

OBITUARY.

HERMAN A. METZ.

Herman A. Metz, member of the A. PH. A. and internationally known in the chemical industry, died May 17th, in a New Rochelle hospital, aged sixty-six years. He was born in New York City and educated in the public schools. He attended night classes in chemistry at Cooper Union and completed the course. As a youth he went to work for a chemical importer, later Koechl & Co. When the firm was incorporated in 1893 Mr. Metz became vice-president and treasurer and when Mr. Koechl retired Mr. Metz acquired his interest. The business was later incorporated under the name of H. A. Metz & Co. He also organized the General Dyestuffs Corporation and, in 1930, he organized the Advance Solvents & Chemical Corporation.

Mr. Metz was active for some time in politics, serving the city as Comptroller and as a Congressman from Brooklyn from 1913 to 1915. He was also a member of the Board of Education for several terms and active in various municipal affairs. He is survived by his widow and four sons.

JOHN BLOCKI.

John Blocki, Honorary President of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association and member of the A. PH. A., died May 10th, after a lingering illness, aged eighty-nine years. He was one of the founders, with T. N. Jamieson and Wilhelm Bodemann, of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association, in 1898.

John C. Robinson, Dallas, Texas, engaged in the wholesale drug business and as manu-

facturers' representative for about sixty years, died April 25th, at his home in Dallas, Texas, aged seventy-five years. He graduated from the Maryland College of Pharmacy in 1877. For a time he was in the employ of Wm. H. Brown & Bros. in Baltimore and then joined the firm of Powers & Whiteman as traveling representative. When this firm merged with Merck & Co. he continued as representative. He is survived by his widow and three sons. Lewis W. Robinson is southern representative of Merck & Co. and Frank T., District Sales Manager for the Monsanto Chemical Co.

In the sketch of the April JOURNAL of the late Frank B. Stephens it should have been stated that Mr. Stephens was an alumnus of the Illinois College of Pharmacy, Class of 1887.

The death of Prof. Herbert C. Kassner, of Columbia University College of Pharmacy, was announced May 17th; a sketch of the deceased will appear in the June¹ issue of the JOURNAL. His passing is a great loss to the ASSOCIATION and the institution which he served faithfully for a number of years and sympathy is expressed to the bereaved. The writer asks pardon for referring here to an article by Mrs. Kassner, in 1931, on "Pharmaceutical History Brought to Light by a Famous Misnamed Picture," and which had wide distribution; the picture adorns many pharmacies.

Dr. Jacob A. Flexner, prominent as a physician and as a pharmacist, died at the home of his son, Dr. M. Flexner, in Louisville, Ky., April 13th, aged 76 years. He was an alumnus of Louisville College of Pharmacy and, later, studied medicine, becoming a leader in that profession.

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OFFICERS OF THE ILLINOIS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Illinois Pharmaceutical Association meeting in LaSalle, May 15th-17th was well attended. It was decided to continue holding the state convention in May instead of June. The following officers were elected: *President*, George V. Haering, Chicago; *First Vice-President*, H. M. Anderson, Monmouth; *Second Vice-President*, L. Brown Hamilton, Galesburg; *Third Vice-President*, E. J. Merri-man, Joliet; *Treasurer*, George Bennett, Urbana; *Secretary*, Wm. B. Day, Chicago.

JOINT MEETING, MARYLAND
PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION AND
DELAWARE PHARMACEUTICAL
SOCIETY.

A joint meeting of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association and Delaware Pharmaceutical Society was held at Wilmington. Among the papers discussed were "The Prescription Department," by Frank L. Black; "Price Stabilization," by Robert W. Rodman. Considerable attention was paid to the latter subject.

ARKANSAS DRUGGISTS ELECT
SUCCESSOR TO EDGAR D. OSLIN.

At a joint meeting of the executive board of the Arkansas Pharmaceutical Association and the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy on April 11th, Ira Brite was elected secretary-manager of the state association to fill the unexpired term of the late Edgar D. Oslin, who died April 9th. The 52nd Arkansas state convention will be held in Texarkana.

NEBRASKA PHARMACEUTICAL
ASSOCIATION.

