

Ralph Clifton Smith, acting director of the American Association of Museums has said that data regarding museums should be made available, which would permit of the fullest utilization of the vast stores of material and at the same time assist those engaged in museum work to study the relations of individual institutions to museums as a whole. He said in part:

"A mass of material concerning every museum should be brought together and arranged in such a manner that the field could be viewed from a great variety of angles in an expeditious manner. No single museum would be justified in undertaking a work of this sort, yet every institution would doubtless be willing to coöperate. Its publication by a central agency, such as the American Association of Museums, would be feasible, and the demand for such a book promises to be sufficient to warrant the undertaking.

"The increase in the number as well as the size of American museums has made a knowledge of their collections far beyond the capacity of even a large group of persons. While a specialist in a single field may be informed regarding the location of all important material appertaining to his branch of science or art, it is often difficult to get into immediate communication with such a person, and many would be required in order to cover the entire field of modern museum effort. The value of summarizing the information possessed by those best qualified to interpret museums becomes apparent when we consider the advantages of using the material not of one museum but perhaps of a dozen or more.

"Very few museums have series of objects in any category which are not supplemented and amplified by the possessions of other institutions. The immediate knowledge of the whereabouts of all important accumulations covering a certain subject may be of inestimable value to an investigator. A published survey of the sort suggested would obviate in many cases the necessity for hurried and often cursory inquiries among a few museums selected more or less at random. Advantages would accrue not only to the public but museums would find themselves benefiting from the increased interest in and use of their collections.

"When museums as a group have available exact information as to their status with relation to the political divisions of the country, to population and to each other, more efficient administrative methods will be possible and

certain duplications of effort will be revealed. Perhaps no greater need for information regarding the distribution, kinds of museums and means of support is felt than by the organizers of proposed institutions or the directors of small existing museums. With many duties of a highly diversified character often imposed upon a single person in the capacity of director, the need for tabloid information is keenly felt."

DRUGGISTS' RESEARCH BUREAU ESTABLISHES MAILING LIST.

The directing committee of the Druggists' Research Bureau, A. Kiefer Mayer, chairman, has voted to establish a direct mailing list for members, either retail druggists or others, who contribute \$2 a year for the expense of making addressograph name stencils and the expense of mailing, and that the bureau, at least once a month, mail some data of interest to those on this special mailing list.

The Bureau, however, will continue to mail free of charge its publications to drug trade journals, college deans and teachers of commercial pharmacy, association officers, manufacturers, wholesalers and their salesmen, and other individuals who are assisting in the work of the Bureau.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The scientific library of the late William A. Hall, of Detroit, has been given to the College of Pharmacy of the College of the City of Detroit. The library consists of books and original scientific papers, including many of historical interest. A section of the Pharmacy Library of the College has been reserved for the collection.

John M. Danneker, formerly instructor in Chemistry in the Pharmacy Department of Tulane University, was recently appointed City Chemist at New Orleans.

William L. Cliffe has been appointed director of the Philadelphia Wholesale Drug Company to fill the unexpired term of A. R. Hesske, who died on September 10th.

Dr. F. G. Banting, of the University of Toronto, gave the Cameron lecture at the University of Edinburgh on October 30th, giving an historical account of the researches that led to the discovery of insulin.

Dr. Torald Sollmann, professor of pharmacology at Western Reserve University, has

been appointed dean of the School of Medicine. Dr. Sollmann is well and favorably known to pharmacists and the announcement is pleasing.

Eli Lilly has given \$1000 to New York University for the 1928-1929 Eli Lilly Scientific Research Fellowship, for a study of metabolism under the direction of Prof. Wyckoff and Drs. DuBois and Helmuth.

M. Georges Vacasseur, the new president of the General Association of French Pharmacists, has been nominated Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. He is Mayor of Sanvic, the little Norman town where he has a pharmacy.

The Surgeon-General, in reply to a letter of Chairman A. L. I. Winn, has informed the latter that there are no graduate pharmacists holding commissions as officers in the U. S. Army and now engaged in pharmaceutical dispensing in the military hospitals.

Edward Francis, of the United States Public Health Service, who isolated the tularaemia germ has been stricken with undulant fever. The fever was contracted in the laboratory while conducting further studies at the Hygienic Laboratory investigating the cause of the disease and cure in human subjects.

Representative R. L. Reeder from San Antonio will present a revised pharmacy law to the next session of the Texas Legislature for enactment, and he is asking the support of citizens for his measure. The bill would prevent the name "drug store" being used when a registered pharmacist is not in charge.

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine is to have another laboratory building. It will be a five-story building, of which Dr. John J. Abel will occupy the third floor; the two upper floors will be assigned to the department of physiologic chemistry.

Frank Oscar Cole, of Jersey City, N. J., a veteran in pharmacy, was presented with a leather armchair by Gov. A. Harry Moore of New Jersey. The gift was provided by the Hudson County Retail Druggists' Association and the presentation ceremonies took place at Hotel Plaza, Jersey City, on November 21st, at which time more than two hundred members of New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association and their friends were present. Dean Ernest Little spoke on the "Need of Pharmacy To-Day" and pointed to Mr. Cole as an exemplary of the type of men wanted in pharmacy. Governor Moore spoke of the impress of Mr. Cole, declaring that his activities as

soldier, legislator and leader in his profession made him an inspiration to others.

