. German pharmacy has the prime object to supply medicines for the sick. No side-lines, no candy, cigars, soda water, lunch; no clam chowder!

Drug stores are more numerous, but are not allowed to sell poisonous articles nor compound prescriptions. Dr. Raubenheimer found in two instances, both in Bavaria, a pharmacy and drug store combined, but in separate

buildings, under the same ownership. He was also fortunate to thoroughly inspect an apotheke in his birthplace which was just ready to be opened. The owner was then trying out the distillation apparatus which is still one of the requisitions of a German pharmacy.

The formation of the Society for History of Pharmacy at Innsbruck, Tyrol, is also mentioned; to this attention was called in the December number of the JOURNAL.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

President Theodore J. Bradley, of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION visited the Association in Baltimore this month.

Mrs. John F. Hancock, widow of the late Dr. John F. Hancock, member for 60 years of the A. P. H. A., and one of its earlier presidents, celebrated her 85th birthday on January 13th. While not as active as she would like to be, and those near to her, she takes a lively interest in the events of the day.

Sympathy is expressed to Ex-President, Charles H. LaWall, because of the death of his mother.

A. W. Pauley, of St. Louis, visited the ASSOCIATION offices this month and talked over matters relating to the Diamond Anniversary meeting of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The New Jersey College of Pharmacy will become part of Rutgers University. Action looking forward to the merger has been taken by the Board of Trustees of the University.

Howard University School of Pharmacy and the University of Texas School of Pharmacy have been elected to membership in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Approximately a sum of one-half million dollars is being spent on new structures for the School of Pharmacy, University of Illinois. There are four buildings in the Pharmacy group; the building recently constructed has a frontage of 80 feet on South Wood Street.

The January *Druggists Circular* sketches two Presidents of State Pharmaceutical Associations—Joseph W. England, of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, and Joseph T. Mathis of the Mississippi Pharmaceutical Association.

Dr. George D. Rosengarten of Philadelphia, has succeeded Prof. James F. Norris as President of the American Chemical Society.

The firm of J. L. Lascoff and Son has installed a Library for the use of the physicians.

The room adjoins the dispensing department, is handsomely furnished and has a well-selected library of medical and pharmaceutical works of reference. Physicians are making considerable use of the reference library.

Eli Lilly & Co. celebrated their "Golden Jubilee" during the week of December 12th; the anniversary date is May 10th, however, in order to give representatives of the firm an opportunity to see the new manufacturing unit in operation, the celebration date was postponed. At the dinner given December 13th, nearly three hundred guests were assembled. At the farewell dinner Bishop Edwin Hughes of Chicago was the principal speaker.

Adolph Parentini was elected to fill the unexpired term, as *Secretary*, of the late Jeannot Hostmann of the Hudson County Pharmaceutical Association. In memory of Professor Hostmann the Association Scholarship has been named the Jeannot Hostmann Scholarship.

D. A. Schulte has bought the business of the Melba Manufacturing Co. The consideration is said to have been about two and one half millions.

Harry Skillman, manager of the advertising and publication department of Parke, Davis & Co., for 28 years has resigned. He will

take a vacation of several years which is to be spent largely in travel. Mr. Skillman is well known not only for his activities in the publication field but also for his participation in the annual meetings of the N. W. D. A.

George H. Needham, chemist and microscopist in the laboratories of E. R. Squibb & Sons, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society of London, in recognition of his work along microscopical lines.

Frank C. Starr, associated with the office of Sharp & Dohme, in New York, for the past ten years, has been elected General Sales Manager of that firm.

Walter C. Henderson, formerly Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey has been appointed Associate Chief of the Bureau.

Dr. Paul M. Giesy, until recently Director of the Brooklyn Research Laboratories of E. R. Squibb and Sons, is now engaged in consulting practice at 165 Broadway, New York, handling chemical and pharmaceutical work.

Samuel C. Henry, Secretary of the National Association of Retail Druggists has been elected Secretary of the U. S. Pharmacopœial Conventions to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. H. M. Whelpley.

OBITUARY.

SIR WILLIAM AUGUSTUS TILDEN.

The activities of pharmacists are often known only by their services in related or other fields of action than pharmacy. Dr. Tilden was pleased to have it known that the foundation for his later work was laid during the years of his apprenticeship and studies in the British Pharmaceutical Society's School of Pharmacy, where he was the first Senior Bell Scholar, in 1861, and demonstrator in the School from 1864-1872. In the latter year, he passed his "Major" examination, and also earned the D.Sc. (London) degree. He became a member of the faculty at Clifton College, Bristol, and gave up active connection with pharmacy but his association with and attachment for pharmacy, pharmacists and the School continued throughout life. In 1879 he delivered the Inaugural Sessional Address on the occasion of the opening of his old school. In concluding the address he said in part—"The old fashioned pharmacist represented in my memory by the late Henry Deane was a

man with a soul above business. . . . If you make your business the real occupation of your life, it will certainly yield you a harvest, not merely of internal satisfaction—a reward rich enough in itself—but tangible advantages such as commend themselves to the commercial mind are equally certain to accrue."

Dr. Tilden was born in London, August 15, 1842 and died at his home, The Oaks, Northwood, Middlesex, December 11, 1926. Leaving Clifton College in 1889, he accepted professorship of Chemistry and Metallurgy at Mason College, Birmingham, and in 1894 succeeded Sir Edward Thorpe in the Chair of Chemistry in Royal College of Science, South Kensington, retiring in 1909 as Emeritus Professor of the Imperial College of Technology. He was President of the Institute of Chemistry (1891-94) and of the Chemical Society (1903-5) (Great Britain), and was knighted in 1909. In the field of original research his most important work was done on the constitution of the terpenes which indicated the lines upon which