The 53rd annual convention of the Nebraska Pharmaceutical Association which closed May 9th at Omaha was well attended and much interest was shown in the discussions of every-day problems. Among the papers presented were: "Show Cards," by Carl P. Berrgren; Monte Powell represented the N. A. R. D.; F. S. Bukey spoke on "What Does It Cost to Produce a Cosmetic;" Charles W. Bauer discussed "Food and Drug Laws and the Copeland-Tugwell Bill;" J. E. Griffin spoke on "Helping the Doctor Help His Patients;" George W. O'Malley discussed "The Sales Tax;" and M. T. Williamson, "The Retail Drug Code."

It was decided to hold the next annual convention in Lincoln during February while the Legislature is in session.

The following officers were elected: *President*, Guy Butler, Lincoln; *First to Fifth Vice-Presidents*, H. L. Bellamy, Cambridge; T. J. Ryan, Omaha; C. S. Lincoln, Lincoln; A. O. Gordon, Merna; C. H. Saults, Gordon. Orel Jones, Oconto, was elected *Treasurer*, and J. G. McBride, Lincoln, *Secretary*.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

The ninety-fourth meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

will be held in Berkeley, Calif., from June 18 to 23, 1934. This will be the fourth summer meeting of the association on the Pacific Coast, previous meetings having been held at San Francisco in 1915, at Portland, Ore., in 1925 and at Pasadena in 1931. All these have been joint meetings with the Pacific Division. This year the University of California and the Pacific Division of the association are co-operating as hosts. Sessions will be held for the most part in lecture halls of the University of California on the campus at Berkeley.

COPELAND BILL DEBATED.

The Food and Drugs bill by Senator Copeland was taken up in the Senate on May 16th and considered for about an hour and deferred to make way for legislation urgently desired by the Administration. Senator Copeland said that he would use every honorable means to secure passage of the bill at this session. The President is understood to favor the principle of the bill.

NEW JERSEY CODE.

Governor Harry Moore, of New Jersey, signed the State code for retail druggists, which provides for a mark-up of 15 per cent over the manufacturers' wholesale list price to retailers or wholesalers in dozen lots or less. The code will operate under a 60-day trial.

The Governor addressed the final hearing on the code and urged retailers to cooperate in making the code effective. President R. P. Fischelis contributed largely to the success by presenting statistical information in support of the code.

PACKAGE MEDICINE CODE IS
APPROVED.

The Trade Practice Provisions of the Code of Package Medicine Manufacturers provides:

Section 1. (a) A member of the industry shall sell his products, commodities or articles to primary distributors on an open price basis that is fair to all, with the same allowances, terms and prices as to products, quantities or trade classifications.

(b) The term "open prices," as used in this section means a price list which is published by each member of the industry for the equal information of all primary distributors in the separate or the several classes of primary distributors, and which state all the prevailing terms of sale for the separate or the several classes of primary distributors.

(c) Compensation paid to a primary distributor by a member of the industry for co-operative advertising, counter displays, window displays, salesmen's efforts or any other special sales activities, shall be uniform according to kind and scope of services rendered, and not on a basis of discounts on quantity purchases.

(d) Each member of the industry or his agent shall file his current price list with the code authority within thirty days after the approval of this code. Each member of the industry shall file (by registered mail) any subsequent revisions of such price list with said code authority.

(e) This section shall not apply to the sale of private brand products on contract by a manufacturer to the owner of such private brand, nor to the sale of products for export, nor to bids submitted to governmental units.

Section 2. No member of the industry shall use advertising, whether printed, radio, display, or of any other nature, which is inaccurate in any material particular or misrepresents merchandise (including its use, trademark, grade, quantity, size, origin, material, content, preparation, credit terms, values, policies or services) and no member of the industry shall use advertising and/or selling methods concerning curative or therapeutic effects which are false and fraudulent.

Section 3. No member of the industry shall use advertising which refers inaccurately in any material particular to any competitor or his merchandise, prices, values, credit terms, policies or service.

Section 4. No member of the industry shall give, permit to be given, or directly offer to give, anything of value for the purpose of influencing or rewarding the action of any employee, agent or representative of another in relation to the business of the employer of such employee, the principal of such agent or the represented party, without the knowledge of such employer, principal or party. This rule shall not be construed to prohibit the free and general distribution of articles commonly used for advertising except so far as such articles are actually used for commercial bribery as hereinabove defined.

