

OBITUARIES.

WILLIAM PEARCE THOMASON.

William Pearce Thomason, member of the Alabama Board of Pharmacy since 1909, died in his home at Guntersville on November 4, 1928. His personality and faithful and efficient service endeared him to the other members of the board, and his passing will long be mourned.

He was born in Summit, Ala., June 25, 1876. His father was Dr. W. L. Thomason, who practiced medicine and owned a drug store. In 1883, he moved to Guntersville where, after the death of the father in 1897, the son took over the business. In 1911, Mr. Thomason was elected president of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association and has remained in the pharmaceutical limelight in Alabama ever since.

His health had been failing since the fall of 1927, the cause being given as heart trouble and high blood pressure. For the past few months, he was confined to his bed most of the time.

The funeral, with Masonic honors, was held at Guntersville on November 7, all the members of the Alabama Board being in attendance.

CHARLES S. KOON.

Word reaches us that Charles S. Koon, former member of the Michigan Board of Pharmacy and prominent in the N. A. B. P. during his incumbency, died after a short illness in his home in Muskegon. Further details are not available as this is being written. Those who attended the Detroit convention in August 1914, will still remember his splendid address of welcome. The N. A. B. P. extends sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

CULLED FROM MANY SOURCES.

We have been having lots of company lately at the N. A. B. P. office. Russell B. Rothrock, secretary of the Indiana Board, stopped in recently. Walter H. Cousins of Texas and Dr. Robert P. Fischelis of New Jersey were in town for the N. A. R. D. executive committee meeting in November and Secretary Christensen had very enjoyable visits with them.

The Indiana Board should be complimented for its efficient check-up on violations of the Harrison Narcotic Act, having recently brought three offenders, two physicians and a druggist of Evansville, before the Federal District Court. A prominent local physician was sentenced to serve one year and a day in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth plus a fine of \$300 and costs. The court ignored the plea of the druggist, who had been established in business in Evansville for 20 years, that he had prescriptions from reputable physicians to cover narcotics sold, and he was given the same sentence. Another physician, well past 60 and feeble, received more lenient treatment by the court and was only fined \$300 and costs. The board of pharmacy will undoubtedly revoke the pharmacists' license at its December meeting.

While these sentences and the resultant ruin of the reputation of professional men who have stood well in their community for many years may seem somewhat drastic punishment, yet it is the only way by which respect for the law can be maintained. A law that is put on the statutes and then disregarded brings about a worse condition than no law at all.

The Chairman of our Executive Committee, M. N. Ford of Ohio, enjoyed a hunting trip during November. He omitted telling us what luck he had—now what does that indicate?

The nineteenth annual report of the Missouri Board of Pharmacy has been received during the month. It matches its predecessors in style and appearance, having a substantial and good-looking brown board cover. It is a comprehensive volume, containing much of historical value and information—pictures of the board members, annual financial report, complete minutes,

alphabetical lists of registered and assistant pharmacists with addresses, delinquent lists and the pharmacy law. Secretary Riske is to be complimented on this good piece of work.

P. H. Klinkenberg, member of the Kansas Board of Pharmacy, has sold his pharmacy at Ottawa, Kans., to the Crown Drug Co., a retail chain with headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

John Culley was director and interlocutor of a minstrel show given by the Ogden, Utah, B. P. O. Elks lodge on October 31st. Remember the N. A. B. P. banquet which John planned in Portland? Judging from past performance, we would say without seeing it that the minstrel show was a big success.

The Detroit Retail Druggists' Association reports that J. Edward Richardson and Clare F. Allan of the Michigan Board of Pharmacy are conducting a real clean-up campaign in Detroit. These two members meet every Thursday afternoon and conduct courts of inquiry. All violators rounded up in the previous week are required to appear before them. Within five weeks, it is reported that they have passed on 175 cases; in the more serious offenses, warrants are issued forthwith. Ten or twelve illegal stores have been put out of business.

John Weeks Earnshaw, grandson of John W. Weeks, president of the Texas Board, won first prize at a baby show conducted at the Ballinger Fair recently, competing against 200 other babies. The other board members report considerable increase in chest expansion for Grandfather Weeks.

STATE BOARD NEWS.

Alabama.—Governor Graves has reappointed Hal E. Duncan of Birmingham a member of the board of pharmacy to succeed himself, and J. T. Dumas of Foley to succeed W. P. Thomason deceased.

Arizona.—The fiftieth semi-annual meeting of the board of pharmacy was held Nov. 12th to 14th, inclusive, at the State House in Phoenix. Forty-three took examination, and twenty-one applied for reciprocal registration through the N. A. B. P. In this connection Secretary Hulett writes:

"Our applications under N. A. B. P. reciprocal rules are increasing and the applicants all seem to be persons of good high standing. We consider this type of applicant as good as any, if not the best."

