

**William G. Ungerer**, member of the A. Ph. A., has been created a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French Government. Senator Eugene Charabat came to New York to present the decoration.

**Prof. I. M. Kolthoff**, of the University of

Utrecht, Holland, has been appointed professor of analytical chemistry at the University of Minnesota. He replaces Professor Brinton, who recently resigned to do private work. Professor Kolthoff is an honorary member of the A. Ph. A.

## OBITUARY.

### JAMES VERNOR.

Less than two months ago the veteran member of the ASSOCIATION gave his place to one next in line and now he has departed. James Vernor, of Detroit, Mich., member of the A. Ph. A. since 1866, died at his home, aged 84 years. A sketch of the deceased will be found in the JOURNAL for July 1919, p. 529.

In 1861, Mr. Vernor entered the drug business with Higbee & Stearns; he enlisted, when the war between the States broke out,



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serving for two years as hospital steward. He was then promoted to the lieutenantancy and officiated in that capacity until the close of the war. As in all things, Mr. Vernor actively discharged his duties as soldier. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Stone River, and escaped; he was member of the Company that captured President Davis and owned a number of prized souvenirs of this period.

Soon after returning to Detroit he opened a drug store (1866) with Charles L'Hommedieu;

in 1896, he retired from the drug business to devote all of his time to the manufacture of Ginger Ale, a business which developed into a very large manufacturing establishment. The formula of his product was worked out by Mr. Vernor while he was in the retail business; the care of the pharmacist in the prescription department was carried to his manufacturing plant. Mr. Vernor was member of the Detroit City Council for about 25 years; for a period of intervening 10 years he remained out of the Council; he finally retired three years ago. Always fearless in standing for what he believed right, he passed through a number of turbulent periods. The *Detroit News* said of him, "He was the stormy petrel of the City's governing body, the 'grand old man' of its deliberations. He was in the front line trenches in all of its great battles." Mayor John W. Smith issued a statement to the Press in which he said: "I deeply regret to learn of the death of James Vernor. I knew him many years and I am only one of thousands of Detroiters who felt that they knew him intimately. His long public service and his kindly disposition endeared him to all of us and he was a figure whose place in Detroit will never be filled. My memory scarcely stretches back to the time when he did not bulk large in our life and it will seem strange to all of us now that James Vernor is no more."

Councilman William P. Bradley, in behalf of the council said: "The City of Detroit and the County of Wayne have sustained a great loss in the death of Mr. Vernor. He devoted the best part of his life to the service of the people of this community. He was the most genial man possible for a public official to have had relations with, and his extraordinary judgment in public problems made him of tremendous value as a concilman, and later for the splendid advice he was able to give in solving great problems."

Mr. Vernor was a member of Michigan's first Board of Pharmacy, and served for eight years. His last participation in the meetings

of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION was at the Detroit Convention. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Egbert Davis, and a son, James Vernor, Jr., both of Detroit.

He honored pharmacy and when he engaged in larger activities the care he gave to pharmacy was also transferred. Detroit has perpetuated his memory in naming a great thoroughfare "Vernor Highway" as a mark of gratitude for his services.

#### ALEXANDER WEIR SCOTT.

A. W. Scott, of Fort Collins, Colo., member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1906, died September 27th, after an illness of about five years. The deceased had been engaged in the drug business at Fort Collins for about forty years. He was President of the A. W. Scott Drug Co., which owns a pharmacy that is considered one of the finest in Colorado and employs more registered pharmacists than any other store of the State. Mr. Scott was member of several other business enterprises of his home city and deeply interested in the Colorado Agricultural College, the students of which looked upon him as a friend. He was a member of the

Colorado State Board of Pharmacy for sixteen years, 1895-1911, and during this time, at different periods, held the various offices of the Board; after his retirement from the Board, he became member of the State Board of Health. He was President of Colorado Pharmacal Association for the year 1902-1903.

Mr. Scott held the esteem of his fellows and the high regard of pharmacists throughout the State. The local press spoke of the deceased in highest terms and deplors the loss of a leading citizen of Fort Collins. He was sixty-five years of age.

Fred M. Odeana, for nearly forty years associated with Parke, Davis & Co., and who was a member of the small group of Detroiters who helped organize and build up the company, died October 20th at his home in Detroit. He retired in 1912, and had been in poor health for several years. Mr. Odeana was born in Atlanta, October 3, 1841. He served his pharmacy apprenticeship in Atlanta and, in 1878, went to Detroit and joined the sales force of Parke, Davis & Co. The funeral was attended by employees of his old firm.

### SOCIETIES AND COLLEGES.

#### THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW YORK PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE.

The 3rd annual conference of the New York Pharmaceutical Conference will be held November 30th and December 1st. Henry B. Smith is the President, Peter Diamond is Chairman of the Trade and Public Welfare Committee.

#### NATIONAL DRUG TRADE CONFERENCE.

Arrangements for the annual meeting during the first week of December of the National Drug Trade Conference were made at a meeting of its executive committee. The meeting will be held in Washington, December 9th. Discussions at the meeting of the executive committee included questions relative to legislation and administration which will be brought before the annual meeting.

#### OFFICERS OF UNITED MEDICINE MANUFACTURERS.

President, H. E. Woodward, Binghamton, N. Y.; Eastern Vice-President, Andrew H. Gerndt, New York City; Central Vice-Presi-

dent, Charles F. Keller, Mechanicsburg, O.; Southern Vice-President, W. H. Willson, Atlanta, Ga.; Western Vice-President, Frederick Beutel, Los Angeles, Cal.; Treasurer, George W. Reese, Cleveland, O.; Secretary, James F. Pickett, Washington, D. C.; Counsel, Clinton Robb, Washington, D. C.

#### ARIZONA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION AT NOGALES, OCTOBER 18th AND 19th.

President C. W. Johnson, of the A. Ph. A., visited Arizona and Idaho Associations and added interest to the successful meetings. Delegate Arthur G. Hulett rendered an account of his visit to the St. Louis Convention and spoke of the resolutions which had been passed and of interest to Arizona pharmacists. President Stults reviewed the activities of the Association. President Johnson outlined pharmaceutical history of this country and spoke of the large part the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION had in the progress of pharmacy. Secretary Hulett in making his report referred to the address of Dr. Beal. It is most informative for those who were not informed anent the work of the