

OBITUARY.

JOHN H. COLEMAN.

John H. Coleman, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, and for a number of years associated with Roeber & Kuebler, Newark, N. J., as laboratory pharmacist, died on August 6th.

The deceased was born at Ironia, N. J., August 21, 1854. He received his earlier education at Mendham, N. J., and, later, studied medicine at Bellevue Medical College, but illness prevented the completion of his medical studies. Several years later he became associated with Dr. Mercer, of Newark, as pharmacist, and, in 1885, engaged in the drug business on his own account. Poor health caused him to retire in 1906, but, in 1919, he reëngaged in pharmacy as laboratory pharmacist in the wholesale and manufacturing house above mentioned.

Mr. Coleman was known for his quiet and sincere enthusiasm for his profession. He is survived by his widow.

ARISTIDES AGRAMONTE.

Aristides Agramonte, for thirty years professor of bacteriology and experimental pathology at the University of Havana Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, died in New Orleans, August 18th, of heart disease and bronchitis, aged 63. Dr. Agramonte was born in Cuba in 1868. His family emigrated to New York, where he attended the public schools and graduated from New York University, in 1886, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in 1892. He entered the medical corps of the U. S. Army in 1898, and, in 1900, along with Walter Reed, James Carroll and Jesse Lazear, was appointed a member of the U. S. Army board investigation of the cause of yellow fever, which board eventually proved for the first time that yellow fever was transmitted to man by the bite of the mosquito *Stegomyia fasciata*. Dr. Agramonte's chief part in this investigation was to perform the necropsies and the gross pathologic work, and for this the United States Congress, in 1929, granted him a Congressional Medal and a pension. Recently Dr. Agramonte was called to New Orleans to

organize a department of tropical diseases in the new medical school of Louisiana State University.

WALTER E. DIXON.

Walter Ernest Dixon, M.A. (*Honoris Causa*), Cantab., M. D., F. R. S. honorary member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain since 1911, and member of the Editorial Committee of the *Quarterly Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology*, died August 16th. He was past-president (therapeutics) of the Royal Society of Medicine and the British Medical Association, and past-president (physiology) of the British Association. During the War he served in the Royal Navy, and was a member of the Government Committees on food preservatives, drug addiction and ethyl petrol, and also on the League of Nations Expert Committee on drug addiction. He was the author of a standard "Manual of Pharmacology," now in its sixth edition, of a treatise on "Practical Pharmacology," and of monographs on pharmacological subjects in Clifford Allbutt's monumental work on "Medicine;" in Hale White's "Pharmacology;" Langdon Brown's "Pharmacology;" Hefter's "Pharmacology," and other publications, notably "The British Pharmaceutical Codex," to the three editions of which he contributed or revised the text of the "Action and Uses," sections of the monographs on drugs, for which he did an immense amount of work.

In the London *Times* of August 18th, memorial tributes appeared from Sir Humphrey Rolleston and Dr. Alfred Cox, medical secretary of the British Medical Association. Having referred to some of Dixon's more notable services to pharmacology, Sir Humphrey Rolleston adds: "As a remarkably attractive lecturer, and especially as an inspiration to those undertaking original investigation, he built up a school of pharmacology at Cambridge and set an example of high ideals in this service." Dr. Cox writes: "There must be few men who have so successfully combined scientific scepticism with the enthusiasm, friendliness, and joyousness which characterized all he did."—Abstracted from the *Journal & Pharmacist*.