Conditions in pharmacy are good in Arizona, there being few violations and the welfare of the public is being protected. An amendment of the law pertaining to the sale of drugs will be asked at the 1929 legislative session.

District of Columbia.—Secretary Kerfoot sends out the following notice:

"Under the law of the District of Columbia to regulate the practice of pharmacy and the sale of poisons for other purposes, enacted by Congress, May 7, 1906, and amended February 27, 1907, and March 4, 1927, every licensed pharmacist and every licensed dealer in poisons who has been so licensed in the District of Columbia for not less than three years prior to the first day of November 1928, is, under Section 7 of the act, required to make application to the board of pharmacy for re-registration during the month of November 1928. Failure to comply will result in the suspension of license. The fee for licensed pharmacist is \$3.00, for licensed dealer fifty cents."

Georgia.—W. T. Edmunds of Augusta has been appointed a member of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy to succeed M. D. Hodges of Marietta. The following officers were recently elected: *President*, Jesse Mitchell; *Vice-President*, L. C. Waldrop; *Secretary*, J. B. Pendergrast.

Reciprocal registration was granted in November to J. Hines Peacock of Texas.

Kansas.—Secretary King reports that plans are being made to introduce the model law in the legislature this winter and that most of the druggists in the state will support the measure.

An examination was held on November 14th and 15th—total of 65 being present, 28 for full registration and 37 for assistant registration. The results were not available at the time this goes forward.

Michigan.—Reciprocal registration was recently granted to Cleanthis C. Evangelidis, of Georgia, and James H. Force, of Tennessee.

New Jersey.—Results of the practical pharmacy examination conducted by the board of pharmacy during the month of October are announced as follows:

A total of 109 candidates took the practical examination for the registered pharmacist certificate. Eighteen of those who passed had previously completed the written examinations successfully and were therefore granted certificates of registration. Sixteen of those who passed have not as yet completed the written work successfully but will have an opportunity to do so in January. Seventy-five failed to make a passing mark in the practical examination.

A total of 50 candidates took the practical examination for the assistant pharmacist certificate. Eight of those who passed had previously completed the written examination successfully and were therefore granted certificates of registration. Four of those who passed have not as yet completed the written work successfully and will have an opportunity to do so in January. Thirty-eight failed to make a passing mark in the practical examination.

The next examinations in the written work will be held on January 17, 1929, for the registered pharmacist certificate and on January 18, 1929, for the assistant pharmacist certificate. Applications must be completed and on file in the office of the secretary by January 2, 1929.

North Dakota.—E. P. Martin of Hazen is the new member of the board, appointed to succeed O. B. Sjurseth. There is still a vacancy on the board, no one having as yet been appointed to succeed Burt Finney.

Reciprocal registration was extended to the following on November 14:th Olaus F. Olson of Iowa; John L. Walker, Charles J. Hohn and Joseph Hlavac, all of Minnesota.

Ohio.—Forty-six of the ninety-nine candidates taking the October examination were successful in passing. Eight out of the fifteen assistant candidates also passed.

Reciprocal registration was granted to Harold J. Emptage of Maryland.

The highest grade made in the pharmacist examination was 93 per cent, by Isadore Thall of Columbus, and the high grade in the assistant examination was 90 per cent by Sam Lebson of Cleveland. Both are graduates of the College of Pharmacy of Ohio State University.

The board reorganized by electing the following officers, to be effective January 1, 1929: *President*, Charles Ehlers; *Vice-President*, Ralph C. Knisely; *Secretary*, M. N. Ford.

The next examination will be held in Columbus January 15th and 16th, 1929.

Pennsylvania.—Press reports state that the ownership law was declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court. Assenting opinions, however, were voiced by Justice Holmes and Justice Brandeis.

A special meeting of the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical Association was held at Harrisburg, Thursday, November 22nd, for the purpose of discussing new legislation to take the place of the law declared unconstitutional. More than two hundred pharmacists were in attendance.

The results of the October board examinations are as follows: 88 out of 163 taking the pharmacist examination were successful; 49 out of 133 taking the assistant examination were successful.

Virginia.—An examination was conducted by the board of pharmacy on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 13th and 14th, at the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond. There were fewer than twenty-five applicants, mostly for the assistant certificate. Results will be published later.

Reciprocal registration was granted on November 16 to the following: Walter W. Parker, Jr., from North Carolina, Chilton B. Kirchmier from Louisiana; Upshur K. Henderson, Jr., from Maryland.

MALPIGHI TERCENTENARY.

The 300th anniversary of the birth of Marcello Malpighi, founder of microscopic anatomy, was celebrated, November 14th, by the University of California, Santa Clara University and Stanford University and members of the California Medical Association at Hotel Fairmont, San Francisco. Malpighi was member of faculties at Bologna, Pisa and Messina. He was born March 10, 1628, and died November 29, 1694.