Mr. Cole is in his 83rd year; he entered the drug business sixty years ago and retired in 1921.

Edwin G. Boring, son of our late fellow-member, Edwin McC. Boring, of Philadelphia, is President of the American Psychological Association. President Boring is a member of the Harvard Faculty.

A pharmacist, writing to a member and commenting on a contributed article says: "It appears to me that each and every pharmacist should belong to such a body of men as the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION apparently is, an association that publishes information of this type and character. Therefore, if you will be kind enough to include in your reply the *modus operandi* I will take steps at once to have my name enrolled if such a procedure is possible. The letter pleases us and, therefore, this reprint of part of the communication, which was mailed to us without comment.

Members will be pleased to learn that Senator-Elect Thomas Connally, of Texas, is a cousin and friend of Walter H. Cousins, Editor of the *Southern Pharmaceutical Journal*. The relationship presents a point of contact for worthy propositions; too often this has been lacking in the promotion of important legislation, which has not been understood, or misunderstood.

Mr. Justice Holmes, in his opinion on the Pennsylvania Ownership Law, stated the following fact,¹ among others: "a standing criticism of the use of corporations in business is that it causes such business to be owned by people who do not know anything about it. Argument has not been supposed to be necessary in order to show that the divorce between the power of control and knowledge is an evil." "The selling of drugs and poisons calls for knowledge in a high degree." A licensed pharmacist "would be more likely to observe the business with an intelligent eye than a casual investor who looked only to the standing of the stock in the market."

Commissioner Abram F. Meyers has been named chairman of the Federal Trade Commission; he will assume office December 1st and will succeed Commissioner William E. Humphrey, who has served as chairman one year. Mr. Myers was elected in accordance

¹ The quoted words.

with the commission rule providing that the five members serve in rotation as chairman for one year.

A Research Division has been established at the N. W. D. A. Headquarters, under the direction of H. J. Ostlund of the School of Business, University of Minnesota. He will be located in the New York office of the N. W. D. A. after January 1st. He has had large experience in work of this kind and several years ago made a study of the financial statements of about 600 drug stores. He has also done constructive work in originating and preparing a budget system for retail druggists in building up a successful business and also

in various other fields of industry. Professor Ostlund has just completed work for the Ph.D. degree at the school of business of the University of Chicago.

The Hoffmann-LaRoche Chemical Company has broken ground at Nutley, N. J., for its new scientific and office buildings, including laboratories. It is expected that the buildings will be completed by May 1st. The formalities of breaking ground were participated in by Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffmann, widow of the founder of the company, and Dr. Emil Barell, the president of the American company and director of the LaRoche activities in Europe.

OBITUARY.

GUS C. KENDALL.

Gus C. Kendall, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1913, died at his home in Meridian, Miss., November 2nd, aged sixty years. Mr. Kendall was born in Attala, Miss., the son of Dr. William T. and Sarah Wyse Kendall. He came to Meridian as a young man and established a drug business in which he continued until his death.

The tributes paid the deceased express the high esteem in which he was held by the community in which Mr. Kendall had resided for many years. All business and social organizations of Meridian were represented at the funeral services. We quote a tribute, from one of many, in the local press.

"In a growing community he was one of the moving spirits of progress. During his entire residence in Meridian there was never a time when a civic problem was up for consideration that he did not have and promote a conviction, a conviction born of cautious consideration and mature judgment. The wise counsel of this good man has aided in solving many of these problems and we have heard many say that Gus Kendall always was on the side of that which was good and for which good men stood. He was not one who aspired to leadership, but preferred modestly to work in the ranks giving unstintingly of his time and strength. Not a captain, but an armor bearer, dependable at all times."

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall (nee Watts) were married in 1893. The widow, a son, Sam W., and a daughter, Mrs. Sadie Kendall Knight, survive the deceased. We are indebted to

Mr. Knight for data for this notice and desire to express sympathy to the bereaved family.

WILLIAM PEARCE THOMASON.

We are advised of the death of William P. Thomason, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1910. A sketch of the deceased will be found in the Department of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy of this issue. Mr. Thomason attended a number of the annual meetings of the A. PH. A. He was an active supporter of pharmaceutical associations and deeply interested in whatever advanced pharmacy and the drug business.

CHARLES S. KOON.

We are also advised of the passing of Charles S. Koon, of Muskegon, Mich.; in the absence of more extended information further report will have to be deferred. A brief notice is given in the Department N. A. B. P. Mr. Koon became a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1915.

HENRY ELLIOTT HOLMES.

Brief mention was made in the November number of the JOURNAL OF THE A. PH. A. of the passing of Henry Elliott Holmes of Seattle, a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1880. He was a native of Wisconsin, and Palmyra his birth-place; here he lived until 1873 when he settled in Walla Walla, Washington. In 1877 he was member of a company of volunteers who joined General O. O. Howard in his Indian campaign in the Nez Perce country. In 1888