

OBITUARY.

BARNETT MILLER.

Barnett Miller, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, died January 3rd, aged 61 years, of pulmonary embolism, following an automobile accident.

Mr. Miller was born in Russia, September 22, 1872. He graduated from Brooklyn College of Pharmacy in 1902; won the Junior Medal in 1902, the Brundage Medal in 1903, the post-graduate Gold Medal in 1906, and earned the Phar.D. degree.

Mr. Miller engaged in the drug business on his own account at 53rd St. & Third Ave., and was secretary of Ormant Drug & Chemical Company at the time of his death. He was financial secretary of New York Retail Druggists' Association for about 14 years, served as its treasurer for 2 years and for one year as its president. He was a member of New York Pharmaceutical Association, New York Apothecaries' Association, Drug and Chemical Square Club, and held important offices in other drug and pharmaceutical organizations.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Masonic bodies, under whose auspices the funeral services were held.

The deceased is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

H. W. Eddy, Attorney, in fact for the Casualty Indemnity Exchange and the Druggists' Indemnity Exchange, St. Louis, died January 6th.

OTTO WIDMANN.

Otto Widmann, outstanding Missouri ornithologist, died at his home in St. Louis, November 26th, aged 92 years. He was the son of a German naturalist and came to the United States as a young man; he engaged as a drug clerk and later, for many years was proprietor of a St. Louis pharmacy. For about sixty years he carried on the studies which have made him known throughout the world; his writings became textbooks and many naturalists followed in his footsteps. It is said he knew birds as few persons know them; he was the first student, in his section, to welcome the return of his feathered friends and the last to bid them goodby. He retired from the drug business about 30 years ago, so that he could devote all of his time to studies.

L. C. BRENNER.

Just before closing forms for the January JOURNAL we are advised by Walter D. Adams of the death of L. C. Brenner of Gonzales, Tex., president of Texas Pharmaceutical Association, 1932-1933. Further notice will be made in the February JOURNAL.

DR. KEIZO IKEGUCHI.

Dr. Keizo Ikeguchi died at his home on December 1st. He was a member of the Commission on Japanese Pharmacopœia, president of the Japanese Hygienic Chemical Society and president of Tokyo College of Pharmacy. He was a graduate of Tokyo Imperial University and associated with every movement for the advancement of pharmacy in Japan.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

WHERE IS THE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF CODES?

Frank S. Pollak, Counsel, states that the final responsibility rests with NRA. A code, when once approved by the President, becomes a law of the United States, and it is the duty of the Government to see that it is carried out. NRA will therefore supervise code administration by code authorities but it is the aim of NRA to help industry develop its own agencies of self-government and to give to the Code Authority in each industry as much responsibility as it is able to take in the administration of its code.

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER SEEKS TO PROTECT THE SMALL DEALER.

President Roosevelt has issued an executive order intended to protect the small business man against monopolies in conforming with the requirements of the codes under the national recovery act. To eliminate discrimination against small enterprises, the President's order makes it possible for complainants operating under the codes to go before the Federal Trade Commission or to the Department of Justice for redress.

Under such a method grievances can be adequately aired and settled by disinterested governmental agencies, in accordance with the

principles set forth in the recovery legislation. According to the President's order, the Federal Trade Commission, in handling such complaints, will follow the procedure set forth in its organic act. In the event the nature of the complaint is such as to be beyond the jurisdiction of the Federal Trade Commission, the President's order makes it possible for the complainant to take his grievance to the Justice Department.

DRUG CONFERENCE BILL IN SENATE.

The National Drug Trade Conference Bill to amend the present food and drugs act was introduced in the senate by Senator H. D. Stephens of Mississippi.

The bill is the same as that introduced in the house by Representative Loring Black. It bears the number S. 2355, and was introduced by the Senator "by request." Senator Stephens is chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, which also has before it the revised Tugwell food and drug bill sponsored by Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York.

The special committee of the conference, appointed at the last annual meeting to promote reasonable revision of the food and drugs act, met in Washington January 24th, to discuss the various bills offered for such revision.

LEGALITY OF RETAIL AUCTIONING OF DRUGS QUESTIONED.

Assistant Attorney General G. C. A. Anderson holds that retail auctioning of drugs and drug preparations cannot be held outside of a pharmacy under the pharmacy and drug laws of Maryland. In his opinion:

"The pharmacy and drug laws of this state contain various provisions regulating pharmacies, many of which are for the protection of the public against indiscriminate sale of poisonous drugs or harmful medicines. None of these provisions is complied with or even remotely fulfilled in a sale of this character.

"Therefore, it is my opinion that the auction sale of drugs, as outlined, cannot be held under the pharmacy and drug laws of this state."

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Illustrierter Apotheker Kalender 1934—*Illustrierter Apotheker Kalender 1934*, prepared by DR. FRITZ FERCHL, Mittenwald, Germany, price 75¢.

This annual publication is always welcome. This issue is the ninth, and is full of historical material, beautifully illustrated. Quite a number of drug jars of various periods are shown; on one page prescriptions of the father of the poet Schiller are reproduced. Quite a number of old apothecary shops are among the illustrations, and apparatus of the eighteenth century. Then follow pictures of pharmacies in which the religious thought enters. There are also quite a number of mortars of various periods. A picture of the old E. Merck pharmacy—The Engel Apotheke. Throughout the *Kalender* will be found much interesting historical information. Those who have had an earlier copy of this *Kalender* will, no doubt, desire the one for 1934.

The Medicinal and Poisonous Plants of Southern Africa. By JOHN MITCHELL WATT, M.B., Ch.B., professor of Pharmacology in the University of Witwaterstrand, Johannesburg, and MARIA GERDINA BREYER AND BRANDWIJK, formerly lecturer in Pharmacology and

research worker in Phytochemistry in the Department of Pharmacology, University of Witwaterstrand, Johannesburg. Published by Wm. Wood & Co., Baltimore. This volume of more than three hundred pages contains twelve illustrations in color and twenty in black and white. It gives an account of the medicinal uses, chemical composition, pharmacological effects, and toxicology in man and animals of the medicinal and poisonous plants of Southern Africa. One hundred twenty-eight plant families are represented and many of them are described at length and others briefly. The aim has been to give all the available information on the medicinal uses, chemical composition, pharmacological effects, and human and veterinary toxicology of the flora of Southern Africa. The book forms a useful basis for new work and its publication may prevent overlapping and repetition by other workers in this field. The authors hope that the medical practitioner, the pharmacist, the missionary, the forensic workers and the scientist will find it of value in their several spheres.

The indices give botanical names of the plants, common names from European lan-