Section 5. The re-packaging or transferring of any article from the container of the member of the industry into another container, and the offering of such re-packaged item for sale with intent or capacity to deceive the purchaser is an unfair trade practice.

Section 6. The unauthorized use of a copy, counterfeit or colorable imitation of the trade-mark, label or identifying name or device of the product of another corporation, association, firm or person, which has the tendency and capacity to mislead purchasers or prospective purchasers is an unfair trade practice.

Section 7. No member of the industry shall secretly offer or make any payment or allowance of a rebate, refund, commission, credit, unearned discount or excess allowance, whether in the form of money or otherwise, for the purpose of influencing a sale, nor shall a member secretly extend to any customer any special service or privilege not extended to all customers of the same class.

SMUGGLING NARCOTICS INTO PRISON.

Four defendants were convicted and two, Dewey C. Doss and Joseph H. Miro, were acquitted March 30th, on charges of conspiring to smuggle narcotics into the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association will be held in Chatham on Cape Cod, during the week of June 25th. The headquarters hotel is the Chatham Bars Inn.



CHARLES RICE.

A former U. S. P. chairman.

MERGER OF ALCOHOL AND REVENUE BUREAUS.

The Bureau of Industrial Alcohol and the Bureau of Internal Revenue were merged May 10th. The old alcohol bureau becomes the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, together with a large part of the alcoholic beverage unit of the Department of Justice.

The unit will be headed by Arthur J. Mellott as Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, but until passage of the deficiency appropriation bill providing funds for this office Mr. Mellott will serve as a special assistant to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. He will have two assistants, one in charge of permit work and the other in charge of enforcement. The former has not yet been chosen, but the latter post has been filled by Capt. William R. Sayles, U. S. N. D. S. Bliss, who has been Commissioner of Industrial Alcohol during the past five months, returns to his former position as Acting Deputy of Internal Revenue in charge of the miscellaneous tax unit.

Commenting on the transfer, the Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., declared that, for the present, the existing regulations and machinery for control of nonbeverage alcohol would remain unchanged, but that changes might be made later if there appeared to be loopholes for tax evasion. The personnel of the alcohol control organization will remain the same. From a report of the *Paint, Oil and Drug Reporter*.

PHARMACISTS AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

Members of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and ladies visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the recent convention. Former president L. L. Walton, as representative, spoke in part as follows: "Representing President R. P. Fischelis and the members of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, I have the honor of placing this wreath upon the tomb of one, an unknown soldier, who gave his life in the struggle of this nation to help make the world safe for democracy. May his be the reward of the righteous and of all who give their lives for the benefit of their fellowmen."

HERBERT CARL KASSNER.

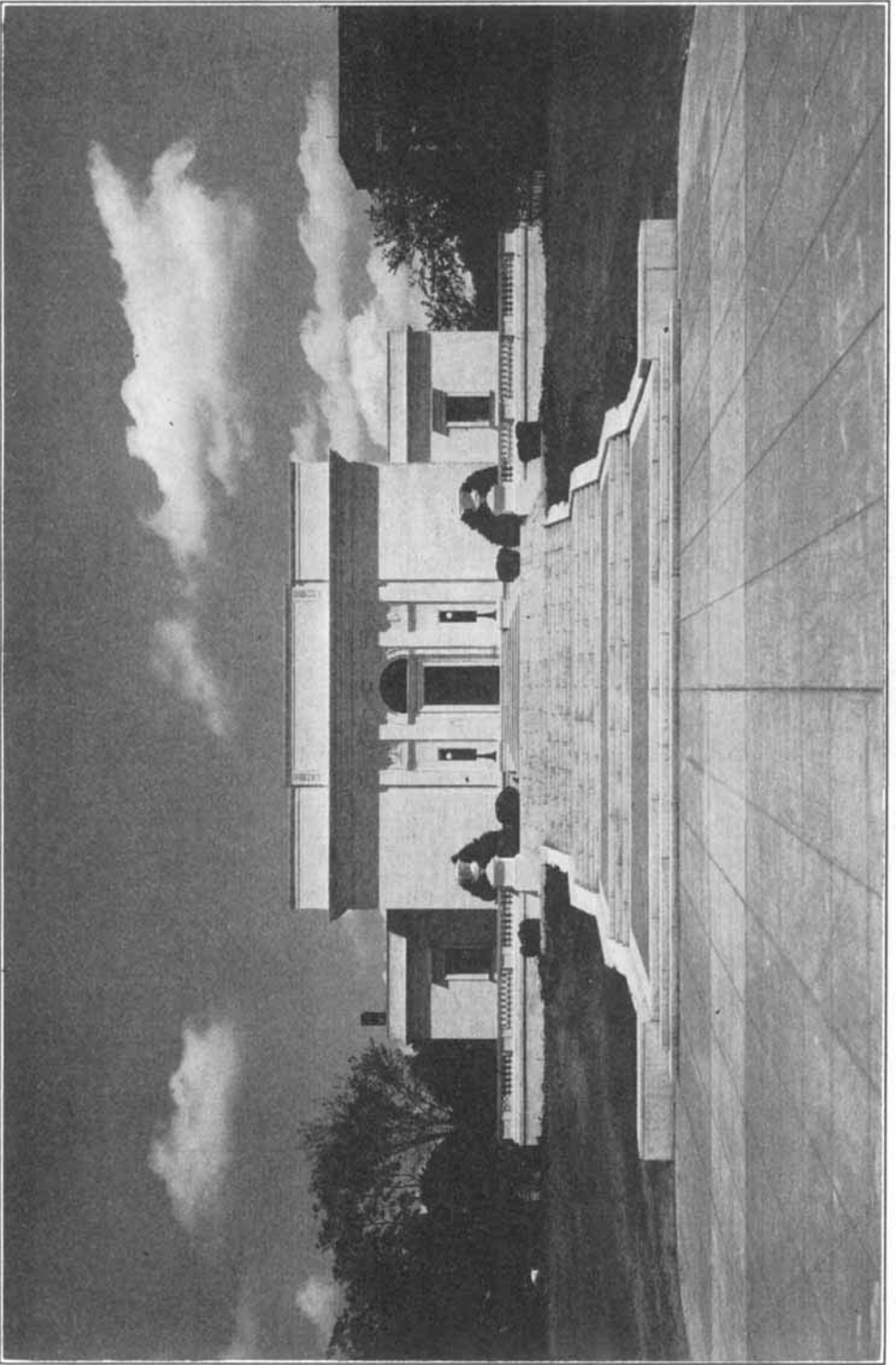
Dr. Herbert Carl Kassner, Associate Professor of Chemistry at the College of Pharmacy of Columbia University, died on Thursday, May 17, 1934, at his home, 22 Carlton Terrace, Stewart Manor, N. Y. He had been ill with pneumonia for two weeks.

Dr. Kassner was born in Jamaica, Queens, on March 6, 1899. He received his early education in the public schools of Queens, graduating from the Jamaica High School in January 1917. In the fall of the same year he entered the College of Pharmacy of Columbia University, receiving the degree of Pharmaceutical Chemist in the spring of 1920. In the spring of 1921 he was granted the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and awarded the Plaut Fellowship, which provided for study at a foreign university or college. Dr. Kassner elected the University of London for his graduate work and in 1924 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by that University, offering as his dissertation in partial fulfillment of the requirements for that degree a report on the histological study of the seeds of *Ipomæa hederacea* and other species of *Ipomæa*.

Upon his return to the United States, Dr. Kassner was employed as research chemist with Messrs. E. R. Squibb and Sons. Later he was called to the Albany College of Pharmacy, serving for three years, first as Assistant Professor and then as Associate Professor in Chemistry. In July 1927 he became Associate Professor of Chemistry at the College of Pharmacy of Columbia University, in which capacity he served until his death.

Dr. Kassner was one of the scientific editors of *The American Druggist*, and a frequent contributor to the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. He was a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, the American Chemical Society, and a corresponding member of the British Pharmaceutical Conference. He served for several years as secretary of the New York Branch of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Dr. Kassner is survived by his widow, the former Elsie Woodward; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arno C. Kassner of Jamaica; a brother, Arno W. C. Kassner of Jamaica, and a sister, Mrs. Mildred K. Joseph of St. Albans, Queens.



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